

Board of Selectmen

Date of Meeting: Monday, July 27th, 2023

Time: 10:00 AM – 10:10 AM

Members Present: Chair Jamie Underwood, Selectmen Matt Mecum and Seth Ridinger

Town Counsel, Stephen Madaus and Special Counsel David McCay

Members Absent: April Steward, Town Administrator

Alison Mack, Administrative Assistant to the Board

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The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM.

**Town Administrators Report:** The Board read April’s report. The report is on file in the BoS Office.

**Discussion with Elaine Jones on Community Preservation Committees request for funds to cover public hearing posting September 12th, 2023:** Elaine Jones was unable to attend the hearing but sent the board a lengthy explanation prior.

**Vote to approve to spend no more than $200 for the Community Preservation Committee public hearing notice for September 12th, 2023, to come out of Selectmen’s General Expenses**

*Matt Mecum made a motion to approve to spend no more than $200 for the Community Preservation Committee public hearing notice for September 12th, 2023, to come out of Selectmen’s General Expenses, Seth Ridinger seconded. Voted all in favor. Matt: Yes, Seth: Yes and Jamie: Yes.*

**Vote to appoint Justin Ryel to the Boylston Police Department as a Police Officer pending the pre-employment screenings:**

**Vote to appoint Ryan Kelly to the Boylston Police Department as a Police Officer pending the pre-employment screenings:**

*Seth made a motion to appoint Justin Ryel and Ryan Kelly to the Boylston Police Department as a Police Officers pending the pre-employment screenings, Matt Mecum seconded. Voted all in favor. Matt: Yes, Seth: Yes and Jamie: Yes.*

**Vote to approve the Town Administrator to hire a PT Facilities Assistant; 19 hours per week:** There is a lot of work needed to be down at Hillside and this would give Bob some assistance. The board had questions and pushed this off until the following meeting: 08/21/2023.

**Vote to approve Alison Kennedy to take the free training course for the Massachusetts Certified Public Purchasing Official (MCPPO):**

*Seth Ridinger made a motion to approve Alison Kennedy to take the free training course for the Massachusetts Certified Public Purchasing Official (MCPPO), Matt Mecum seconded. Voted all in favor. Matt: Yes, Seth: Yes, and Jamie: Yes.*

**Approve Phillips Cornhole Tournament at the Pop Warner Football Field: 09/09/23 or rain date 09/16/2022: 10 AM – 6 PM and waive the fees:**

*Matt Mecum made a motion to approve Phillips Cornhole Tournament at the Pop Warner Football Field: 09/09/23 or rain date 09/16/2023: 10 AM – 6 PM and waive the fees. Matt: Yes, Seth: Yes, and Jamie: Yes.*

**Vote to approve the 2023 rental fees for Brookside Apartments:** Town Planner Paul Dell’Aquila joined the meeting. These increased rent rates are consistent with previous rent increases. The State sets these and the Board agrees to them as part of the local initiative agreement.

*Seth Ridinger made a motion to approve the 2023 rental fees for the Brookside Apartments as presented, Matt Mecum seconded. Voted all in favor: Matt: Yes, Seth: Yes, and Jamie: Yes.*

*At 10:10 AM, on a motion moved by Seth Ridinger, the following roll call vote was recorded to go into Executive Session under:***EXECUTIVE SESSION: (closed to the public)**

***Per MGL c.30A, §21, (3):***To discuss strategy with respect to litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares; Mary Cutter, Paul Baril, Nancy Langevin and Eric Langevin v. Boylston Zoning Board of Appeals; Worcester Superior Court, and Marry Cutter v. Town of Boylston and Boylston Water District; Worcester Superior Court.

*The Board agreed they would not reconvene to open session. Matt Mecum seconded. Roll call vote recorded as follows: Matt Mecum: Yes; Seth Ridinger: Yes, James Underwood: Yes*

Respectfully submitted,

Alison Kennedy, Administrative Assistant to the Board of Selectmen and TA

**Meeting Materials**

Agenda On File in The Board of Selectmen’s Office

Event Request – Phillips Cornhole Tournament On File in The Board of Selectmen’s Office

Town Administrators Report On File in The Board of Selectmen’s Office