

**Board of Selectmen  
July 3, 2023  
Town Hall  
Veteran's Memorial Hall, Town Hall  
308 Main Street, Sturbridge**

**Present:**

Jamie Goodwin, Chair  
Selectman Mary Blanchard  
Selectman MaryLou Volpe

**Absent:**

Chase Kaitbenski, Vice Chair  
Mary Dowling, Clerk

**Staff:**

Robin A. Grimm, Ph.D., Town Administrator  
Michelle Garman, Executive Assistant

**Chair Goodwin called meeting to order at 6:30p.m.**

**The Selectmen led the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Moment of Silence Observed**

**Chair Goodwin read the agenda.**

**Public Service Announcements**

Town Administrator, Grimm read the proclamation presented to the Town of Sturbridge from the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Mary Blanchard wished everyone a happy and safe July 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Town Administrator Update—**

Town Administrator, Grimm, advised the Board that Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Committee requested a letter of support from the Town of Sturbridge for a project they are working on for Safe Streets in Worcester.

**Board was in support no motion needed.**

Town Administrator, Grimm, stated the memorandum of agreement with Massachusetts Department of Transportation is for bike and passage signage. Heather Blakeley, Department of Public Works Director is working with Massachusetts Department of Transportation on the placement of the signs.

**Motion: To approve the memorandum of agreement with Massachusetts Department of Transportation for the bike and passage signage.**

**By: Selectman Blanchard**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Selectman Volpe**

**Vote: 3-0-0 (Vice Chair Kaitbenski absent and Selectman Dowling absent)**

**Action Items:**

- A. Consideration and possible action to confirm the appointment of Karen Engell to the Joshua Hyde Public Library Board of Trustees for a term to expire April 8, 2024.

Chair Goodwin raised a question if pursuant to Commonwealth law does this appointment have to be a joint meeting with the Library Board of Trustee.

The Board agreement to vote pending the determination if a joint meeting is required.

Mary Blanchard asked if Ms. Engell has plans to run for election.

Ms. Engell stated she would run for election.

**Motion: To appoint of Karen Engell to the Joshua Hyde Public Library Board of Trustees for a term to expire April 8, 2024. Pending the outcome of an investigation regarding the legal process.**

**By: Selectman Blanchard**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Selectman Volpe**

**Vote: 3-0-0 (Vice Chair Kaitbenski absent and Selectman Dowling absent)**

- B. Consideration and possible action to confirm the appointment of David Reed to the Joshua Hyde Public Library Board of Trustees for a term to expire April 8, 2024.

**Motion: To appoint David Reed to the Joshua Hyde Public Library Board of Trustees for a term to expire April 8, 2024. Pending the outcome of an investigation regarding the legal process.**

**By: Selectman Blanchard**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Selectman Volpe**

**Vote: 3-0-0 (Vice Chair Kaitbenski absent and Selectman Dowling absent)**

- C. Consideration and possible action to confirm the appointment of Steven Leitao as a police officer with the Sturbridge Police Department, effective July 18, 2023 with the hourly rate of \$34.18 and the benefits of a two-year employee minus longevity.

Hold until next meeting

- D. Consideration and possible action to authorize the Town Administrator to enter into a price agreement through our energy consultant.

**Motion: To authorize the Town Administrator to enter into a price agreement through our energy consultant through October 2, 2023.**

**By: Selectman Volpe**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Selectman Blanchard**

**Vote: 3-0-0 (Vice Chair Kaitbenski absent and Selectman Dowling absent)**

- E. Consideration and possible action to authorize the Chair to sign the three-year agreement with Johnson Controls for the Multi-site Fire Alarm, Sprinkler and Fire Alarm Monitoring.

**Motion: To authorize the Chair to sign the three-year agreement with Johnson Controls for the Multi-site Fire Alarm, Sprinkler and Fire Alarm Monitoring.**

**By: Selectman Blanchard**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Selectman Volpe**

**Vote: 3-0-0 (Vice Chair Kaitbenski absent and Selectman Dowling absent)**

- F. Consideration and possible action on the re-appointment of Charles A. Roy, Jr. to the Sturbridge Lakes Advisory Committee as the Big Alum Lake Representative for a term to expire on July 17, 2025.

**Motion: To re-appointment of Charles A. Roy, Jr. to the Sturbridge Lakes Advisory Committee as the Big Alum Lake Representative for a term to expire on July 17, 2025.**

**By: Selectman Volpe**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Selectman Blanchard**

**Vote: 3-0-0 (Vice Chair Kaitbenski absent and Selectman Dowling absent)**

- G. Consideration and possible action on the re-appointment of James Dinopoulos to the Sturbridge Lakes Advisory Committee as the Cedar Lake Representative for a term to expire June 29, 2026.

**Motion: To re-appointment of James Dinopoulos to the Sturbridge Lakes Advisory Committee as the Cedar Lake Representative for a term to expire June 29, 2026.**

**By: Selectman Blanchard**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Selectman Volpe**

**Vote: 3-0-0 (Vice Chair Kaitbenski absent and Selectman Dowling absent)**

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

**Correspondence:**

**Approval of Minutes:**

**Citizen's Forum**

**Motion: To Adjourn**

**By: Selectman Blanchard**

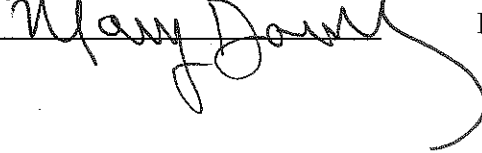
**2<sup>nd</sup>: Selectman Volpe**

**Vote: Vote: 3-0-0 (Vice Chair Kaitbenski absent and Selectman Dowling absent)**

**The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.**

**Minutes prepared by: Michelle Garman**

**Clerk of the Board:**



**Date signed:**

