

**Board of Selectmen
March 7, 2022
Town Hall
Veterans Memorial Hall, Sturbridge Town Hall
308 Main Street, Sturbridge, MA 01566**

Present:

Mary Blanchard, Chair
Mary Dowling, Vice Chair
Selectman Chase Kaitbenski, Clerk
Selectman Jamie Goodwin

Absent:

Selectman Ian Dunnigan

Staff:

Robert Reed, Interim Town Administrator
Michelle Garman, Executive Assistant

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

The Selectmen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Blanchard read the agenda.

Public Service Announcements

Tuesday, March 22, 2022 is the last day to register to vote for the Annual Town Election on Monday, April 11, 2022. The Town Clerks office will be open until 8p.m. on March 22, 2022.

Moment of Silence

For all those affected by Covid-19 the people of Ukraine and innocent Russian people.

Department Report: Fire Department

Chief Grasso gave a detailed over review of his Department Report. A copy of which is on file with the Town Administrators Office.

Action Items:

Consideration and possible action on the promotion of Jennifer Ashe to the rank of Fire Lieutenant with the Sturbridge Fire Department

Chief Grasso gave a detailed description of Jennifer Ashe's background and employment history.

Motion: To appoint Jennifer Ashe to the rank of Fire Lieutenant with the Sturbridge Fire Department effective March 8, 2022 at the hourly rate \$32.21 per hour in accordance with the current agreement between the Town of Sturbridge and the Teamsters Local #170

By: Selectman Goodwin

2nd: Selectman Kaitbenski

Vote: 4-0-0 (Selectman Dunnigan absent)

B) Consideration and possible action on accepting a donation to the Sturbridge Recreational Department to fund the Turner Baseball Field Renovation through donations from the following: Sturbridge Laid Back Competitive Baseball League, Eric Proulx, President \$3,000.00 and Sturbridge Little League, Brian Sommers, President \$173.00

Motion: To approve accept the donation from Sturbridge Laid Back Competitive Baseball League, Eric Proulx, President in the amount of \$3,000.00 and Sturbridge Little League, Brian Sommers, President in the amount of \$173.00 with Thanks.

By: Selectman Kaitbenski

2nd: Selectman Goodwin

Vote: 4-0-0 (Selectman Dunnigan absent)

C) Consideration and possible action on the appointment of Leon Gaumond, III as a full-time Dispatcher with the Sturbridge Police Department.

Lieutenant Batemen gave a detailed description of Leon Gaumond, III background and employment history.

Motion: To approve Leon Gaumond, III as a full-time dispatcher effective March 8, 2022 with the hourly rate of 21.69 and the benefits of a newly hired dispatcher

By: Selectman Goodwin

2nd: Selectman Kaitbenski

Vote: 4-0-0 (Selectman Dunnigan absent)

D) Consideration and possible action on accepting a donation to the Sturbridge Police Department in the amount of \$250.00 to be placed in the Police Youth Account from the Federated Church of Sturbridge and Fiskdale.

Motion: To accept the donation from the Federated Church of Sturbridge and Fiskdale to the Sturbridge Police Department in the amount of \$250.00 with Thanks.

By: Selectman Kaitbenski

2nd: Selectman Goodwin

Vote: 4-0-0 (Selectman Dunnigan absent)

E) Consideration and possible action of Change of Manager Application for OSJL Spirits, LLC to Joseph Brudz.

No representative appeared for OSJL Spirits, LLC they will file a change of manager application at a later date.

F) Consideration and possible action on a Hawker and Peddler license for Brent Pearl.

Brent Pearl did not appear, no license was issued.

G) Consideration and possible action on the appointment of Susan Waters as the Planning Board designee to the Betterment Committee.

Motion: To appoint Susan Waters as the Planning Board designee to the Betterment Committee.

By: Selectman Goodwin

2nd: Selectman Kaitbenski

Vote: 4-0-0 (Selectman Dunnigan absent)

H) Consideration and possible action on a Transient Vendor License for David Brockman at the Sturbridge Host Hotel.

Motion: To approve Transient Vendor License for David Brockman at the Sturbridge Host Hotel for May 8, 2022 and May 9, 2022.

By: Selectman Kaitbenski

2nd: Selectman Goodwin

Vote: 4-0-0 (Selectman Dunnigan absent)

I) Consideration and possible action on the Senior Center Building Committee Confirmation.

Motion: To confirm the appointment of William E. Chamberland, Rebecca Mimeault, Mike Walker, Alan Steinberg and Charles Blanchard to the Senior Center Building Committee.

By: Selectmen Goodwin

2nd: Selectman Kaitbenski

Vote: 4-0-0 (Selectman Dunnigan absent)

J) Consideration and possible action on DPW Director Search Committee Confirmation.

Motion: To confirm the appointment of Robert Reed, Interim Town Administrator, Charles Blanchard, Butch Jackson, Brian Eisold, Gary Kellaher to the DPW Director Search Committee.

By: Selectman Kaitbenski

2nd: Selectman Goodwin

Vote: 4-0-0 (Selectman Dunnigan absent)

K) Consideration and possible action on the re-appointment for Cheryl Wood-Creeden to the Board of Registrars for a term to expire on March 31, 2025.

Motion: To re-appoint Cheryl Wood-Creeden to the Board of Registrars for a term to expire on March 31, 2025.

By: Selectman Kaitbenski

2nd: Selectman Goodwin

Vote: 4-0-0 (Selectman Dunnigan absent)

L) Consideration and possible action on the appointment of Gil Joseph Provost as the part-time plumbing and gas inspector.

Motion: To appoint Gil Joseph Provost as lead part-time plumbing and gas inspector

By: Selectman Goodwin

2nd: Selectman Kaitbenski

Vote: 4-0-0 (Selectman Dunnigan absent)

M) Consideration and possible action on the appointment of John Murray as the back-up part-time plumbing and gas inspector.

Motion: To appoint John Murray as back-up part-time plumbing and gas inspector

By: Selectman Kaitbenski

2nd: Chair Blanchard

Vote: 4-0-0 (Selectman Dunnigan absent)

Old Business:

Selectman Kaitbenski stated the Town Administrator Search Committee posted the job opening on March 2, 2022 the deadline for applications is March 25, 2022, interviewing applicants on April 8, 2022 and April 11, 2022.

New Business

Chair Blanchard advised the Board they have to vote to approve and sign the election warrant.

Motion: To approve the Election Warrant

By: Selectman Goodwin

2nd: Selectman Kaitbenski

Vote: 4-0-0 (Selectman Dunnigan absent)

Correspondence

Chair Blanchard read a letter from MassDOT regarding Chapter 90 local transportation aid funding for fiscal year 2023

Approval of Minutes: January 18, 2022

Motion: To approve the minutes of January 18, 2022 as written.

By: Selectman Goodwin

2nd: Selectman Kaitbenski

Vote: 4-0-0 (Selectman Dunnigan absent)

Citizen's Forum

Josh Catone, resident, Mr. Catone wanted to know the process of the Senior Center Building Committee selection.

Chair Blanchard advised it was posted in the newspaper and the Town's website with a timeline to submit letters of interest.

Adjourn:

Motion: To Adjourn

By: Selectman Kaitbenski

2nd: Selectman Goodwin

Vote: 4-0-0 (Selectman Dunnigan absent)

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Minutes prepared by: Michelle Garman

Clerk of the Board: May Dourly

Date signed: Dec 5 '22