

**Board of Selectmen
April 12, 2022
Town Hall
Veterans Memorial Hall, Sturbridge Town Hall
308 Main Street, Sturbridge, MA 01566**

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TOWN CLERK
STURBRIDGE, MA

Present:

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

Staff:

Robert Reed, Interim Town Administrator
Michelle Garman, Executive Assistant
Barbara Barry, Finance Director (remotely)

**Chair Blanchard called meeting to order at 6:00p.m.
The Selectmen led the Pledge of Allegiance.**

Moment of Silence

All those affected by COVID, for the people of Ukraine and the innocent people of Russia

Chair Blanchard read the agenda.

Public Service Announcements

Vice Chair Dowling thanked the residents of Sturbridge for their vote of confidence.

Earth day is April 22, 2022

Action Items:

Consideration and possible action on Safe Streets Grant

Paul Guerin, Vice Principal at Burgess elementary, gave a detailed description of the project and Safe Roots to School.

Consideration and possible action on the contract with Ricciardi Bros., Inc. for the Maple Street Waterline

*Hold until next Board of Selectmen meeting on April 19, 2022

Consideration and possible action on the Cooperative Agreement between the Town of Sturbridge and the Federal Highway Administration

Motion: To approve the Cooperative Federal Highway agreement

By: Selectman Kaitbenski

2nd : Selectman Dunnigan

Vote: 5-0-0

Consideration and possible action on the contract for SSV Architects for the Joshua Hyde Library HVAC Project

Motion: To authorize the Chair to execute the contract with SSV Architects in the amount of \$42,780.00 to be paid from ARPA Funds

By: Selectman Dunnigan

2nd : Selectman Kaitbenski

Vote: 5-0-0

Chair Blanchard read the line items, a copy of which is available upon request in the Town Administrators Office.

Consideration and possible action on the Town Budget

Motion: To approve the Town Budget

By: Selectman Goodwin

2nd : Selectman Dunnigan

Vote : 5-0-0

Consideration and possible action on Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles

Motion: To place and support article 1

By: Selectman Kaitbenski

2nd : Selectman Dunnigan

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion: To place and support article 2

By: Selectman Dunnigan

2nd: Selectman Goodwin

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion: To place and support article 3

By: Selectman Dunnigan

2nd: Selectman Kaitbenski
Vote: 5-0-0

Motion: To place and support article 4
By: Selectman Goodwin
2nd: Selectman Kaitbenski
Vote: 5-0-0

Motion: To place and support article 5
By: Selectman Kaitbenski
2nd: Selectman Goodwin
Vote: 5-0-0

Motion: To place and support article 6
By: Selectman Goodwin
2nd: Selectman Dunnigan
Vote 5-0-0

Motion: To place and support article 7
By: Selectman Dunnigan
2nd: Selectman Goodwin
Vote: 5-0-0

Motion: To place and support article 8
By: Selectman Goodwin
2nd: Selectman Kaitbenski
Vote: 5-0-0

Motion: To place and support article 9
By: Selectman Dunnigan
2nd: Selectman Goodwin
Vote: 5-0-0

Motion: To place and support article 10
By: Selectman Goodwin
2nd: Selectman Dunnigan
Vote: 5-0-0

Motion: To place and support article 11
By: Selectman Dunnigan
2nd: Selectman Kaitbenski
Vote: 5-0-0

Chair Blanchard stated Article 12; the town budget already voted.

Chair Blanchard read the warrant article 13

Vice Chair Dowling asked about the Chapter 90 funds, she believed the Town had a significant amount saved.

Chair Blanchard this article is to raise and appropriate funds.

Motion: To place and support article 13

By: Selectman Goodwin

2nd: Selectman Dunnigan

Vote: 4-1-0 (Vice Chair Dowling opposed)

Motion: To place and support article 14

By: Selectman Goodwin

2nd: Selectman Kaitbenski

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion: To place and support article 15

By: Selectman Kaitbenski

2nd: Selectman Dunnigan

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion: To place and support article 16

By: Selectman Goodwin

2nd: Selectman Kaitbenski

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion: To place and support article 17

By: Selectman Dunnigan

2nd: Selectman Goodwin

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion: To place and support article 18

By: Selectman Goodwin

2nd: Selectman Dunnigan

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion: To place and support article 19

By: Vice Chair Kaitbenski

2nd: Selectman Dunnigan
Vote: 5-0-0

Motion: To place and support article 20
By: Selectman Goodwin
2nd: Selectman Dunnigan
Vote: 5-0-0

Motion: To place and support article 21
By: Selectman Kaitbenski
2nd: Selectman Dunnigan
Vote: 5-0-0

Motion: To place and support article 22
By: Selectman Dunnigan
2nd: Selectman Goodwin
Vote: 5-0-0

Motion: To place and support article 23
By: Selectman Goodwin
2nd: Selectman Dunnigan
Vote: 5-0-0

Motion: To place and support article 24
By: Selectman Dunnigan
2nd: Selectman Kaitbenski
Vote: 5-0-0

Motion: To place and support article 25
By: Selectman Dunnigan
2nd: Selectman Goodwin
Vote: 5-0-0

Motion: To place and support article 26
By: Selectman Goodwin
2nd: Selectman Dunnigan
Vote: 5-0-0

Motion: To place and support article 27
By: Selectman Kaitbenski
2nd: Chair Blanchard
Vote: 5-0-0

Motion: To place and support article 28

By: Selectman Goodwin

2nd: Selectman Dunnigan

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion: To place and support article 29

By: Selectman Goodwin

2nd: Selectman Kaitbenski

Vote: 5-0-0

Chair Blanchard read article 30 – Capital planning bylaw

Robert Reed spoke to the Board and gave a breakdown why he feels the Town needs a Capital Planning bylaw.

Selectman Goodwin stated this seem to be a large board, is this the standard size for a Capital Planning Board.

No votes taken on article 30

Motion: To place and support article 31

By: Selectman Dunnigan

2nd: Selectman Kaitbenski

Vote: 5-0-0

Chair Blanchard read article 32- Tax Increment Finance for Noble Energy

- **The Board was not given a copy of the TIF agreement for review**
- **No votes taken on article 32**

Chair Blanchard read article 33 – Affordable Housing Trust Bylaw

- **Vice Chair Dowling would like Jean Bubon, Town Planner to meeting with the Board to discuss for a vote is taken**
- **No votes taken on article 33**

Motion: To place article 34 – petitioned article

By: Selectman Goodwin

2nd: Selectman Dunnigan

Vote: 5-0-0

Robert Reed listed the following placeholders:

- 501 main Street
- 8 Brookfield Road
- Main Street Pump Station
- Filter and Generator
- Open space committee for Cedar Street

Vice Chair Dowling asked why no tax relief is given to residents this year. She would like to see the Town give \$300,000.00 back in tax relief.

Robert Reed stated considering the budget projection that Barbara Barry, Finance Director presented to the finance committee, he suggested that the Board review the free cash and capital projects.

Vice Chair Dowling would like to make a motion add a warrant article for tax relief

Robert Reed will work on adding this warrant article and present it to the Board.

Consideration and possible action on Special Town Meeting Warrant Articles

Motion: To place and support article 46

By: Selectman Kaithbenski

2nd : Selectman Dunnigan

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion: To place and support article 47

By: Selectman Dunnigan

2nd: Selectman Goodwin

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion: To place and support article 48

By: Selectman Kaithbenski

2nd: Selectman Dunnigan

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion: To place and support article 49

By: Selectman Goodwin

2nd: Selectman Dunnigan

Old Business:

Selectman Kaithbenski stated the Town Administrator Search Committee will have the applicants' names on April 19, 2022 and interviews will start April 21, 2022.

New Business

Correspondence

None

Citizen's Forum

Tara Linton, Resident wanted to know the status of ADA upgrade at the recreation area.

Chair Blanchard stated the Board will have to follow-up with the recreation director

Robert Reed advised the Board that the executive session can be postponed to a later date.

Adjourn:

Motion: To adjourn

By: Selectman Goodwin

2nd: Selectman Kaitbenski

Vote: 5-0-0

The meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Minutes prepared by: Michelle Garman

Clerk of the Board: May Dornley

Date signed: May 15 '23