



Town of Dartmouth
400 Slocum Road
Dartmouth, MA 02747
February 13, 2023

Select Board Members Present:

David Tatelbaum - Chair
Stanley Mickelson- Vice Chair
Shawn McDonald
Heidi Silva Brooks
Frank Gracie via Zoom

The Chair opened the public meeting at 5:00 p.m.

The Chair called the public meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. on **February 13, 2023** in room 304.

Date	Warrant #	Warrant Description	Amount
JANUARY 21, 2023	PR30	PAYROLL EXPENSE	\$ 1,277,178.36
JANUARY 27, 2023	PD2330	PAYROLL DEDUCTION	\$ 520,199.44
JANUARY 30, 2023	D2331	DPW EXPENSE	\$ 138,893.29
JANUARY 30, 2023	P2331	POLICE EXPENSE	\$ 11,162.59
JANUARY 30, 2023	S2331	SCHOOL EXPENSE	\$ 301,798.09
JANUARY 30, 2023	T331	TOWN EXPENSE	\$ 141,091.20
JANUARY 28, 2023	PR31	PAYROLL EXPENSE	\$ 1,269,151.51
FEBRURAY 3, 2023	PD2331	PAYROLL DEDUCTION	\$ 515,948.80
FEBRURAY 6, 2023	D2332	DPW EXPENSE	\$ 169,825.73
FEBRURAY 6, 2023	P2332	POLICE EXPENSE	\$ 19,982.90
FEBRURAY 6, 2023	S2332	SCHOOL EXPENSE	\$ 107,532.74
FEBRURAY 6, 2023	T332	TOWN EXPENSE	\$ 1,169,292.30
FEBRURAY 4, 2023	PR32	PAYROLL EXPENSE	\$ 1,267,216.02
FEBRURAY 10, 2023	PD2332	PAYROLL DEDUCTION	\$ 515,892.97
FEBRURAY 13, 2023	D2333	DPW EXPENSE	\$ 218,770.56
FEBRURAY 13, 2023	P2333	POLICE EXPENSE	\$ 27,151.38
FEBRURAY 13, 2023	S2333	SCHOOL EXPENSE	\$ 120,559.44
FEBRURAY 13, 2023	T2333	TOWN EXPENSE	\$ 3,182,269.18

5:30 p.m. Executive Session pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 30A, Sec. 21.
Room 309 (See attached agenda)

6:30 p.m. Open Meeting begins in Room 304
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
Moment of Silence
Signing of the Warrant

I. Appointments:

II. New Business:

A. Park Revolving Fund Cap Increase for Recreation

Tim Lancaster present with an update. Recreational programming is run on a revolving fund, designed through the state that caps are set on the amount that can be expended. That cap can be adjusted with a vote of the Finance Committee and the Board of Selectman, if needed, throughout the interim of the fiscal year. A few things have caught up with us, including the following: inflation, minimum wage and the operation of a successful operation and things are growing. When you run a good business, you spend money to make money. The cost of food and the cost of staff have gone up. We've served thousands more customers than we have in the past and our recreation programs are all running at full capacity. We're bringing in the funds, this has nothing to do with appropriation, and we are not appropriating a penny more. We are just moving the cap so that we can continue running the revolving funds.

Going into fiscal 24, we would like to it to be adjusted up to \$250,000 for next year. Tonight we are asking to move it up from \$185,000 to \$230,000 so that we can finish out this fiscal year and set up programs in the spring. The finance committee has already approved this.

After a motion was made by Selectman Shawn McDonald, and seconded by Vice Chair Stanley Mickelson, it was voted unanimously to approve raising the cap for FY23 from \$185,000 to \$230,000.

B. Pickle ball Court Layout Options- 28 Slocum Road

Tim Lancaster, present, was asked to draw up a couple of options for the Board to discuss regarding the pickle ball/basketball court rehabilitation. One option would be to integrate the basketball courts with pickle ball courts. Right now, pickle ball is a large sport growing in the Town of Dartmouth, as well as everywhere else in the country.

Currently there are three basketball courts. Combining the two and striping them, would cause confusion between the two sports. Therefore, one option would be to have a dedicated basketball court and then 4 dedicated pickle ball courts. Another option would be to show the two regulation sized basketball courts with the pickle ball courts incorporated in them. Again, this may be an issue once they are striped. The preference is to do the separate courts. The overlay may cause more issues, as this will involve movable parts. Movable parts may cause missing

parts. Separate courts will allow for pickle ball on the left and basketball on the right, giving you the best of both worlds.

After a motion was made by Selectman Shawn McDonald, and seconded by Frank Gracie, it was voted unanimously to approve the layout of the pickle ball/basketball courts as the four separate pickle ball courts and the separate basketball court as presented.

C. Vehicle Idling Task Force Discussion

Jamie Jaquart present with some members of the community to bring forth their concerns with car idling. They are requesting to form a short-term task force to look at the issue of car idling in town. As we are aware, there is a law in the Commonwealth that prohibits idling a vesical for more than 5 minutes. Unfortunately, there are many neighborhood bus stops, streets near schools during pick up, as well as sporting events, where cars are idling for more than 5 minutes.

One member of the community brought along some posters made by her children, ages 9 and 11, which show their concerns regarding the car idling issue. This is a health concern, a safety issue and a state law. It is understood that many people in town just may not be aware of such an issue. Forming this task force would help to raise awareness and minimize idling of vehicles. We could bring some of this information back to the community by putting together flyers in multiple languages, things to be sent out through the electronic backpack, as well as working with the high school and their video production team to maybe create a PSA. There are some permanent signs available through the state department that addresses anti-idling.

The expectation is to have Jamie Jaquart and the other 3 members form an ad hoc committee to start off with and eventually become an official committee if all works out well. They will gather the information needed to present at a future meeting. This will include ideas on how to spread awareness of car idling and recommendations on how to minimize. Also, information about the signage that's available through the state, as well as pricing. Electronic billboards can be used as well.

D. Dias Landing Design Improvements Presentation

Present with the presentation was Steve Melo, Dartmouth Harbormaster. The Harbor Management Plan, which took 2 years to complete, 2017-2019, is when a serious look was given to improving the town property at Apponagansett Point, known as Dias Landing. The management plan found favorable possibilities and the Waterways Commission in the town followed that up with a marina feasibility study. The marina feasibility study followed the harbor management plan and in August 2021, the Urban Harbors Institute of UMass Boston determined that a marina would be a feasible endeavor for the town. This led to a third part of the project, which is the current engineering design and permitting phase that we are in with Foth Engineering.

What we're looking at in terms of marina is to try to get small boats to access the water, so that they can use the moorings that we have available. People can get out to their boats that are on moorings or people can use small boats just to explore near coastal waters of Dartmouth. The

plan is to enhance public access to Padanaram Harbor and Buzzards Bay, increase vessel storage capacity, rebuilding existing deteriorating infrastructure and to increase storm resiliency, as well as incorporating additional parking. What we are hoping is that we could use Seaport Economic Council funding of up to one million dollars, matching Community Preservation funds and retained waterways earnings to make this all happen.

After a motion was made by Vice Chair Stanley Mickelson, and seconded by Frank Gracie, it was voted unanimously to approve the Dias Landing Design Improvements plan.

E. MassDEP Title 5 Update

Chris Michaud present with an update. Also, Heidi Silva Brooks commented as well. Both have been meeting with Mark Rasmussen from the Buzzard's Bay Coalition, looking at ways that we can make the Governor aware of the Title V plan. This is so that she in turn can maybe stall the committee to think about some other things. Also, by working with the Buzzards Bay Coalition and our Board of Health, we are putting together a more strategic plan about meeting the needs of our town and our town's people in alignment with what the DEP ultimate goal, which is the reduction of nitrogen. The Buzzards Bay Coalition is composing a letter that they will submit to the Governor asking for her to intervene and put a pause on this DEP, so that we can get better legislature. When it comes time to be specific about what that legislation should include, we need to make sure that we are speaking on behalf of our entire town and our citizens who do have septic systems, and that we cosign that letter as well.

F. New Bedford CSO Notification Comments to MassDEP

The regulations that were passed by Mass DEP in 2021 required DEP to come with regulations called 314 CMR 1600 which requires sewer system operators to notify the public when they have sanitary sewer overflow or a combined sewer overflow. In response to those regulations, sewer permittees had to create a draft plan, which was due by July 1, 2022 and then implement the plan. The final plan was due just a few months ago and then it was open for public comment period, which closed on the 12th.

New Bedford's plan stated that it had reached out and contacted the local Boards of Health, but they did not. The plan does not provide for any postings at public points of access as the regulations require. The town then prepared a response letter to their final notification plan, advising of these deficiencies.

G. Resignation of Library Board of Trustees- William Chandler

Stanley Bielusiak present to discuss William Chandler's resignation. At this time, it is understood that the position could not be included on the ballot for this April's election and that it falls to the Select Board and the Board of Library Trustees to jointly appoint a replacement to serve in the position. A letter will be drafted stating the above and delivered to the Select Board.

H. Appointment to the Waterways Committee- Dana Dornbush

After a motion was made by Vice Chair Stanley Mickelson, and seconded by Selectman Shawn McDonald, it was voted unanimously to appoint Dana Dornbush to the Waterways Committee.

I. Sealer of Weights and Measurers Contract

After a motion was made by Vice Chair Stanley Mickelson, and seconded by Selectman Shawn McDonald, it was voted unanimously to approve the Sealer of Weights and Measures Contract agreed upon between the Town of Dartmouth and Ray White.

J. Dartmouth Historical and Arts Society Lease Approval

After a motion was made by Vice Chair Stanley Mickelson, and seconded by Selectman Shawn McDonald, it was voted unanimously to approve the Dartmouth Historical and Arts Society lease renewal.

K. Laborers MOU Ratification

A memorandum of understanding has been reached with our laborer's union, which is the majority of DPW employees, for our new three year term starting this past June.

After a motion was made by Vice Chair Stanley Mickelson, and seconded by Heidi Silva Brooks, it was voted unanimously to approve signing the ratification with MOU Laborers

L. Proposed Donation Bin Bylaw Discussion

Bins must be registered with contact information for the bin owner and the property owner and we must have an email and phone number on file. The bins must be cleaned up at all times and if not, within a certain amount of time or it will be removed and they will be charged.

III. Town Administrator Update

- The Harbor Management Plan Implementation Committee held a public meeting where Dan Goulart presented the status of Buttonwood to Bay restoration project. It's been a five year study of the harbor to identify a number of issues. The presentation was very thorough as we were walked through the process of how they do their assessment and their study. It is an ongoing effort and can be viewed online.
- Under our marijuana dispensaries, Solar Therapeutics on Faunce Corner Road is planning a grand opening sometime later this month. They have not solidified a date yet, but when they do, the board will be notified.
- We have a proposed retailer, Megan's Organics, which will be having a public meeting on Wednesday the 15th from 5pm to 6pm at the North Branch Library.

- The Community Services Outreach team meets regularly as you may know, however, one thing they have done recently was establish a mission statement. The Mission Statement is as follows:
“The mission of the Dartmouth Community Services Outreach team is to identify the needs of at-risk individuals and families in the community and available resources. The community outreach team’s mission is to educate the community on the needs of at-risk individuals and families and to promote, link and implement needed services and coordinate with existing services on behalf of those individuals.”
- An internal committee came together to discuss the opioid settlement funds and how best to present to the Select Board for options on how best to use the funds. The internal team, staff from the Board of Health, the Council on Aging, Youth Advocate, the fire department, the police department, the administrative office and select board members met last week. They spoke about some stipulations and requirements of the funding and to discuss plans that we’ll be presenting to the board in the future.
- The DPW’s engineering consultant is prepared to present the water system evaluation and five year recommended master plan at this week’s Board of Public Works meeting. This is a study that has been done and it’s part of the overall assessment of the water system. Anyone interesting in attending, the meeting is at 7:30am. It will be recorded for those who cannot make it and will run on DCTV. The agenda will be posted on the town’s website under the calendar.
- In Human Resources, the Director of Budget and Finance search committee conducted an interview for the Director of Budget and Finance position. They will be getting together to present in front of the Select Board in the near future. Also, the search committee for the Assistant Town Administrator position has met and started to review applicants. We hope to have some interviews in the near future. Lastly, we are still advertising for the Director of Library position. The Board of Trustees is meeting this week to discuss appointing an interim director after Lynn retires.
- Under procurement, the town meeting approved funding for the assessing revaluation, which needs to be done every 3 years. We’ve issued an RFP and we’re ready to award that. They’ll be presented to the Select Board with the final contract at the next meeting.
- We’re reviewing the applicants currently for the Recreation Center Owner Project Manager RFQ. We hope to interview them in the near future to get the project going.
- The Broadband Study RFQ is due on March 13th. Lastly, regarding online services, the website update is ready to be implemented. We are doing a staff training, so we’ll be launching the new website within the next three weeks to a month. Beach stickers are available online now for purchase through our website.

IV. Old Business:

Bliss Corner - no new updates

Lake Noquochoke – no new updates

Municipal Broadband – RFQ is due March 13th

Title V Amendments – update above

Minutes:

January 9, 2023
January 30, 2023

After a motion was made by Vice Chair Stanley Mickelson and seconded by Selectman Shawn McDonald, it was voted unanimously to approve the minutes of January 9, 2023, as amended.

After a motion was made by Selectman Shawn McDonald and seconded by Vice Chair Stanley Mickelson, it was voted unanimously to approve the minutes of January 30, 2023.

V. Select Board Updates

VI. Information

Invited Attendees

Steve Melo
Tim Lancaster
Jamie Jaquart
Gerry Hickey
Chris Michaud

After a motion was made by Selectman Shawn McDonald, and seconded by Vice Chair Stanley Mickelson, it was voted unanimously to adjourn.

Shawn MacInnes, Town Administrator

Transcribed by: Amy Imbeau