



Town of Dartmouth
400 Slocum Road
Dartmouth, MA 02747
March 6, 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 **March 6, 2023** in room 304.

Date	Warrant #	Warrant Description	Amount
FEBRUARY 25, 2023	PR35	PAYROLL EXPENSE	\$ 1,234,634.49
MARCH 3, 2023	PD2335	PAYROLL DEDUCTION	\$ 509,820.84
MARCH 6, 2023	D2336	DPW EXPENSE	\$ 356,234.23
MARCH 6, 2023	P2336	POLICE EXPENSE	\$ 38,330.01
MARCH 6, 2023	T336	SCHOOL EXPENSE	\$ 1,183,848.65

6:30 p.m. Meeting Starts in Room 304

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Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
Moment of Silence
Signing of the Warrant

I. Appointments:

6:30 P.M. HEARING- New Class II License for GMV, Inc. & Vachon Motor Company, Inc. D/B/A Byrider Dartmouth & Vachon Motor Company

After a motion was made by Selectman Shawn McDonald, and seconded by Vice Chair Stanley Mickelson, it was voted unanimously to approve the transfer and the application for 2 new licenses, on the condition that both businesses are separated and that the automobiles are tagged properly as per business, with ownership staying the same as single ownership for both businesses.

II. New Business:

A. Temporary Trailer Permit-14 Smith Ave

Resident Charlie Ashdown present to request a temporary trailer permit for 14 Smith Avenue. He is in the process of demolishing the existing building to build a new building. The temporary trailer is to be on site during the summer, between the months of May and end of September, so that he can enjoy the property while the new house is being built. Looking at a completion date by end of 2023.

After a motion was made by Selectman Shawn McDonald, and seconded by Vice Chair Stanley Mickelson, it was voted unanimously to approve the trailer permit for May 1, 2023 and ending on September 30, 2023.

B. Annual Town Election Warrant Approval

Present was Sarah Haskell Arruda, Town Clerk, seeking approval for the Annual Town Election Warrant. Some important dates to remember: Saturday, March 25th is the last day to register to vote, March 30th will be the last day to request a mail-in ballot and April 3rd will be the last day to vote absentee in person until 12pm in the Town Clerk's office. There will not be early voting.

After a motion was made by Selectman Shawn McDonald, and seconded by Vice Chair Stanley Mickelson, it was voted unanimously to approve the warrant as presented.

C. Police Department Policy Review and Approval

Police Chief Brian Levesque submitted some information regarding the policy manual. Two issues he's trying to address are getting the current policy manual approved and deciding how to go about revisions as they come out on a regular basis, to be able to submit them and to have those approved as they're issued.

After a motion was made by Selectman Shawn McDonald, and seconded by Vice Chair Stanley Mickelson, it was voted unanimously to approve the Dartmouth Police Department policies and procedures based upon the information presented by Chief Levesque in his letter dated March 3, 2023.

D. Library Board of Trustees Membership Charter Change Discussion

A topic came up by the Board of Trustees possibly having a warrant article on this year's warrant to discuss reducing the number of trustees from six to five. The Chair of the Trustees, Stanley Bielusiak, approached the subject of permanently cutting the number to five and also to leave the current vacancy unfilled. The Library of Trustees did not oppose. The goal at this time is to hear from Stanley and get this on the Agenda for the March 27th meeting.

E. Water Quality Management Committee Charge Draft

This topic relates to the DEP's Title V amendments. Heidi Silva Brooks had recommended that the town former advisory committee focus on all aspects of water quality. Both Ms. Brooks and Mr. MacInnes worked together to develop a draft committee charge for the board to review. The general purpose of this committee would be to "work in conjunction with the Select Board, Board of Health, Conservation Commission, Board of Public Works, Harbor Management Plan Implementation Committee, or any other committee currently or in the future charged with the protection, preservation or enhancement of surface and groundwater in or bounding the Town of Dartmouth."

After a motion was made by Selectman Shawn McDonald, and seconded by Vice Chair Stanley Mickelson, it was voted unanimously to approve the Water Quality Management Committee charges presented.

F. MassDEP Response to Correspondence on New Bedford CSO Issue

We submitted a letter to MassDEP quite some time ago asking for a joint meeting with the Town of Dartmouth, MassDEP and the City of New Bedford to discuss the temporary CSO permit that has been issued for the City of New Bedford. There are a number of events that happen fairly regularly where New Bedford notifies us that there has been a combined sewer outflow. Last week, we finally heard back from the DEP about scheduling a meeting and they are working on the logistics. We will stay on them and hopefully we can meet sometime either in March or early April to have a discussion about the effects of this permit that has been issued.

III. Town Administrator Update

- Last week, Barnstable Superior Court heard the case of the CLF against the MassDEP regarding the amendments. There was a stay issued by the Barnstable Superior Court, so the MassDEP amendments will be postponed until May 31, 2023. Apparently they received 900 comments in response to their proposed amendments.
- Bristol County is tasked with stewarding the ARPA funds. One of the ARPA funds we received was in the amount of \$24,985 for DPW switchgear maintenance and repair. We have two other projects waiting approval.
- The old Police Station site, underground storage tank removal has been completed. We had an issue with a small spill that was historic and not part of the tank removal. That has been remediated and signed off on, so that is now complete.