

SELECTMEN'S MEETING AGENDA*

Donn B. Griffin Room, Town Hall

732 Main Street, Harwich, MA

Executive Session 5:30 P.M.

Regular Meeting 6:30 P.M.

Tuesday, September 7, 2021

**As required by Open Meeting Law, you are hereby informed that the Town will be video and audio taping as well as live broadcasting this public meeting. In addition, anyone in the audience who plans to video or audio tape this meeting must notify the Chairman prior to the start of the meeting.*

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Executive Session pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, sec. 21(a)(2) to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel and to conduct contract negotiations with non-union personnel – Water/Wastewater Superintendent.
- B. Pursuant to MGL,c.30A section 21 (a) paragraph 3 to discuss with respect to collective bargaining for all town unions if an open session would have a detrimental effect on the town's bargaining position and the chair so declares; including, but not limited to International Associations of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAMAW) and Service Employees International Union (SEIU)
- C. Executive Session pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, §21(a) (3) to discuss litigation strategy with respect to the case of Ember Pizza, Inc. et al vs. Town of Harwich, et al., Suffolk County Superior Court - Civil, Docket No. 2184CV01461, if discussing the matter in open session will have a detrimental effect on the Town's litigating position and the chair so declares

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Current vacancy list and how to apply for a committee
- B. Update from the Health Director on COVID-19 in our community
- C. Update from Eversouce on Integrated Vegetation Management Program – Herbicide use in the region
- D. September 11th Remembrance Ceremony 20th Anniversary at Robert A Peterson Firehouse, 175 Sisson Road

V. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Vote to approve the Board of Selectmen Public Hearing Minutes from May 4, 2021
- B. Vote to accept the gift of a memorial bench to be placed at Saquatucket Harbor

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Discussion and possible vote on re-opening the Treasure Chest

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discussion and possible vote to approve the Committee Appointments recommended by the Interview Committee:
 1. Joseph Beasley – Alternate Position – Board of Appeals – Term Expires June 30, 2024
 2. Charlene Pilon – Full Position – Bikeways Committee – Term Expires June 30, 2024
 3. Benjamin Hall – Full Position – Agricultural Commission – Term Expires June 30, 2022
- B. Update on Annual Committee Presentations
- C. Discussion and possible vote to amend the Personnel By-Law to delete references to Water/Wastewater Superintendent within classification plan
- D. Discussion and possible vote to affirm the vote of the Superintendent of Water and Wastewater contract agreement discussed in Executive Session
- E. Discussion and possible vote to hold a Public Hearing for the following alleged violations;
 1. Perks – Alleged violation on July 24, 2021
 2. Brax Landing – Alleged violation August 16, 2021
 3. Port Restaurant and Bar – Alleged violation on August 19, 2021
 4. Seal Pub & Café – Alleged violation on August 25, 2021
- F. Discussion and possible vote to authorize the Town Administrator to be the Hearing Officer for the Public Hearing for the following alleged violations;
 1. Perks – Alleged violation on July 24, 2021
 2. Brax Landing – Alleged violation August 16, 2021
 3. Port Restaurant and Bar – Alleged violation on August 19, 2021
 4. Seal Pub & Café – Alleged violation on August 25, 2021
- G. Discussion – 2021 Special Town Meeting draft Warrant
 - Fund costs related to updating the Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan (CWMP)
 - Fund costs related to additional Wastewater Collection System Design
 - Fund costs related to Route 28 Wastewater Collection System Design
 - Amend room tax rate per M.G.L., Chapter 64G, §3A
 - Create a Wastewater special purpose Stabilization Fund
 - Create an Affordable Housing special purpose Stabilization Fund
 - Fund Non-Union Personnel wage increases
 - Fund negotiated contract – Fire Fighters
 - Fund negotiated contract – Water Department
 - Ambulance Replacement
 - Transfer of Surplus Bond Proceeds

- Land taking by Eminent Domain
- Unpaid Bills
- H. Discussion and possible vote to send a letter of support to Eversource and/or Verizon to fix double poles in Harwich
- I. Discussion and possible vote to determine whether to continue or disband the Community Center Facility Committee

VIII. **CONTRACTS**

- A. Discussion and possible vote to execute a contract with New England Recreations Group for the purchase of playground equipment for the Community Playground behind the Elementary School in the amount of \$71,217.00.
- B. Discussion and possible vote to execute a contract with Childscapes for the purchase of playground equipment for the Community Playground behind the Elementary School in the amount of \$123,220.41.

IX. **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

X. **SELECTMEN’S REPORT**

XI. **CORRESPONDENCE**

XII. **ADJOURNMENT**

**Per the Attorney General’s Office: The Board of Selectmen may hold an open session for topics not reasonably anticipated by the Chair 48 hours in advance of the meeting following “New Business.” If you are deaf or hard of hearing or a person with a disability who requires an accommodation contact the Selectmen’s Office at 508-430-7513.*

Authorized Posting Officer:

Ellen Powell, Executive Assistant

Posted by: _____

Town Clerk

Date: _____

September 2, 2021