



**Town of Swampscott**  
**Select Board Meeting Minutes**  
Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021  
Virtual Meeting

**SELECT BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Peter Spellios (Chair), Polly Titcomb, Neal Duffy, David Grishman, Donald Hause

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

None

**OTHER TOWN OFFICIALS PRESENT**

Sean Fitzgerald, Town Administrator; M. Ronald Mendes, Assistant Town Administrator; Gino A. Cresta Jr., Assistant Town Administrator; Kelly Stevens, Assistant Town Engineer; Amy Sarro, Town Accountant; Patrick Luddy, Assistant Town Accountant; Molly O'Connell, Senior Planner; Max Kasper, Facilities Director; Danielle Strauss, Recreation Director; Ronald Madigan, Chief of Police; Michael McClung, Town Moderator, Brittney Jones, Town Clerk Admin; Richard Baldacci; Building Commissioner; Max Kasper, Facilities Director

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 PM

**ARMENIAN GENOCIDE PROCLAMATION**

Town Administrator Sean Fitzgerald shared a proclamation reflecting on the atrocities that occurred during the Armenian Genocide. There was no objection to Select Board members' names being affixed to the proclamation

**CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK PROCLAMATION**

Town Administrator Sean Fitzgerald shared a proclamation in honor of Children's Mental Health Awareness Week. Chairperson Spellios provided some information about several programs supporting mental health. There was no objection to Select Board members' names being affixed to the proclamation

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No comment

**COUNCIL ON AGING APPOINTMENT**

Town Administrator Sean Fitzgerald introduced Marie Yannaco-Grant and recommended her to be appointed to the Council on Aging. She spoke briefly about herself and her work as a social worker and work in elder services.

On **MOTION** (Titcomb) and **SECONDED** (Grishman) it was **VOTED** by roll call to appoint Marie Yannaco-Grant to the Council on Aging for a 3-year term to expire on June 30, 2020. Roll call: Titcomb (YES) Hause (YES) Grishman (YES) Duffy (YES) Spellios (YES)

## **2021 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT**

The goal of this particular discussion is to vote to include or remove articles and close the warrant. Recommendations will be made at a future meeting.

- Article 2      RETAIN
- Article 3      REMOVE
- Article 4      REMOVE: There are no bills
- Article 5      RETAIN. There was a request from the board that there be more information provided about the contracts before recommending to Town Meeting.
- Article 6      RETAIN
- Article 7      RETAIN
- Article 8      REMOVE (Defer to Fall Town Meeting)
- Article 9      REMOVE (Defer to Fall Town Meeting)
- Article 10     RETAIN
- Article 11     RETAIN
- Article 12     RETAIN
- Article 13     REMOVE (There was a discussion about this warrant and what implications removing this will have for future possibilities of implementing this program and why the current revolving fund couldn't be used as needed.)
- Article 14     RETAIN
- Article 15     RETAIN
- Article 16     RETAIN
- Article 17     RETAIN (Must remain in)

- Article 18      RETAIN
- Article 19      RETAIN
- Article 20      RETAIN
- Article 21 – Article 27      RETAIN

On **MOTION** (Hause) and **SECONDED** (Titcomb) it was **VOTED** by roll call to approve the Town Meeting Warrant revised to delete articles 3, 4, 8, 9 & 13 as shown in the Table of Contents and to close the warrant.

Roll call: Titcomb (YES) Hause (YES) Grishman (YES) Duffy (YES) Spellios (YES)

### **ROADWAYS ACCEPTANCE**

Town Engineer Kelly Stevens reviewed a presentation regarding the acceptance of public ways: Atlantic Crossing, Gracie Lane, Morton Hill Avenue, and Supreme Court. Ms. Stevens and Gino Cresta provided an update on how the transition from private to public will work in regards to Supreme Court, specifically sidewalks, streetlights, and trees. The Board voted to accept Supreme Court as a public way on the condition that the residents of the street first pay to repair the sidewalks, streetlights, and trees.

On **MOTION** (Grishman) and **SECONDED** (Titcomb) it was **VOTED** by roll call to accept the streets Atlantic Crossing, Gracie Lane, Morton Hill Avenue, and Supreme Court subject to conditions relative to Supreme Court.

Roll call: Titcomb (YES) Hause (YES) Grishman (YES) Duffy (YES) Spellios (YES)

### **TOWN ACCOUNTANT**

On **MOTION** (Grishman) and **SECONDED** (Duffy) it was **VOTED** by roll call to authorize the Town Administrator to enter into contract with Amy Sarro on terms set forth on position of Finance Director.

Roll call: Titcomb (YES) Hause (YES) Grishman (YES) Duffy (YES) Spellios (YES)

### **TREASURER / COLLECTOR**

On **MOTION** (Titcomb) and **SECONDED** (Duffy) it was **VOTED** by roll call to appoint Patrick Luddy as the Treasurer Collector for the Town of Swampscott

Roll call: Titcomb (YES) Hause (YES) Grishman (YES) Duffy (YES) Spellios (YES)

### **ANCHOR FOOD PANTRY**

Select Board Member David Grishman reviewed a Use & Occupancy Agreement with Anchor Food Pantry for 12-months at 86 Burrill St.

On **MOTION** (Hause) and **SECONDED** (Grishman) it was **VOTED** by roll call to authorize the Town Administrator to enter into agreement with Anchor Food Pantry for 86 Burrill St.

Roll call: Titcomb (YES) Hause (YES) Grishman (YES) Duffy (YES) Spellios (YES)

## **BOND ANTICIPATION NOTE**

On **MOTION** (Grishman) and **SECONDED** (Titcomb) it was **VOTED** by roll call to issue the Bond Anticipation Note in the amount of \$2,065,000 to TD Bank, with a due date of March 11, 2022, and an interest rate of 0.38% per annum, and board members are likewise authorized to countersign said Note and accompanying closing document.

Roll call: Titcomb (YES) Hause (YES) Grishman (YES) Duffy (YES) Spellios (YES)

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

- Vote to accept gift from National Grid for the repaving of Essex St., Franklin St., and Burrill St.
- Vote to approve meeting minutes from April 21, 2021 meeting
- Vote on revised Order relative to the acquisition of various easements from Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid

On **MOTION** (Grishman) and **SECONDED** (Duffy) it was **VOTED** by roll call to approve the consent agenda.

Roll call: Titcomb (YES) Hause (YES) Grishman (YES) Duffy (YES) Spellios (YES)

The Board talked about a Common Victualler License for Walloons Catering which will be voted upon at the next Select Board meeting.

## **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

- COVID Vaccination update
- Finance Committee
- FY22 Budget Adjustments
- Recommendations for Promotions
- Community Development Updates
- Armenian Holocaust

There was an update regarding blighted property. There was also a discussion regarding when dialog would be open regarding the MRI Report as well as body cameras.

## **SELECT BOARD TIME**

- Select Board Member Grishman provided an update on a potential event this summer
- Congratulations to Peter Spellios
- Should establish Town Meeting date for the fall

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Allie Fiske". The letters are cursive and somewhat stylized, with the first letter of each word being significantly larger and more prominent.

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Allie Fiske, Director of Communications & Strategic  
Initiatives *Approved 6/2/21*