Select Board Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Date:** 12/22/2020  
**Members in Attendance:** Chair Melinda A. Collins, Vice Chair Kathleen M. Conlon, Secretary Arthur J. Doyle, Richard G. Wells, Jr., Michael F. Zullas, Town Administrator Michael Dennehy, Executive Administrative Assistant Hillary Waite; Attorney Kevin Freytag, Town Counsel  
**Members Absent:** n/a  
**Meeting Location:** Remote via Zoom  
**Time Meeting Called to Order:** 2:00 PM  
**Time Meeting Adjourned:** 3:04 PM

**Call to order**  
Chair Collins called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Discussion regarding Department of Public Utilities Docket No. 20-120**  
Attorney Freytag provided background on this item. Boston Gas has petitioned the Department of Public Utilities to increase rates. While the Town of Milton has the option to move to intervene in the matter as an official party, Attorney Freytag recommended that the Board participate on behalf of the Town in the public hearing process and not as an official party to the matter.

Following discussion, the Board agreed to request commentary from the public on the matter in order to issue a comment to the Office of the Attorney General.

Mr. Wells moved not to intervene in the matter as presented by Town Counsel. Ms. Conlon seconded and the Board voted 5-0 in favor.

Collins YES  
Conlon YES  
Doyle YES  
Wells YES  
Zullas YES

**Discussion/Approval – Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) funds to Milton Food Pantry**  
Attorney Freytag presented a draft agreement between the Town of Milton and the Food Pantry, which would provide for the Town to reimburse the Milton Food Pantry for expenses that were
incurred as a result of COVID-19. The Food Pantry has reported extra costs of approximately $53,000.

Mr. Doyle moved that the Town reimburse the food pantry up to $65,000 subject to the Food Pantry certifying compliance. Mr. Wells seconded the motion and the Board voted 5-0 in favor.
Collins YES
Conlon YES
Doyle YES
Wells YES
Zullas YES

Following discussion, Ms. Conlon moved, Mr. Zullas seconded, and the Board voted 5-0 to approve the grant agreement subject to amendments and to authorize Mr. Dennehy to sign the agreement.
Collins YES
Conlon YES
Doyle YES
Wells YES
Zullas YES

Discussion/Approval – Annual Town Meeting Scheduling, including warrant closing date
Ms. Conlon moved, Mr. Zullas seconded, and the Board voted 5-0 to approve January 13, 2020 as the closing date for the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.
Collins YES
Conlon YES
Doyle YES
Wells YES
Zullas YES

Approval – Town Administrator Salary Adjustment for FY 2021
Mr. Wells moved, Ms. Conlon seconded, and the Board voted 5-0 to increase the Town Administrator’s salary for the fiscal year 2021 (July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021) by 2%.
Collins YES
Conlon YES
Doyle YES
Wells YES
Zullas YES

Confirm Future Meeting Dates
The Board confirmed plans to meet on December 29 and January 13. The Finance Committee will also meet jointly with the School Finance Committee on January 7.

Future Agenda Items
Mr. Doyle suggested the Board discuss strategy for communication between the Board and the public.

**Executive Session pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(6) – to consider the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body, specifically the parcels abutting 432 Adams Street**

Chair Collins moved, Ms. Conlon seconded, and the Board voted 5-0 in favor to enter executive session pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(6), sometimes known as Purpose 6, to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property, specifically parcels abutting 432 Adams Street, based on her belief that having such discussion in open session may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of this board; and not to return to open session to adjourn.

Collins YES
Conlon YES
Doyle YES
Wells YES
Zullas YES

**Adjourn**
Following the executive session, the meeting adjourned at 3:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Hillary Waite, Executive Administrative Assistant to the Select Board