

Board of Selectmen Meeting
Remote Participation
April 26, 2021

Participating Remotely: Doreen M. Goodrich, Tristan J. Laliberte, Lionel Berthiaume,
Scott C. Wrenn
Not Participating: Daniel S. Carpenter
Also: Town Manager Julie A. Jacobson and CFO/Asst. Town Manager
Ed Kazanovicz

The Chair Doreen Goodrich called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

The Chair Doreen Goodrich stated that this Open Meeting of the Town of Auburn Board of Selectmen is being conducted remotely, consistent with Governor Baker's Executive Order of March 12, 2020, which suspends the requirement of the Open Meeting Law to have all meetings in a publicly accessible *physical* location. Further, all members of public bodies are allowed and encouraged to participate remotely as long as reasonable public access is afforded so that the public can follow along with the deliberations of the meeting.

Ensuring public access does not ensure public participation unless such participation is required by law. This meeting will allow for public comment under agenda item 2a) and there is a call in number for those who want to speak during that public hearing. For the public to join the meeting remotely by telephone, call 1-408-650-3123 and enter Access Code 235-235-861. Or, the public can join via computer at <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/235235861>.

All supporting materials that have been provided to the members of this body are available on the Town's website. The public is encouraged to follow along using the posted agenda.

As a preliminary matter, she identified herself as Doreen Goodrich the Chair of the Board and confirmed that all members and persons participating in the agenda were present and could hear her:

- Lionel Berthiaume - Yes
- Daniel Carpenter - Not present
- Tristan Laliberte - Yes
- Scott Wrenn - Yes

Also,

- Town Manager Julie Jacobson - Yes
- CFO/Asst. Town Manager Ed Kazanovicz - Yes
- Administrative Assistant Sharon Kwiatkowski - Yes

The Chair also noted that the meeting was being recorded by Auburn Cable Television and she stated that all votes to be taken in this meeting will be conducted by roll call vote.

Public Hearings/Presentations

There were no items.

Communications

Letters from the Town Planner regarding Planning Board Public Hearings and Recommendations on Zoning Bylaw Amendments on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles 28 and 29.

The Chair noted that the Town Planner Adam Menard was participating in the meeting remotely.

Board of Selectmen General Items

Interviews of Candidates for Finance Committee and Potential Vote on Appointment.

Finance Committee Chair Anne Cavanaugh was participating remotely for the interview process.

The Chair confirmed that all the candidates were present remotely and could hear her:

- Diane M. Byrne - Yes
- Erika K. Eucker - Yes
- Patrick Jones - Yes
- Kara A. Westerman - Yes

The applicants Diane Byrne, Erika Eucker, Patrick Jones and Kara Westerman were interviewed per the Board's process for the two open positions on the Finance Committee.

Mrs. Goodrich asked the Town Manager about precinct requirements.

The Town Manager Julie Jacobson discussed the requirements for precinct representation per the Auburn General Bylaws that the Board of Selectmen shall make reasonable effort to ensure that each precinct of the Town is represented by at least one (1) member of the Finance Committee.

Following additional discussion, the Board voted to hold the appointments and schedule the vote to appoint two (2) members to the Finance Committee from the four (4) candidates interviewed tonight at the next meeting on May 10, 2021 (Motion made by Mr. Laliberte; motion seconded by Mr. Berthiaume) roll call vote: Mr. Berthiaume, Yes; Mr. Laliberte, Yes; Mr. Wrenn, Yes; Mrs. Goodrich, Yes – passed 4 to 0.

May 4, 2021 Annual Town Meeting Recommendations on Warrant Articles – Vote recommendations on the warrant articles either to: 1) Recommend approval; 2) Not recommend approval; 3) Defer to the petitioner, or 4) To take no position at this time.

Salaries in Article 2 – Salaries of Elected Town Officers are: Town Moderator - \$296.00; Selectmen (Chair) \$1,740.00; Selectmen (4) \$6,097.00 and Town Clerk \$78,267.

Selectmen Lionel Berthiaume made a motion to recommend approval of Articles 2 through 31; Selectmen Scott Wrenn seconded the motion. CFO Ed Kazanovicz said that there was no objection to Mr. Berthiaume's motion, but he pointed out that there would be a motion at the town meeting for Article 12 to be postponed to the fall town meeting as there is no funding in place for it at this time.

The Board of Selectmen voted on the motion to recommend approval of Articles 2 through 31 by roll call vote: Mr. Wrenn, Yes; Mr. Berthiaume, Yes; Mr. Laliberte, Yes; Mrs. Goodrich, Yes – passed 4 to 0.

Gift Acceptances in Accordance with MGL Chapter 44, Section 53A

There were no items.

Proclamations and Recognitions

There were no items.

Vote on Donation Agreement

Town Manager Jacobson recognized Atty. Robert Longden who was participating remotely for the item.

Julie Jacobson presented the donation agreement with the new company, Outfront Media LLC, and summarized the terms of the agreement, which were the same as those in the previous agreement with Total Outdoor Corporation. She advised that the two billboard structures with digital sign faces would be constructed one year apart. Atty. Longden expressed concurrence with the Town Manager's explanation of the proposed donation agreement.

The Board of Selectmen then took the following votes regarding the donation agreement:

1. The Board of Selectmen voted to enter into the Donation Agreement with Outfront Media LLC (Motion made by Mr. Wrenn; motion seconded by Mr. Berthiaume) roll call vote: Mr. Wrenn, Yes; Mr. Berthiaume, Yes; Mr. Laliberte, Yes; Mrs. Goodrich – passed 4 to 0.
2. The Board of Selectmen voted to authorize the Town Manager to sign the Agreement on behalf of the Town (Motion made by Mr. Berthiaume; motion seconded by Mr. Laliberte) roll call vote: Mr. Wrenn, Yes; Mr. Berthiaume, Yes; Mr. Laliberte, Yes; Mrs. Goodrich – passed 4 to 0.
3. The Board of Selectmen voted to accept the donation under C.44, Section 53A (Motion made by Mr. Berthiaume; motion seconded by Mr. Wrenn) roll call vote: Mr. Wrenn, Yes; Mr. Berthiaume, Yes; Mr. Laliberte, Yes; Mrs. Goodrich – passed 4 to 0.

Town Manager Items

Roadway Improvement Update/Complete Streets Grant Authorization for Filing, Acceptance and Expending Grant Funds.

The Town Manager presented the roadway improvement update provided by the DPW Director and the Complete Streets Grant Application. She provided details of the projects to be supported by the grant funds, including the library pedestrian bridge project. The grant application request was for a maximum of \$400,000.00 with no match required.

The Board of Selectmen voted to authorize filing the Complete Streets Grant application and to accept and expend the funds as set out in the letter provided by the DPW (Motion made by Mr. Berthiaume; motion seconded by Mr. Wrenn) roll call vote: Mr. Wrenn, Yes; Mr. Berthiaume, Yes; Mr. Laliberte, Yes; Mrs. Goodrich – passed 4 to 0.

Asst. DPW Director/Sewer Superintendent Joanna Paquin was participating remotely and she discussed the FY2022 Road Reconstruction and Resurfacing Project list as presented.

Update on Town's Summer Programs and Events

Town Manager Julie Jacobson provided an update on the Town's summer programs and events.

Tabled Items

There were no items.

Board of Selectmen Member Items

There were no items.

The Chair Doreen Goodrich asked if there were any corrections or omissions to the minutes of March 8, 2021. There being none, the Chair accepted the minutes of March 8, 2021 as written.

At 7:36 P.M. the Board voted to adjourn the meeting (Motion made by Mr. Laliberte; motion seconded by Mr. Wrenn) roll call vote: Mr. Berthiaume, Yes; Mr. Wrenn, Yes; Mr. Laliberte, Yes; Mrs. Goodrich – passed 4 to 0.

Submitted: Sharon A. Kwiatkowski
Adm. Assistant to Town Manager

The following documents were part of the Board of Selectmen's Meeting of April 26, 2021 and are retained in the Executive Office of the Town Manager:

- April 26, 2021 Agenda.
- Letter from Town Planner dated April 14, 2021 regarding Planning Board Public Hearings and Recommendations on Zoning Bylaw Amendments on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles 28 and 29
- Applications for Finance Committee Member Candidates – Diane Byrne, Erika Eucker, Patrick Jones and Kara Westerman
- May 4, 2021 Annual Town Meeting Warrant
- Proposed Donation Agreement – Outfront Media LLC
- Letter from DPW on application for grant funding under the Complete Streets Funding Program and FY2022 Road Reconstruction and Resurfacing Project List
- Update from Town Manager on Town of Auburn's Summer Programs and Events
- Minutes of March 8, 2021