

Board of Selectmen Meeting
Remote Participation
May 10, 2021– 6:00 P.M.

Participating Remotely: Doreen M. Goodrich, Tristan J. Laliberte, Daniel S. Carpenter
Lionel Berthiaume, Scott C. Wrenn
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:

- Tristan Laliberte - Yes
- Daniel Carpenter - Yes
- Lionel Berthiaume - 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

Recognition and Thank You to Doreen Goodrich –

Town Manager Julie A. Jacobson introduced this item for Doreen Goodrich's last meeting as a member of the Board of Selectmen. She noted that Doreen's husband, sons, future daughter-in-law and other family members were participating in the call.

The following speakers were participating remotely and offered their personal tributes recognizing and thanking Doreen Goodrich for her years of service to the Town of Auburn and its residents:

- State Senator Michael O. Moore
- State Representative Paul K. Frost
- Selectman Vice Chair Tristan J. Laliberte
- Selectman Daniel S. Carpenter
- Selectman Lionel R. Berthiaume
- Selectman Scott C. Wrenn
- School Committee Member Jessica Harrington
- Town Clerk Debra Gremo's Statement ready by Town Manager Julie Jacobson
- Former Chair of the Board Kenneth A. Holstrom
- Guy Glodis
- Former Town Moderator Charles Baker
- Jeff Labonte
- Reverend Dennis Knight
- Sari Bitticks
- Kenneth Ethier
- Paula Melican
- Fire Chief Stephen Coleman
- Police Chief Andrew Sluckis
- DDIS Director Darlene Coyle
- DPW Director William Coyle
- CFO/Asst. Town Manager Ed Kazanovicz
- Ron Brooks
- Doreen's sister Vo>>>>ASK JULIE
- Library Director Jean Collins
- Town Manager Julie Jacobson

Chair Doreen Goodrich thanked everyone for their presence, their acknowledgments and kind words. Doreen read a statement on her reflections of her time on the Board of Selectmen serving the Town and its residents.

Communications

There were no items.

Board of Selectmen General Items

Transient Vendor License Application Fork 'N Delicious.

The Chair announced that this item would be held until the next meeting for review and input by the Police Department.

Votes on Appointment of Candidates for Finance Committee.

Candidates for the Finance Committee, Diane Byrne, Erika Eucker, Patrick Jones and Kara Westerman, were interviewed at the last meeting. Both vacant seats expire on June 30, 2021. Mr. Carpenter confirmed that he did review the Finance Committee interviews on the tape of the last meeting.

Mr. Carpenter made a motion to appoint Kara Westerman to the Finance Committee until June 30, 2021. Mr. Wrenn seconded the motion – roll call vote: Mr. Berthiaume, No; Mr. Carpenter, Yes; Mr. Wrenn, Yes; Mr. Laliberte, No; Mrs. Goodrich, No – failed 2 to 3.

Mr. Carpenter made a motion to appoint Erika Eucker to the Finance Committee until June 30, 2021. Mr. Laliberte seconded the motion – roll call vote: Mr. Berthiaume, No; Mr. Carpenter, Yes; Mr. Wrenn, No; Mr. Laliberte, Yes; Mrs. Goodrich, No – failed 2 to 3.

Mr. Laliberte made a motion to appoint Patrick Jones to the Finance Committee until June 30, 2021. Mr. Berthiaume seconded the motion – roll call vote: Mr. Berthiaume, Yes; Mr. Carpenter, Abstain; Mr. Wrenn, Yes; Mr. Laliberte, Yes; Mrs. Goodrich, Yes – passed 4-0-1.

Mr. Carpenter made a motion to appoint Diane Bryne to the Finance Committee until June 30, 2021. Mr. Berthiaume seconded the motion – roll call vote: Mr. Berthiaume, Yes; Mr. Carpenter, Yes; Mr. Wrenn, Yes; Mr. Laliberte, Yes; Mrs. Goodrich, Yes – passed 5 to 0.

Mr. Carpenter made a motion to appoint Patrick Jones to the Finance Committee for a subsequent 3-year term until June 30, 2024. Mr. Berthiaume seconded the motion – roll call vote: Mr. Berthiaume, Yes; Mr. Carpenter, Abstain; Mr. Wrenn, Yes; Mr. Laliberte, Yes; Mrs. Goodrich, Yes – passed 4-0-1.

Mr. Carpenter made a motion to appoint Diane Byrne to a subsequent term on the Finance Committee to expire June 30, 2024. Mr. Berthiaume seconded the motion – roll call vote: Mr. Berthiaume, Yes; Mr. Carpenter, Yes; Mr. Wrenn, Yes; Mr. Laliberte, Yes; Mrs. Goodrich, Yes – passed 5 to 0.

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

The Board of Selectmen voted to accept with gratitude a gift to the Police Department from Jeffrey LaPlante in the amount of \$100.00 for “moral support” (Motion made by Mr. Laliberte; motion seconded by Mr. Berthiaume) roll call vote: Mr. Berthiaume, Yes; Mr. Carpenter, Yes; Mr. Wrenn, Yes; Mr. Laliberte, Yes; Mrs. Goodrich, Yes – passed 5 to 0.

Proclamations and Recognitions

There were no items.

Town Manager Items

Vote to Amend Chapter 2 Department of Development and Inspectional Services and Chapter 6 Department of Public Services of the Re-Organization Plan Approved in April 2011.

Town Manager Julie Jacobson presented and explained two changes to the Re-Organization Plan that was approved in April 2011 that would (1) codify the Economic Development Division as a Town agency under Chapter 2, Department of Development and Inspectional Services, by adding a new Section 10A; and, (2) would update the provisions of Section 7, Library under Chapter 6, Department of Public Services, to be consistent with the Town of Auburn Charter as Amended May 2009.

The Board of Selectmen voted to approve the amendments to Chapter 2 and Chapter 6 of the 2011 Re-Organization Plan as presented by the Town Manager (Motion made by Mr. Berthiaume; motion seconded by Mr. Wrenn) roll call vote: Mr. Berthiaume, Yes; Mr. Carpenter, Abstain; Mr. Wrenn, Yes; Mr. Laliberte, Yes; Mrs. Goodrich, Yes – passed 4-0-1.

State Changes pertaining to Town Appointed Tenant Board Members.

Town Manager Jacobson explained changes, effective May 15, 2021, pertaining to Town-Appointed tenant members on the Auburn Housing Authority. If there was a vacancy on the Authority on this date, that seat would be the Town Appointed Tenant Board Member Seat.

Ms. Jacobson advised that there would need to be a vote to appoint a member to the vacant seat created by the death of Alice Rea. She gave an overview of the process to fill the Tenant Board Member Seat.

Ms. Jacobson discussed the Housing Authority vote last week to appoint a tenant to the seat. She said that the vote can't be recognized because Town Counsel has advised that it was not the process to be followed. Mr. Wrenn asked the Town Manager if she had discussions with the Housing Authority concerning the vote. The Town Manager replied that the Town Clerk had spoken with some of the AHA members prior to their vote and she had explained that the law requires the Board of Selectmen to make the appointment.

Recognize Darlene Coyle as Recipient of Commonwealth Heroine 2021 Award

Town Manager Julie Jacobson presented the item. Darlene Coyle was participating remotely.

Chair Doreen Goodrich explained the award program and the selection process.

Members acknowledged and congratulated Darlene Coyle for being chosen as the recipient of the 2021 Commonwealth Heroine Award.

Tabled Items

There were no items.

Board of Selectmen Member Items

Request the Board begin Discussions regarding Updating the commonly used Name Board of Selectmen to Select Board.

Doreen Goodrich explained the item she had submitted for the Board's consideration and the reasons for her request. She said that many towns have moved to using the gender neutral Select Board. This process would need to go to the State for approval.

Members expressed support to consider the change and that they were open to Mrs. Goodrich's offer to provide information and to learn about the process.

Chair Doreen Goodrich asked if there were any corrections or omissions to the minutes of March 22, 2021. There being none, the Chair accepted the minutes of March 22, 2021.

At 7:37 P.M. the Board of Selectmen voted to adjourn the meeting (Motion made by Mr. Laliberte; motion seconded by Mr. Wrenn) roll call vote: Mr. Berthiaume, Yes; Mr. Carpenter, Yes; Mr. Wrenn, Yes; Mr. Laliberte, Yes; Mrs. Goodrich, Yes – passed 5 to 0.

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

The following documents were part of the Board of Selectmen's Meeting of May 10, 2021 and are retained in the Executive Office of the Town Manager:

- May 10, 2021 Agenda.
- Application Documents – Transient Vendor License Application Fork N' Delicious; Development Coordinating Group (DCG) Letter with Recommendations dated May 5, 2021
- Applications for Finance Committee Candidates: Diane M. Byrne, Erika K. Eucker, Patrick Jones and Kara A. Westerman
- Gift Acceptance Form – Police Department \$100.00 from Jeffrey LaPlante
- Request by Town Manager to Amend Chapter 2 Department of Development and Inspectional Services and Chapter 6 Department of Public Services of the Re-Organization Plan Approved in April 2011
- Information from the Department on Housing and Community Development (DHCD) on State Changes pertaining to Town Appointed Tenant Board Members
- Minutes of March 22, 2021