

Select Board Minutes
Monday, May 23, 2022

Meeting to be held as hybrid with both an in-person and with a remote participation option in accordance with Chapter 22 of the Acts of 2022.

Present: Tristan J. Laliberte, Scott C. Wrenn, Daniel S. Carpenter, Sara K. Rufli and Steven Chambers

Also: Town Manager Julie Jacobson and CFO/Assistant Town Manager Ed Kazanovicz

Town Manager Julie A. Jacobson called the meeting to order at 6:31 P.M.

Ms. Jacobson announced that this Open Meeting of the Town of Auburn Select Board was being operated as a hybrid model under Chapter 22 of the Acts of 2022 with in-person and remote participation options. For the public to join the meeting remotely by telephone, 1-408-650-3123 and Access Code 235-235-861. Or, the public can join via computer at <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/235-235-861>.

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

The Town Manager confirmed that all members that were present were in-person at the meeting. She congratulated Steven Chambers on his election to the Select Board.

Ms. Jacobson noted that the meeting was being recorded by Auburn Cable Television.

The Board led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Select Board Re-Organization

Town Manager Julie A. Jacobson opened nominations for Chair of the Select Board.

Mr. Carpenter nominated Tristan Laliberte for Chair of the Board. Ms. Rufli seconded.

Mr. Chambers nominated Scott Wrenn for Chair; motion seconded by Mr. Laliberte.

Mrs. Jacobson asked if there were any further nominations. There being none, Mr. Carpenter moved to close nominations. The Town Manager declared the nominations closed.

The Board voted by roll call on the selection of Tristan Laliberte as Chair – Mr. Carpenter, Yes; Mr. Laliberte, No; Mr. Wrenn, No; Mrs. Rufli, No; Mr. Chambers, No – failed 1 to 4.

The Board voted by roll call on the selection of Scott Wrenn as Chair – Mr. Carpenter, Yes; Mr. Laliberte, Yes; Mr. Wrenn, Yes; Ms. Rufli, Yes; Mr. Chambers, Yes – passed 5 to 0.

Mr. Wrenn assumed the Chair and opened nominations for Vice Chair of the Select Board.

Mr. Chambers nominated Mr. Carpenter for Vice Chair. Ms. Rufli seconded.

Mr. Wrenn nominated Mr. Laliberte. Mr. Laliberte seconded.

Mr. Carpenter then withdrew his name from consideration, citing the reason that he thought it better from Mr. Laliberte to stay as Vice Chair.

Ms. Rufli agreed to withdraw motion.

The Board voted by roll call on the selection of Tristan Laliberte for Vice Chair – Mr. Carpenter, Yes; Ms. Rufli, Yes; Mr. Chambers, Yes; Mr. Laliberte, Yes; Mr. Wrenn, Yes – passed 5 to 0.

Public Comments

Todd Kirrane of 121 Hampton Street spoke and congratulated Steven Chambers on his election to the Board and he congratulated Scott Wrenn on his selection as Chair and Tristan Laliberte on his selection as Vice Chair. Mr. Kirrane spoke in support of an additional allocation to Auburn Youth & Family Services from ARPA funds. He said that small businesses need help and suggested that the Town could work with the Chamber of Commerce to identify their needs. Mr. Kirrane spoke about the need in the town for additional recreational facilities and he offered his thoughts about potential projects.

Ms. Jacobson advised Mr. Kirrane that the Select Board has voted to allocate \$180,000.00 to Auburn Youth and Family Services over 3 fiscal years (\$60,000.00 in FY2023, \$60,000.00 in FY2024 and \$60,000.00 in FY2025).

Public Hearings/Presentations

Hearings on Nominations to Name the New Library Sunroom

- a) Continued Hearing on Nomination to Name New Library Sunroom the Dr. Arthur and Dr. Martha Pappas Room.
- b) Hearing on Nomination to Name the New Library Sunroom The Trustees Room.
- c) Hearing on Nomination to Name the New Library Sunroom The Artemus Ward

Room.

The Select Board voted to open the hearings (Motion made by Mr. Laliberte; motion seconded by Ms. Rufli) voted in favor 5 to 0.

Mr. Wrenn asked if there was anyone wishing to speak on the nominations.

Library Director and town resident Jean Collins spoke in support of her nomination and read her letter recommending that the new sunroom is named the Dr. Arthur and Dr. Martha Pappas Room.

Mr. Matthew Toth was participating remotely and spoke in support of his nomination to name the sunroom The Trustees Room. Chair Scott Wrenn read Mr. Toth's letter.

Cynthia Carey spoke in support of her suggestion to name the sunroom The Artemus Ward Room and she read her letter supporting the dedication of the room in honor of an historical figure associated with Auburn, Artemus Ward.

Mr. Laliberte spoke in favor of naming the room for Dr. Arthur and Dr. Martha Pappas.

Mr. Carpenter recommended sending these three names to the committee established to recognize individuals that have contributed to Auburn for their consideration.

Mr. Wrenn said that he was in favor of naming the room for the Dr. Arthur and Dr. Martha Pappas but he would support forwarding the letters to the committee.

Mr. Chambers asked about the committee's purpose. Mr. Laliberte explained that the committee was formed to look at the library sunroom addition/Goddard Park/Pedestrian Bridge project and Drury Square as a whole for ways to memorialize the many deserving individuals that have contributed to the Town of Auburn.

Mr. Laliberte made a motion to name the sunroom addition The Dr. Arthur and Dr. Martha Pappas Room. Ms. Rufli seconded the motion and the Board voted by roll call: Mr. Carpenter, No; Ms. Rufli, Yes; Mr. Chambers, No; Mr. Laliberte, Yes; Mr. Wrenn, No – the vote failed 2 to 3.

Mr. Carpenter made a motion to forward the three nomination letters to the committee and continue the hearing until the first meeting in August. The motion was seconded by Mr. Laliberte and the Board voted in favor 5 to 0.

The Select Board voted to appoint Steven Chambers as the Select Board member on the committee (Motion made by Mr. Carpenter; motion seconded by Mr. Laliberte) voted in favor 5 to 0.

The Select Board voted to appoint Matthew Toth from the Library Trustees to the committee (Motion made by Mr. Laliberte; motion seconded by Mr. Carpenter) voted in favor 5 to 0.

Communications

There were no items.

Select Board General Items

Drainlayer License (licensed within the previous 5 years) – Wescott Custom Homes of Upton MA.

The Select Board voted to approve the license, provided that all applicable requirements of the state and town and any of its departments, boards and commissions have been fulfilled. Said license is subject to all the conditions stated upon it. Failure to comply with any and all conditions shall invalidate the license and render it null and void (Motion made by Mr. Carpenter; motion seconded by Ms. Rufli) voted in favor 5 to 0.

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

The Select Board voted to approve a gift acceptance, with gratitude and a letter of thanks signed by the Chair, from the Auburn Water District to the DDIS Public Health in the amount of

\$5,000.00 that will be used for Hazardous Waste Day expenses (Motion made by Mr. Carpenter; motion seconded by Mr. Laliberte) voted in favor 5 to 0.

The Select Board voted to approve gift acceptances with gratitude totaling \$50.00, from Alan and Susan Tubman in the amount of \$25.00 and from Ms. Linda Fox in the amount of \$25.00, to the library in memory of Ruth Baron for books and programs at the library (Motion made by Mr. Carpenter; motion seconded by Mr. Laliberte) voted in favor 5 to 0.

The Select Board voted to approve a gift acceptance, with gratitude and a letter of thanks signed by the Chair, from Helen Malm and family in the amount of \$500.00 for reading materials as needed at the discretion of the Library Director (Motion made by Mr. Carpenter; motion seconded by Ms. Ruffli) voted in favor 5 to 0.

Proclamations and Recognitions

The Select Board voted to approve the proclamation for the Auburn Historical Society on the occasion of 55 years in Auburn and The Tuttle Square School for the 100th year anniversary (Motion made by Mr. Carpenter; motion seconded by Mr. Laliberte) voted in favor 5 to 0.

Town Manager Items

Request for Approval of up to \$40,000.00 in ARPA Funds to Provide Discounts for Summer Camp Program Participants

The Select Board voted to approve up to \$20,000.00 in ARPA funds to provide discounts for summer camp program participants (Motion made by Mr. Laliberte; motion seconded by Mr. Carpenter) voted in favor 5 to 0.

Vote to Authorize, Accept and Expend an Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) Grant to update the Housing Plan total project cost \$15,000.00 with 25% match \$3,750.00

The Select Board voted to authorize, accept and expend an Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs Grant to update the Housing Plan, total project cost of \$15,000.00 with 25% match \$3,750.00 (Motion made by Mr. Carpenter; motion seconded by Mr. Laliberte) voted in favor 5 to 0.

Request for Board Vote to Declare Police Cruiser 4 as Surplus. Enclosed is a letter requesting that the Board votes to declare Police Cruiser 4 (License plate 692NF3), 2013 black unmarked Ford Explorer cruiser (VIN – 1FM5K8AR7DGC11068) as surplus to allow it to be discarded through the established practice.

The Select Board voted to declare Police Cruiser 4 (License plate 692NF3), 2013 black unmarked Ford Explorer cruiser (VIN – 1FM5K8AR7DGC11068) as surplus to allow it to be discarded through the established practice (Motion made by Mr. Carpenter; motion seconded by Mr. Laliberte) voted in favor 5 to 0.

Tabled Items

There were no items.

Select Board Member Items

There were no items.

Chair Scott Wrenn asked if there were any questions or omissions in the minutes of April 11, 2022 and April 25, 2022. There being none, the Chair accepted the minutes of April 11, 2022 and April 25, 2022.

At 7:27 P.M. the Select Board voted to adjourn the meeting (Motion made by Mr. Carpenter; motion seconded by Mr. Laliberte) voted in favor 5 to 0.

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

The following documents were part of the Select Board's Meeting of May 23, 2022 and are retained in the Executive Office of the Town Manager:

- May 23, 2022 Agenda
- Nomination Letters from Jean Collins, Matthew Toth and Cynthia Carey on Naming the new Library Sunroom
- Application Documents – Drainlayer License – Wescott Custom Homes of Upton, MA.
- Gift Acceptances – Department of Development and Inspectional Services Public Health \$5,000.00 from Auburn Water District
- Gift Acceptances - Department of Public Services Library
- Request dated May 19, 2022 from Police Department to Declare Police Cruiser 4 as Surplus