



**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2023 – 7PM**  
**MacKinnon Council Chambers**

**AGENDA**

***RELATIVE TO MGL CHAPTER 30A, SECTION 20 (F), AND FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC, THIS MEETING IS BEING RECORDED BY BOTH VIDEO AND AUDIO METHODS.***

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Consider and accept the Town Council Meeting Minutes, Monday, December 19, 2022.
4. Subcommittee Reports
  - a. General Government
  - b. Department of Public Works
  - c. Education and Human Services
  - d. Planning and Development
  - e. Protection of Persons and Property
5. Chairman's Announcements
6. Town Manager's Announcements
7. Presentation
  - a. Proclamation: Lucille LeBouef
  - b. Proclamation: Roland "Lefty" Varin
  - c. Fire Station Building Committee Update
8. Citizen Forum
9. Update for 30 Charlton Street. [tabled]
10. Vote to confirm the Town Manager's appointment of Joseph Diaz to Economic Development Commission for a three-year term effective immediately through June 30, 2025 pending completion of State Ethics.
11. Vote to confirm the Town Manager's appointment of Nathan Pollone as DPW Maintenance Man/Equipment Operator for an indefinite term effective immediately, pending the successful completion of pre-employment physical and background screening and State Ethics.
12. Vote to accept a donation from the Hyde/Dexter-Russel Charitable Foundation in the amount of \$1,000.00 to be for the Southbridge Holiday Visions.

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13. Vote to instruct and authorize the Town Manager in cooperation with Town Counsel to retain the services of an independent investigator to investigate the facts and circumstances of an incident taking place at Town Hall on November 30, 2022 between Councilor-at-Large Daou and town staff and to report the conclusions of that investigation to the Town Council on a prompt basis.
14. Pursuant to the Southbridge Home Rule Charter Chapter 4 Section 1-2, vote to confirm the Town Council chairperson's appointments of Terri Colognesi, Pete Cournoyer and Evelyn Velez to the Town Manager Search Committee.
15. Vote to approve a transfer for \$463.00 from #09400000-574000-0297 Insurance Premiums-IOD to #09400000-574000-0300 Insurance Premiums-School to cover cost for additional equipment premiums for FY 2023.
16. Vote to approve amendment to Standard Operating Procedure #15 Capital Expenditure Policy, Capital Expenditure Defined. Original language: Any items or goods of \$10,000.00 or more, and with an intended, useful life of 3 years or more, regardless of funding source. Amendment: Any items or goods of \$10,000.00 or more with an intended, useful life of 5 years or more, regardless of funding source.
17. Vote to approve the application for no-cost Speed Feedback and School Zone Speed Limit signs through Mass. DOT's Safe Routes to School Program and to authorize the Town Manager to sign all related documents.
18. Vote to approve the proposed job description for the Construction Inspector position.
19. Vote to approve the addition of the Construction Inspector position to Salary Schedule 1, Grade PT 7.
20. Vote to approve award of Timber Harvest 1 to Anderson Timber to pay \$27,388.00 for the purchase of timber, with favorable recommendation from North Quabbin Forestry and authorize the Town Manager to sign all related documents.
21. Vote to enter into a no-cost service agreement for installation of a new power meter at the RMV for the purposes of installing electric vehicle charging stations and authorize the Town Manager to sign related documents.
22. Vote to approve the Expression of Interest (EOI) for the FY24 Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Action Grant for a study to be conducted which coincides with the top priority action in the final report from Beals and Thomas to "Evaluate the capacity of drainage infrastructure at roadways and improve the capacity, equipment, and resources of the municipal separate storm sewer system," and authorize the Town Manager to sign related documents.
23. Vote to approve entering into an agreement with either Childscapes or M.E. O'Brien and & Sons, Inc. for playground equipment and surfacing at McCann Fields for up to \$132,000.00 using Operation Services Division (OSD) contract FAC 104 funded with the Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities (PARC) grant, and to authorize the Town Manager to sign any related paperwork.
24. Vote to approve entering into an agreement with Charlton Fence to replace McCann Fields practice field fencing for \$49,999.00 and to authorize the Town Manager to sign any related paperwork
25. Vote to approve Change Order #4 to JAM Corporations contract for \$4,867.27 funded by the CDBG FY21 grant and to authorize the Town Manager to sign any related paperwork.

26. Vote to approve Change Order #1 to extend the Agreement with Youghal LLC for commercial rehab at 1-11 Central Street to January 31, 2023, and to authorize the Town Manager to sign any related paperwork.
27. Vote to approve entering into an agreement with Youghal LLC to provide a 0% commercial improvement loan to install sprinklers at 1-11 Central Street, helping trigger the occupancy of its restaurant, using ARPA funds appropriated at Town Council Meeting 6-27-2022 Agenda Item # 46, and to authorize the Town Manager to sign any related paperwork.
28. Vote to approve an application for \$20,000.00 from the MicroProjects Program to fund a marketing campaign to educate Southbridge residents on our existing community transportation resources and to authorize the Town Manager to sign any related paperwork.
29. Councilors Forum
30. Discussion of next meeting date – January 23, 2023 - 7:00 PM
31. Vote to enter into executive session pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 30A, §21(a), Purpose 3: To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares

**Council will adjourn from Executive Session and will not return to open session**

*Note: The items listed, which may be discussed at the meeting, are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair. Not all items listed may, in fact, be discussed, and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.*

*(Agenda reviewed and approved by Council Chair, J. Daniel 01/05/2023)*