



**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MONDAY, January 22, 2024 – 7:00 PM**  
**MacKinnon Council Chambers**

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**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 4, 2023.
4. Subcommittee Reports
  - a) Department of Public Works
  - b) Education and Human Services
  - c) General Government
  - d) Planning and Development
  - e) Protection of Persons and Property
5. Chairman's Announcements
6. Town Manager's Announcements
7. Citizens Forum
8. Presentations:
  - A. Town Council Proclamations-Councilor Rivas/Chairman Lazo
    - Hacer Garcia
    - Danielle Castille
    - Edwin Delacruz Davilla
    - Christian Ortiz Torres
    - Robert Zayas
9. Vote to confirm the Town Manager's appointment of Wilfred Cournoyer as Interim Assessor, who will also assist and help ensure the success of a new Assessor for a period not to exceed 6 months.
10. Vote to approve the Town Manager's appointment of, John A. Calcagni Jr., as a permanent full-time police officer for the Town of Southbridge effective immediately, based on the Police Chiefs recommendation. Pending a successful completion of a medical screening. State Ethics in good standing.
11. Vote to approve the Town Manager's appointment of Jason Desmarais as Temporary Snow Plow Operator as recommended by the DPW Director, effective immediately, pending successful completion of pre-employment requirements and State Ethics.

12. Review/discuss the Town Manager's appointment of Peter Provencher Jr. as Maintenance Man/Equipment Operator (MMEO) as recommended by the DPW Director, effective immediately, pending successful completion of pre-employment requirements and State Ethics.
13. Vote to approve the Town Manager's appointment of Arno Bounphasaysonh to the Planning Board for a term to end on 6/30/2026 pending successful completion of State Ethics.
14. Vote to approve the Town Manager's appointment of Ramon Arnold to the Trail Committee for a term to end on 6/30/2026 pending successful completion of State Ethics.
15. Vote to approve the Town Manager's appointment of Kevin Buxton to the Historical Commission for a term to end on 6/30/2026 pending successful completion of State Ethics.
16. Vote to accept the Warrant for the Special State Primary on Tuesday February 6, 2024.
17. Vote to approve the FY24 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG), and entertain a motion to recommend that the Town Council accept the approximate grant funding for \$5,980.00, and allow the Town Manager to sign all related paperwork.
18. Vote to accept the FY24 Firefighter Safety Equipment Grant in the approximate funding of \$19,000.00, and allow the Town Manager to sign all related paperwork.
19. Vote to approve the contract with Schoolhouse Construction Services LLC to provide Housing Rehabilitation Specialist services for the FY22-23 CDBG Housing Rehab Program and allow the Town Manager to sign any related paperwork.
20. Vote to apply for the 2024 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) discretionary grant to reconstruct Hamilton Street for \$7.9M and allow the Town Manager to sign any related paperwork.
21. Vote the use of \$750,000.00 in Water and Sewer Enterprise funds towards the reconstruction of Hamilton Street should the Town be awarded the 2024 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) discretionary grant and allow the Town Manager to sign any related paperwork.
22. Vote to award Water Filtration Facility Polymer Feed System Upgrade to Dankris Builders Corp., for the base bid and alternates, for \$277,700.00 to be funded from #420000-580000-64536 WFP Polymer Station Upgrade.
23. Vote to apply for the 2024 Mass Trails Grant for up to \$80,000 with a matching grant for up to \$20,000 from an account to be determined and allow the Town Manager to sign any related paperwork.
24. Vote a Police Department transfer request for \$5,000.00 from account #001210-511000 Salary & Wages to account #001210-524100 Vehicle Repairs to cover any other unexpected expenses for the remainder of the fiscal year.
25. Vote a Police Department transfer request for \$12,000.00 from account #001210-511000 Salary & Wages to account #001210-548000 Motor Vehicle Parts & Accessories to cover any other unexpected expenses for the remainder of the fiscal year.
26. Vote a Police Department transfer request for \$500.00 from account #001210-511000 Salary & Wages to account #001210-571000 Mileage to cover costs of mileage reimbursement, tolls and other fees for officer-mandated training.
27. Vote a Police Department transfer request for \$1,500.00 from account #001210-511000 Salary & Wages to account #001210-558700 Parts & Accessories Non-Vehicular to cover the repair cost of police department Polaris Utility Terrain Vehicle.

28. Vote to accept a donation of \$5,000.00 to the Police Department from United Lens, to be used at the discretion of the Police Chief.
29. Vote a Fire Department transfer request for \$10,000.00 from account #001220-585600 Safety Equipment to account #001220-524100 Motor Vehicle Repair & Maintenance to cover the costs for additional repairs required to maintain vehicles for the fiscal year.
30. Vote a Fire Department transfer request for \$2,000.00 from account #001220-519300 Tuition to account #001220-524100 Motor Vehicle Repair & Maintenance to cover the costs for additional repairs required to maintain vehicles for the fiscal year.
31. Vote a Fire Department transfer request for \$500.00 from account #001220-546000 Building Grounds & Materials to account #001220-545000 Janitorial & Housekeeping to cover the rising costs for janitorial supplies for the fiscal year.
32. Vote a Town Manager's transfer request of \$1000.00 from account #001123-573000 Dues and Subscriptions to account #001123-534100 Advertising & Promotions to cover advertising costs associated with Public Hearings and Bids.
33. Vote a Department of Public Works Water Department transfer request for \$11,200.00 from account #420000-530000-64536 WFP Polymer Station Upgrade (Engineering) to account #420000-580000-64536 WFP Polymer Station Upgrade (Construction) to fund Water Filtration Facility Polymer Feed System Upgrade.
34. Vote a Department of Public Works Water Department transfer request for \$16,500.00 from account #610450-583000-91250 Water Capital Reserve to account #420000-580000-64536 WFP Polymer Station Upgrade (Construction) to fund Water Filtration Facility Polymer Feed System Upgrade.
35. Vote a Department of Public Works Water Department transfer request for \$38,254.00 from account #610450-583000-91250 Water Capital Reserve to account #610450-583000-24580 Water Systems Capital to cover costs associated with emergency water main breaks that occurred on 11/25/2023.
36. Councilors Forum
37. Discussion of next meeting date – Monday, February 12, 2024 - 7:00 PM.
38. Adjourn

*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.*