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TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 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, January 9, 2023.
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. Councilor Marketti: Updates from Ad hoc Curbside Trash Committee
 - b. Steve Brady: MOTT Grant Update, Downtown Historic Walking Tour
 - c. ARPA Presentation
 - d. Mark Carron: Performance Update
8. Citizen Forum
9. Vote to accept the USDA American Rescue Plan Act Emergency Rural Health Care (ERHC) Grant in the amount of \$913,399.00, and authorize the Town Manager to sign all related documents.
10. Vote to ratify employment agreement between the Town of Southbridge and Shane Woodson as Chief of Police, effective January 23, 2023 through September 16, 2028, and allow the Town Manager to sign all related documents.
11. Vote to authorize the Interim Building Commissioner to "enter upon the premises with the necessary workmen and assistants and cause such unsafe structure to be made safe or taken down without delay, and a proper fence put up for the protection of passers-by, or to be made secure," pursuant to MGL c. 143, s. 7, to authorize the use of the Town Attorney to take all actions necessary, including not limited to initiating

litigation to secure the Town's access to the property and ability to recover its costs, and to authorize that Town Manager to enter into contracts and to sign all documents related thereto.

12. Vote to approve the Southbridge Retirement Board recommendation to increase the FY 2023 COLA from 3% to 5% effective 7/1/2022.
13. Vote to approve the Town Manager's request to negotiate pricing with Competitive Energy Services and enter into a contract for the Town's electricity supply for up to 48 months at a low fixed rate.
14. Vote to approve to use Good Energy as electricity aggregation consultant and authorize the Town Manager to enter a contract to aggregate the electricity load of the residents and businesses in the Town of Southbridge.
15. Vote to accept the award of \$4,381.00 for FY 2023 Student Awareness of Fire Education (S.A.F.E) and \$2,277.00 for Senior SAFE grants and to authorize the Town Manager to sign all related documents.
16. Vote to accept the Green Communities Competitive Grant award in the amount of \$130,217.00 from Department of Energy Resources (DOER) and to authorize the Town Manager to sign related documents.
17. Vote to approve \$5,800.00 in ARPA funds in support of the Southbridge Fire Departments mental health program through the Westborough Behavioral Healthcare Hospital and distribution of such funds will be overseen by the town's ARPA Administrator.
18. Vote to approve \$100,000.00 in ARPA funds in support of the Jacob Edwards Library request for the design and build of their broadband network and distribution of such funds will be overseen by the town's ARPA Administrator.
19. Vote to approve applying for \$20,000.00 from the MicroProjects Program to fund a marketing campaign to educate Southbridge residents on our existing community transportation resources using ARPA funds, and rescind Town Council Agenda Item #26 from January 9, 2023.
20. Vote to accept proposed update to Weights and Measures fees.
21. Vote to approve the transfer request for \$6,600.00 from #01900000.527400 Property Repair, Maintenance and Demo to #001240.585200 General Equipment to cover the cost of equipment needed for the Sealer of Weights and Measures.
22. Vote to approve the transfer request for \$111.50 from #01240.558000 Misc. Materials to #001240.571000 Mileage to cover the cost of mileage for the Sealer of Weights and Measures to get equipment calibrated.
23. Vote to approve the Health Department transfer request for \$1,000.00 from# 001512-534100 Adv & Promo and for \$1,385.00 from #001512-571100 Conf & Meetings, totaling \$2,385.00, to be transferred into #001512-542000 Data Proc. & Supplies to cover the cost for 3 laptops for department staff.
24. Vote to approve the transfer request for \$13,185.46 from #001132-578100 Town Council Reserve to #001910-515100 Sick/Vacation Buyback to cover the cost of the Town Manager's Vacation Payout.
25. Vote to amend the Southbridge Town Council Rules and Regulations:
 - a. To add to Rule 1 the word "elect: after "members" and before the word "shall".
 - b. To add to Rule 4, "The Vice-Chairperson may be also assigned to a subcommittee as needed".

- c. To strike the sentence from Rule 4, “summer schedule and special situations are to be decided by a majority vote of the entire Council (5)”.
- d. To change wording from Rule 5a under 3d, “Set the net meeting date: to “Adjournment”.
- e. To change wording from Rule 5a under 3e, “New Business (as allowed by OML for items not anticipated by the Chairperson)” to “All posting shall include the following text: “*It is possible a quorum of the Town Council may be present and discuss agenda items, but voting rights shall be limited to Subcommittee members in attendance”.
- f. To change the wording from Rule 5a under 3f the word “Adjournment: to “At the end of each agenda the following will be added “The items listed as the agenda are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair, which may be discussed at the meeting. 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.”
- g. Strike Rule 5a under 3g in its entirety.
- h. To strike from Rule 10 the word “he” and replace with “the Chairperson”.
- i. Add “Rule 23” which states, “The Southbridge Town Council Rules and Regulations shall be discussed, reviewed and voted on at the first regularly scheduled Town Council meeting annually”.

26. Councilors Forum

27. Discussion of next meeting date – February 13, 2023 - 7:00 PM

28. 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.

(Agenda reviewed and approved by Council Chair, J. Daniel 01/19/2023)