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TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 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. Mark Carron: Performance Update
8. Citizen Forum
9. 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.
10. Vote to approve the Town Manager's appointment of Richard Benoit as DPW Director for a 3-year term effective immediately through January 30, 2026, pending the successful completion of pre-employment physical and background screening and State Ethics.
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 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.
16. 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.
17. 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.
18. Vote to accept proposed update to Weights and Measures fees.
19. 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.
20. 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.
21. 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.
22. 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.
23. Councilors Forum
24. Discussion of next meeting date – February 13, 2023 - 7:00 PM
25. 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)