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## TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2023 – 7 PM

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, April 10, 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. Presentation
  - a. Veterans Council Initiative
8. Citizen Forum
9. Move to approve the amendments to the Charter as proposed by the Charter Committee, with the revisions recommended by the Town Council, all as set forth in the document distributed tonight and authorize the Chair to submit the same to the General Court as a home rule petition in the form below, provided, however, that the changes to the Charter concerning a new proposed Section 4-2-5 shall be presented to the voters for acceptance at the next annual election occurring 35 days after the effective date of the act, or at a special election, and further, to authorize the General Court to make changes of form only to such petition unless first approved by the Town Council, and to confirm that the Council may approve such changes as are within the public purposes of the petitions.
10. Vote to approve the following gifts from the Veterans Council of Southbridge to be solely used at the World War Memorial Park as part of the Southbridge Veterans Monuments Initiative,
  - a. 25' Fiberglass Flagpole
  - b. Three – Concrete ADA Compliant Picnic Tables
  - c. Two - 7' Benches
  - d. Two – 12' Solar Lamp Posts

11. Vote to discontinue maintenance and abandon Morton Street as a public way to allow use of property for a new fire station.
12. Vote to approve the Local Historic District Study Committee to spend up to \$16,000.00 for supplies and services related to designing and constructing a downtown historic walking tour before June 30, 2023 using \$8,000.00 from the Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism (MOTT) grant and \$8,000.00 in matching funds donated to the Town, and to authorize the Town Manager to sign any related paperwork.
13. Vote to approve \$150,000.00 in ARPA funds for the Renaissance Medical Group (RMG) Primary Care Plan Proposal and distribution of such funds will be overseen by the town's ARPA Administrator.
14. Vote to approve \$6,000.00 in ARPA funds for The WellStorm, Inc Bridge Fridge and distribution of such funds will be overseen by the town's ARPA Administrator.
15. Vote to approve \$4,515.98 in ARPA funds for the Health/Inspectors Department printer and distribution of such funds will be overseen by the town's ARPA Administrator.
16. Vote to approve \$20,000.00 in ARPA funds for the Health/Inspectors Department PPE and field equipment and distribution of such funds will be overseen by the town's ARPA Administrator.
17. Vote to approve \$50,000.00 in ARPA funds for the Economic Departments Business Grant and distribution of such funds will be overseen by the town's ARPA Administrator.
18. Vote to approve \$50,000.00 in ARPA funds for the Pay Study of Town Positions and distribution of such funds will be overseen by the town's ARPA Administrator.
19. Vote to accept the reimbursement in the amount of \$162,654.62 as reported in the Ambulance Certified Public Expenditure Reimbursement Program (CPE) FY22 report, and authorize the Town Manager to sign all related documents.
20. Vote to approve a Fire Department transfer for \$800.00 from #001220-546000 Building & Grounds Materials to #001220-530000 Specialized Services to cover costs for the remainder of FY23.
21. Vote to approve a Fire Department transfer for \$400.00 from #001220-546000 Building & Grounds Materials to #001220-545000 Janitorial/Housekeeping to cover rising costs for janitorial supplies for the remainder of FY23.
22. Vote to approve a Fire Department transfer for \$125.00 from #001220-546000 Building & Grounds Materials to #001220-54400 Copier Leases/Maint. Contracts to cover costs for copier lease contract for the remainder of FY23.
23. Vote to approve a Water transfer for \$45,000.00 from #610450-583000-91250 Water Capital Reserve to #610450-583000-23580 Water Capital Systems to pay for unexpected emergency repairs at two separate emergency power generators and to cover large stock purchases for the remainder of the fiscal year.
24. Vote to approve a DPW transfer for a total of \$4,000.00 from #001499-521000-0499 Electricity-DPW Operations, \$3,400.00 to #001499-521000-0431 Electricity-Traffic & School Lights, and \$600.00 to #001499-521000-001 Electricity-Various Locations to cover National Grid and solar invoices through the end of the fiscal year until solar credits are redistributed.

25. Vote to approve a DPW transfer for \$3,100.00 from #001499-521000-0425 Electricity-Town Hall to #001499-521000-0431 Electricity-Traffic & School Lights to cover National Grid and solar invoices through the end of the fiscal year until solar credits are redistributed.
26. Vote to approve a DPW transfer for \$500.00 from #001499-548000 MV Part & Accessories to #001499-558700 Parts & Non Vehc. Accessories to fund needed small equipment purchases.
27. Vote to approve a DPW transfer for \$2000.00 from #001499-530000 Specialized Services to #001499-533100 Maintenance on Trees to fund tree maintenance for the remainder of the fiscal year.
28. Vote to approve a DPW transfer for \$400.00 from #001499-514100 Longevity to #001499-569000 Licenses, Permits & Taxes to cover additional expenses for new hires.
29. Vote to accept the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Trash Committee and move forward with a flat fee and creation of an enterprise fund.
30. Vote to place the following Question on the ballot for the June 13<sup>th</sup> 2023 Town Election as a non-binding question.

“Shall the elected officials of the State of Massachusetts end the receivership of the Southbridge Public School District and return the control of the District to the Town of Southbridge?”

31. Amendments to Southbridge Zoning By-Law Section 5 Dimensional Regulations and vote to adopt said By-Law amendment.

**First Reading 4/24/23**

32. Amendments to Southbridge Zoning By-Law Section 9-1 Flood Plain Overlay District and vote to adopt said By-Law amendment.

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33. Amendments to Southbridge Zoning By-Law Section 10 Definitions and vote to adopt said By-Law amendment.

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34. Councilors Forum

35. Discussion of next meeting date –May 8, 2023 - 7:00 PM

36. 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 04/20/2023)