



**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, May 9, 2022 – 7PM
MacKinnon Council Chambers
AGENDA**

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Consider and accept the Town Council Meeting Minutes, Monday, April 25, 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: Update on ARPA Subcommittee Activities
8. Citizens Forum
9. Vote to accept the FY2022 Automated External Defibrillator Grant Award and allow the Town Manager to sign all related documents.
10. Vote to approve the Town Manager's recommendation to appoint Katelyn Spencer of Warren, MA as a Special Traffic Constable for a 3-year term effective immediately through June 30, 2024.
11. Vote to approve the Police Department transfer request for \$10,000.00 from account #001210-511000 Salary to account #001210-548000 Motor Vehicle Parts & Accessories to cover any other unexpected expenses for the remainder of the fiscal year, and allow the Town Manager to sign all related documents.
12. Vote to approve the Police Department transfer request for \$7,500.00 from account #001210-511000 Salary to account #001210-524100 Repair & Maintenance of Motor Vehicle to cover any other unexpected expenses for the remainder of the fiscal year, and allow the Town Manager to sign all related documents.
13. Vote to approve Police Department transfer request for \$25,500.00 from account #001210-511000 Salary to account #001210-585500 Office Equipment to cover the costs associated with the replacement/upgrading of the computers at the police department and allow the Town Manager to sign all related documents.

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14. Vote to approve applying for the 2022 Mass Trails Grant application for \$500,000 to help design and construct the Quinebaug Valley rail Trail and allow the Town Manager to sign any related documents.
15. Amendments to Southbridge Zoning Map to change the following
 - a. Changing 333 East Main Street through 505 East Main Street from Manufacturing to General Business.
 - b. Changing 1, 6, and 28 Sanderdale Road and Map 44, Lot 17 from Manufacturing to General Business.
 - c. Changing 23, 27, 31, and 35 Golf Street from Manufacturing to R2.
 - d. Changing 39 Old Wood Stock Road from Manufacturing to R2.
 - e. Changing 70, 78 Jennison Street from Office Research to R2.
 - f. Changing Map 44, Lot 29, and 37 (Kingsley Street) from Office Research to R2.
 - g. Changing 72 Douty Street, and Map 44, Lots 47, 55, and 56 (Douty Street) from Office Research to Manufacturing.
 - h. Changing 66, 73, 94, 105, 121, 126, 134, and 234 Ashland Avenue from Office Research to Manufacturing.
16. Vote to accept the Warrant for the Town Election on Tuesday June 14, 2022.

First Reading 05/09/2022
17. Ordered: that \$570,000.00 is appropriated to West Street Water Main Improvements that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Town Manager is authorized to borrow \$570,000.00 under Chapter 44 of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes therefore. Any premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

2/3 roll call vote required
18. Ordered: that \$500,000.00 is appropriated to West Street Sewer Main Improvements that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Town Manager is authorized to borrow \$500,000.00 under Chapter 44 of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes therefore. Any premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

2/3 roll call vote required
19. Vote to approve the Water Department transfer request for \$365,000.00 from Fund 0610 Water Retained Earnings to Project #63700 West Street Water Main Replacement increasing available funds for the West Street Improvements Project, and allow the Town Manager to sign all related documents.
20. Vote to approve the Water Department transfer request for \$500,000.00 from Fund 0001 Free Cash to Project #64846 West Street Infrastructure Improvements increasing available funds for the West street Improvements Project to allow for the award of the contract, and allow the Town Manager to sign all related documents.
21. Vote to ratify the contract with Ludlow Construction for West St Infrastructure Improvements Project for \$3,108,577 to be funded from Water, Sewer, CDBG, and Chapter 90 and allow the Town Manager to sign associated contract documents once completed.
22. Vote to ratify contract with BSC Group for Engineering Design Services for River & Crane St Infrastructures Improvements in the amount not to exceed \$255,000 as submitted in the quote dated April 27, 2022. Funding to be provided from Water Capital and Chapter 90.

23. Vote to approve using excess funds in the DPW Salary and Wage Account 01499-511000 to hire for the new position of Maintenance Man/Equipment Operator included in the FY23 budget contingent of funding of the position. The cost to fund the new employee from May 24 to the end of June, would be \$5731.20 (6 weeks) based on the current Union contract.
24. Vote to approve IMA payment to Town of Charlton for FY 21 of \$123,208.34 from Water account 610450.569300 Town of Charlton IMA Payment as required by the Charlton IMA.
25. Vote to approve the transfer request from Water Retained Earnings Account to 610450.569300 Town of Charlton IMA Payment for \$123,208.34 to pay the FY 21 IMA fee and allow the Town Manager to sign all related documents.
26. Vote to approve Change Order No 2 for the South St Transmission Main Improvements and Road Reconstruction Project with Ludlow Construction for a time extension only as a result of delays for pipe and watermain materials due to manufacture delay issues associated with COVID and allow the Town Manager to sign all related documents.
27. Vote to approve Road Improvements of up to \$1,000,000 as proposed in the DPW Recommendations for 2022 Paving Projects dated April 20, 2022 to include Ellis Rd, Mechanic & North St, Moon St, and Coombs St.
28. Vote to approve the proposed job description for IT Director position.
29. Vote to approve the addition of Grade A10 to salary schedule 1 for IT Director position.
30. Sewer Discussion
31. Councilors Forum
32. Discussion of next meeting date – Monday, May 23, 2022 - 7:00 PM.
33. Vote to enter into Executive Session pursuant to MGL Chapter 30A §21, (3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining regarding all collective bargaining units, which if discussed in an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body.

Town Council will adjourn from Executive Session and will NOT reconvene in 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 5/5/2022)