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**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MONDAY, August 7, 2023 – 7PM**  
**MacKinnon Council Chambers**

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TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE  
MASSACHUSETTS

**AGENDA**

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Consider and accept the Town Council Meeting Minutes, Monday, July 24, 2023.
4. Consider and accept the Special Town Council Meeting Minutes, Monday July 31, 2023.
5. 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
6. Chairman's Announcements
7. Town Manager's Announcements
8. Presentation: n/a
9. Citizens Forum
10. Vote to ratify the Employment Agreement between the Town of Southbridge and John D. Jovan as Town Manager, effective August 28, 2023 as specified in the agreement.
11. Vote to appoint Charles T. Blanchard as Interim Town Manager from August 14, 2023 to August 28, 2023.
12. Vote to approve the Town Manager's appointment of Max Gullekson to the Cable Advisory Board for a 2 year-term effective immediately through June 30, 2025, pending completion of state ethics.
13. Vote to approve the Town Manager's promotion of John Jesky as Mechanic effective immediately.
14. Vote to approve the Town Manager's appointment of Michael Corder as Maintenance Man Equipment Operator effective immediately pending completion of state ethics.
15. Vote to approve the Town Manager's appointment of Matthew Trethway as Maintenance Man Equipment Operator effective immediately pending completion of state ethics.
16. Vote to appoint Kevin Splaine to the Board of Health to fill a vacated term effective immediately through June 30, 2025.

17. Vote to appoint Kathleen Alicea-Tilton as Community Service Director for an indefinite term effective immediately.
18. Vote to appoint Kathleen Alicia-Tilton to the Council of Aging for an indefinite term effective immediately.
19. Vote to amend Item 9 from the Town Council Meeting on February 27, 2023 to comply with MGL c.41 §55:  
  
Original Motion: Vote to approve the Town Manager's appointment of Kristine Russel to the Town Accountant position effective immediately.  
  
Amendment: Vote to approve the Town Manager's appointment of Kristine Russell to the Town Accountant position for a 3-year term effective immediately through June 30, 2026.
20. Vote to accept \$1,170.00 in donations to the Fire Department from Laurel Ridge Inc. - Solair Recreation League of Woodstock to the Fire Department to be used at the discretion of the Fire Chief.
21. Vote to move the location of the Animal Shelter from Evergreen Street (Charlton Street Recreation area) to the Department of Public Works Property at 185 Guelphwood Road.
22. Vote to require that repairs to 30 Charlton Street (Sacred Heart Church) be completed by October 1, 2023, adhering to all applicable codes and permitting process (International and Massachusetts Building Codes) to the satisfaction of the Building Inspector and Building Commissioner, pending payment of any outstanding taxes, failure to comply will result in the Town initiating processes to demolish the building.
23. Vote to authorize the Inspector of Buildings to enter upon the premises (18 – 30 Mill St) 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 §7 and authorize the Town Manager to sign any related documentation.
24. Vote to approve a request to use \$490.62 in FY24 funds from #003135-589000-8121 Spec. Appropriation Ambulance Billing to pay the remaining difference of the June FY23 Invoice, balance not covered by previous transfer.
25. Vote to ratify the lease agreement with the Registry of Motor Vehicles and authorize the Town Manager to sign any related documentation.
26. Vote to approve the Town Council Rules and Regulations as amended:  
  
Currently Reads: Rule 4a. "Appointments of Citizen members of Town Council subcommittees shall be terms ending July 31<sup>st</sup> or until new members are appointed."  
  
Proposed Amendment: Rule 4a. "Appointments of Citizen members of Town Council subcommittees shall be terms ending June 30<sup>th</sup>."
27. Vote to recommend the Council Chair request a "Financial Management Review" from the Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Service.
28. Councilors Forum

29. Discussion of next meeting date – Monday, August 21, 2023 - 7:00 PM.

30. 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, S.Lazo 08/03/2023)