



TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
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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, March 13, 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. David Detmold & Liz ColdWind Santana-Kiser: Changing the State Seal
 - b. Darius Panozz of the ZEISS Group: American Optical's Lensometer Celebration and The Optical Heritage Museum
 - c. Proclamation regarding American Optical Wellsworth Lensometer
 - d. Budget Presentation by Town Manager Charlie Blanchard
8. Citizen Forum
9. Vote to confirm the Police Chief's recommendation to appoint Jordahn Witherspoon as a permanent, full time Police Sergeant, State Ethics in good standing, effective immediately for an indefinite period.
10. Vote to confirm the Police Chief's recommendation to appoint Kaiten Neill as a permanent, full time Police Sergeant, State Ethics in good standing, effective immediately for an indefinite period.
11. Vote to confirm the Police Chief's recommendation to appoint Hector Melendez as a permanent fulltime Police Officer for the Town of Southbridge effective immediately upon successful completion of all medical and physical testing as required by Human Resources Civil Service, and State Ethics in good standing.

12. Vote to confirm the Police Chief's recommendation to appoint Cruz Desrochers as a permanent fulltime Police Officer for the Town of Southbridge effective immediately upon successful completion of all medical and physical testing as required by Human Resources Civil Service, graduation from the police academy and State Ethics training.
13. Vote to confirm the Police Chief's recommendation to reappoint Katelyn Jewell as Inspector of Animals, in accordance within the provisions of Section 5, Chapter 129 of MGL, effective May 1, 2023 through April 30, 2024.
14. Vote to confirm the Police Chief's recommendation to appoint Hector Arvelo, as a Special Traffic Constable for a 3-year term effective immediately through June 30, 2026.
15. Vote to confirm the Police Chief's recommendation to appoint Kevin Arena, as a Special Traffic Constable for a 3-year term effective immediately through June 30, 2026.
16. Vote to confirm the Police Chief's recommendation to appoint Matthew Carpenter, as a Special Traffic Constable for a 3-year term effective immediately through June 30, 2026.
17. Vote to confirm the Police Chief's recommendation to appoint Esteban Carrasco Jr, as a Special Traffic Constable for a 3-year term effective immediately through June 30, 2026.
18. Vote to confirm the Police Chief's recommendation to appoint Jonathan Reich, as a Special Traffic Constable for a 3-year term effective immediately through June 30, 2026.
19. Vote to confirm the Police Chief's recommendation to appoint Alex Rodriguez, as a Special Traffic Constable for a 3-year term effective immediately through June 30, 2026.
20. Vote to confirm the Police Chief's recommendation to appoint Lucas Thomas, as a Special Traffic Constable for a 3-year term effective immediately through June 30, 2026.
21. Vote to approve a Police Department transfer request for \$25,000.00 from account #001210-511000 Salary to account #001210-515100 Sick Leave to cover the additional costs of sick leave by officers and dispatchers for the remainder of the fiscal year.
22. Vote to approve a Police Department transfer request for \$3,200.00 from account #001210-511000 Salary to account #001210-519300 Tuition to cover the cost associated with tuition for an additional candidate to attend the April police academy.
23. Vote to approve a Police Department transfer request for \$5,000.00 from account #001210-518100 Witness to account #001210-530000 Specialized Services Professional to cover the costs associated with the pending administration of a Civil Service Assessment Center for the promotion of two (2) Sergeants to the rank of Lieutenant.
24. Vote to accept the MED-Project LLC grant in the amount of \$1,300.00 for the purpose of supporting Law Enforcement Agencies in the collection and disposal of unwanted medicine.
25. Vote for Town Council to waive all permit fees associated with the Fire Station project.

26. Vote to ratify the Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association (MIIA) Health and Dental Insurance Renewal for the Blue Cross/Blue Shield plans effective July 1, 2023 and to authorize the Town Manager to sign all related documents.
27. Vote to ratify the Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association (MIIA) Health and Dental Insurance Renewal for the Blue Medicare RX effective July 1, 2023 and to authorize the Town Manager to sign all related documents.
28. Councilors Forum
29. Discussion of next meeting date –April 10, 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, J. Daniel 03/23/2023)