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DUXBURY, MASS.
OPEN SESSION MINUTES

SELECTBOARD

Present: Cynthia Ladd Fiorini, Chair (via Zoom); Michael McGee, Vice Chair; Amy M. MacNab, Clerk; Brian E. Glennon, II; and Fernando Guitart.

Staff: René Read, Town Manager; and Michelle Seda-Stotts, Principal Assistant

Others: Susan Kelley, Town Clerk; Mark Cloud, Water Superintendent; Pamela Smith, LHDC-Chair; and Ryan Trahan, Environmental Partners

CONVENED IN OPEN SESSION (*in-person and via remote participation by Zoom*)

1. **CALL TO ORDER** This meeting was called to order at approximately 7:00pm.
Pursuant to Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023, this meeting will be conducted in person and, as a courtesy, via remote means in accordance with applicable law. Please note that while an option for remote attendance and/or participation is being provided as a courtesy to the public and board members, the meeting/hearing will not be suspended or terminated if technological problems interrupt the virtual broadcast, unless required by law. A transcript or other comprehensive record of proceedings will be available as soon as possible after the meeting. Members of the public who wish to watch the meeting may do so by viewing the Duxbury Government Access Channels – Verizon 39 or Comcast 9. Viewers can visit www.pactv.org/duxbury for information about Duxbury programming including streaming on Duxbury You Tube, to watch replays and Video on Demand.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLIGIANCE**
3. **OPEN FORUM**

Ms. Ladd Fiorini commented on the Opioid Settlement and how Cities/Towns have not used much of the funds and requested an update for the Town of Duxbury. Mr. Guitart commented that the DBMC is ready to come before the Board and make a presentation regarding shellfish regulations, when there is space on the agenda, they can present. Mr. Read stated he had received the information regarding the amendment to Section 8 – Shellfish regs, and inquired about the Bay Management update. Mr. Guitart stated that they will be ready to present by Thursday. Mr. Glennon thanked all for coming out to submit nomination papers for the Planning Board position, and the Clipper for covering that issue in the paper. As a result of which, we had more people submit nomination papers. Thank you. Mr. Glennon also commented on the First Responders reception and thanked the Village for showing their appreciation to our first responders. Ms. MacNab also commented and thanked the DPW as the unsung heroes of the Town. Ms. Lynne Greenwood, of Health Rights, MA, was there to bring awareness of a recent webinar and other events regarding possible issues with the Covid-19 vaccine.

4. **NEW BUSINESS**

Review and vote on the following election-related items with Town Clerk Susan Kelley:

Ms. Susan Kelley, Town Clerk, thanked Mr. Glennon for mentioning the ad in the Clipper, as a result of which, she had received several nomination papers from potential candidates. There are two candidates for the School Committee for one seat. The Planning Board has six candidates for two seats. Ms. Kelley stated that it is procedural to Call for Annual Town Election.

A. Call for Annual Town Election on March 23, 2024

Ms. MacNab moved that the Selectboard directs the Constable of the Town of Duxbury to notify and warn the inhabitants of Duxbury who are qualified to vote in the Annual Town Election to vote at Precincts One through Six at the Lt. Timothy J. Steele Athletic Building, 130 Saint George Street, Duxbury, Massachusetts on Saturday, March 23, 2024 from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

Seconded by Mr. Glennon Vote: 5:0:0 (Ms. Ladd Fiorini voted via remote)

B. Vote to Opt-in for in-person early voting regarding the Annual Town Election

Ms. Kelley stated she would need to table this motion, because it needs a vote by the Vote of Registrars to bring forward to the Selectboard. Mr. Read inquired when would Ms. Kelley like to reschedule this for. Ms. Kelley stated February 26, 2024, would be fine.

Selectboard did not vote on this item. Ms. Kelley tabled until next meeting on 2/26/24

C. Call for Presidential Primary on March 5, 2024.

Ms. MacNab moved that the Selectboard directs the Constable of the Town of Duxbury to notify and warn the inhabitants of Duxbury who are qualified to vote in the Presidential Primary Election to vote at Precincts One through Six at the Lt. Timothy J. Steele Athletic Building, located at 130 Saint George Street, Duxbury, Massachusetts on Tuesday, the 5th day of March, 2024 from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

Seconded by Mr. Glennon Vote: 5:0:0 (Ms. Ladd Fiorini voted via remote)

D. Vote to authorize change of location and in-person early voting regarding the Presidential Primary.

Ms. MacNab moved that the Selectboard authorize the change of location of the polls from the Lt. Timothy J. Steele Athletic Building, 130 Saint George Street, Duxbury, MA, to the Town Hall, Mural Room, 878 Tremont Street, Duxbury, MA, for **early, in-person voting only** for the Presidential Primary during the following dates and times:

- *Saturday, February 24, 2024 from 9am – 3pm*
- *(no in-person voting on Sunday, February 25, 2024)*
- *Monday, February 26, 2024 from 8am – 7pm (normal business hours)*
- *Tuesday – Thursday, February 27 – February 29 from 8am – 4pm (normal business hours)*
- *Friday, March 1 from 8am – 12:30pm (normal business hours)*

Seconded by Mr. McGee Vote: 5:0:0 (Ms. Ladd Fiorini voted via remote)

Discussion, review and vote on the following March 9, 2024 Annual Town Meeting articles:

Mr. McGee began with article #14 PFAS Prioritization Plan. Mr. Guitart began the presentation and discussed PFAS, PFOA and PFOS. Mr. Guitart also discussed Article #15 – Mitigation Design. Mr. Ryan Trahan, Environmental Partners, additionally commented on the need to get ahead of the changes that are eminently going to happen with regard to PFAS, PFOA and PFOS. Ms. MacNab stated her support for these two articles. Mr. Glennon inquired about using our resources as efficiently as possible and removal of additional contaminants. Mr. Trahan responded that each has to be looked into individually and then prioritize these wells. Ms. Ladd Fiorini also stated the importance of being pro-active to improving our water supply. Mr. McGee expressed his concern for finding the funding for these articles. Mr. Read stated that it needs to be a General Fund project not the Water Department per Ms. MacKinnon.

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| 14 | PFAS Prioritization Plan |
| 15 | PFAS Mitigation Design |
| 20 | Proposed Amendment to Historic District Bylaw – Town Exemptions |
| 21 | Proposed Additions to Local Historic Districts – Wright Bldg. and Bluefish Fire Station |

Ms. MacNab moved that the Selectboard recommend approval to the March 9, 2024 Town Meeting for Article #14, the PFAS Prioritization Plan.

Seconded by Mr. Glennon Vote: 5:0:0 (Ms. Ladd Fiorini voted via remote)

Ms. MacNab moved that the Selectboard recommend approval to the March 9, 2024 Town Meeting for Article #15, the PFAS Mitigation Design.

Seconded by Mr. Glennon Vote: 5:0:0 (Ms. Ladd Fiorini voted via remote)

Ms. Pamela Smith, Local Historic District Comm.-Chair, made the presentation on behalf of the LHCD. They are asking the Town to step up and set the example for other residents to join the Local Historic District.

There was a brief discussion regarding the proposed Amendment to Historic District Bylaw. Mr. McGee is in favor of the new amendment. Mr. Glennon did not agree with proposed changes.

Ms. MacNab moved that the Selectboard recommend approval to the March 9, 2024 Town Meeting for Article #20, Proposed Amendment to Historic District Bylaw – Town Exemptions.

Seconded by Mr. Glennon Vote: 4:1:0 (Mr. Glennon voted Nay)(Ms. Ladd Fiorini voted via remote)

Ms. MacNab commented on the Bluefish Fire Station and the signage for it. It had been restored previously and inquired about having it put back. Ms. Smith stated that they could have a discussion in the near future regarding the signage.

Ms. MacNab moved that the Selectboard recommend approval to the March 9, 2024 Town Meeting for Article #21, the Proposed Additions to Local Historic Districts – Wright Bldg. and Bluefish Fire Station.

Seconded by Mr. Glennon Vote: 5:0:0 (Ms. Ladd Fiorini voted via remote)

Mr. McGee thanked the LHDC for all its hard work.

5. **TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. Read distributed a copy of the Selectboard's long range agenda. There was a brief discussion regarding the Planning Board seat and a date was chosen for the DBMC to present to the Selectboard. Ms. Ladd Fiorini commented on the importance of keeping the matching grant funds at \$250K and felt that with all the projects ahead of us, we would be selling ourselves short by not keeping it at \$250K. Ms. MacNab agreed with Ms. Ladd Fiorini regarding the Matching Grant Funds. Ms. Alicia Babcock, 9 Ocean Rd. South, expressed her support for keeping the Matching Grant Fund at its current amount and possibly increasing it. Mr. McGee stated that it will be on the Agenda for February 12, 2024.

6. **EVENT PERMITS**

Ms. MacNab moved that **Mr. Gary Williamson**, as the President of **Duxbury Youth Baseball**, is granted permission to hold Duxbury Youth Baseball's Opening Day event on Saturday, April 6, 2024 from 8:00am to 12:00pm (approx.) at the Train Field located on Alden Street, contingent upon the conditions of the permit.

Seconded by Mr. Glennon Vote: 5:0:0 (Ms. Ladd Fiorini voted via remote)

7. **MINUTES**

Open Session Minutes

Ms. MacNab moved to approve the **12/04/23** Selectboard Open Session Minutes, as presented and amended.

Seconded by Mr. Glennon Vote: 5:0:0 (Ms. Ladd Fiorini voted via remote)

8. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. 2024 Beach & Transfer Station Stickers

New 2024 Beach and Transfer Station stickers (effective April 1, 2024-March 31, 2025) will be available to purchase on Tuesday, **February 20th**. Stickers can be purchased online by visiting: www.town.duxbury.ma.us and clicking the link to purchase under the "Services" tab on the home page, by calling City Hall Systems at 508-381-5455, or by mailing in or dropping off an application and supporting documents to Stickers Department, Duxbury Town Hall, 878 Tremont Street, Duxbury, MA 02332. Applications are available on the Town website and inside lobby of Town Hall for your convenience. If you are dropping off an application, please drop off in the black secure lockbox behind Town Hall with a self-addressed stamped envelope. Additional information regarding sales and current services can be located on the homepage of the Town's website www.town.duxbury.ma.us.

2. Next Scheduled Selectboard's Meeting will be on Monday, February 12, 2024 at 7:00pm.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. MacNab moved to adjourn at approximately 9:00pm.

Seconded by Mr. Glennon Vote: 5:0:0 (Ms. Ladd Fiorini voted via remote)

Minutes submitted by Michelle Seda-Stotts

List of documents in Selectboard file:

Selectboard Agenda

Motions for Warrant Articles

Motion to Call for Annual Town Meeting & Voting

Motion to Call for Presidential Primary Election

Event Permit Request – DYB Opening Day

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Announcements