

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 20, 2021

Council President calls the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and wishes his wife a Happy Anniversary and gives Zoom information for Public Comment.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilor Stephen Ruggiero, Councilor Barbara Flockhart, Councilor Rob Demarco, Councilor Peter Christopher, Councilor Tracey Honan, Councilor Rich Ferrino, Council Vice President James Letterie, President Philip Boncore

Absent: Councilor LoConte

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor DeMarco

MINUTES

Motion by Councilor Letterie to accept Minutes of April 6, 2021
2nd by Councilor Ferrino

Approve: Councilor Ruggiero, Councilor Flockhart, Councilor Demarco, Councilor Letterie, Councilor Honan,

Councilor Ferrino, Council Vice President Peter Christopher, President Philip Boncore
Motion Passes -0 (Councilor LoConte Absent)

GENERAL INFORMATION & RECOMMENDATIONS

Spring Forum to continue after Town Council Meeting

PUBLIC HEARING

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CORRESPONDENCE

Middle School Zoning Correspondence from several citizens...Joint Meeting with the Planning Board on April 22, 2021

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee

Trash Fee and Enterprise Fund discussed and will continue but did receive more information that will help with discussion.

Discussed the Town Council authorize the payment of \$5,487 for Prior Year Unpaid Bills, voted with a Positive Recommendation.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Requests Director Hurley to give an update on the Covid Current Information

Currently 47.8% have received at least their first dose, just over 9,000 residents.

Demographic Breakdown, 44.1% Caucasian, 45.2% African American 43.7% Hispanic 61.5% Asian

Councilor DeMarco asks about age breakdown?

Only information on 80% over the age of 75 have been vaccinated.

Councilor Letterie thanks Director Hurley and the Schools for the kids being back in school with a smooth transition.

Director Hurley reminds this is April break and must still be tested prior to coming to school if they leave the state.

(Please see Town Website for all Updated Information)

Councilor Ferrino asks about the Barr Grant for the Conservation Agent

Town Manager reports interviews with Winthrop Chelsea and Revere will be this week.

Councilor Letterie extends his sincere thanks to CFO/Assistant Town Manager Anna Freedman who will be leaving the town employment.

Council President agrees and thanks for all the hard work.

Anna Freedman thanks all and appreciated the kind words...it has been a pleasure working with all.

Council President requests an update on the Golf Shed and Dog Park, the Town Manager asks Director Call to bring all up to date....

Director Calla reports that the Dog park specs have been completed, hold up structural drawings for maintenance shed...have received and engineer completing, hoping to award by end of May.

Town Manager Faison will be speaking at the Fall Forum.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Council President reports there was no school committee meeting as schools on vacation.

School getting prepped with new furniture...all has been going well.

Congratulates Football NEC Champs, and the Soccer Teams.... winning season

OLD BUSINESS

Motion by the Finance Committee with a Positive Recommendation to authorize the payment of \$5,487 prior yr. unpaid bills.

No 2nd Needed.

No discussion

Approve: Councilor Ruggiero, Councilor Flockhart, Councilor Demarco, Councilor Letterie, Councilor Honan, Councilor Ferrino, Vice President Peter Christopher, Philip Boncore
Motion Passes 8-0 (Councilor LoConte Absent)

Town Council Employee Evals:

Councilor DeMarco discusses the evals of the town employees In March.

Discusses evaluation scores.

Councilor Letterie thanks committee for their information, the Town Council did have opportunities to put in their own evaluations and asked that these be in the record available for the public.

Comments that we had the same for 14 years and different last year with 0 input from Councilors, this year only 3 Councilors added information. This should not be a motion as values could change and does not agree with the process.

Council President states that this process has taken place last couple years...

Voting to adopt the report not the values....

Motion by the Appointments, Commission and Committees for the acceptance of the report of the of the Town Council Employees, Town Manager, Town Clerk and Council Clerk

No 2nd Needed.

Approve: Councilor Ruggiero, Councilor Flockhart, Councilor Demarco, Councilor Honan, Council Vice President Peter Christopher, President Philip Boncore

Disapprove: Councilor Letterie, Councilor Ferrino

Motion Passes 6-2 (Councilor LoConte Absent)

Councilor Letterie reports that the Trash Fee discussion will be continued

NEW BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Karen Chavis discusses her disappointment in the Evaluations from the Committee, she continues with her disappointment of the Town Manager and his work during the pandemic, thanks all departments who worked with the citizens during this pandemic and questions why his contract was extended.

Council President reiterates that the Town Manager did work with all departments during this pandemic.

14. PUBLIC RELATIONS / UPCOMING EVENTS

Immediate Committee Openings for Airport Hazards, Board of Appeals, Planning Board, & TSAC
Joint Public Hearing with Planning Board-Middle School Zoning on 4-22-21 7:00 PM

16. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilor Letterie to Adjourn at 6:30 PM

2nd by Councilor Ferrino

Approve: Councilor Ruggiero, Councilor Flockhart, Councilor Demarco, Councilor Letterie, Councilor Honan, Councilor Ferrino, Vice President Christopher, President Boncore

Motion Passes 8-0 (Councilor LoConte absent)

SPRING FORUM TO CONTINUE AT 7:00 PM

A DVD of this meeting is available from WCAT / www.youtube.com
Public Documents used in the meeting are available at Town Managers Office. Documents Used in this Meeting:

Handwritten Notes / Committee Openings Documents

Roll Call Log

Written Motions / Verbal Motions

Respectfully submitted,
Town Council Clerk
Denise Quist



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Austin Faison
Town Manager

Town Council Motion

April 1, 2021

Fiscal Year 2021

Motion Summary

Title: Unpaid Bills of a Prior Year (Second Round)
Motion ID: TCM21-021
Amount: \$5,487.00
Funding Source: Current Year Departmental Budgets

Motion Details

Motion Type: Budgetary
Submitted by: Austin Faison, Town Manager
Date Submitted: 04/01/2021

Text of Motion

MOTION: I move that the Town Council vote to authorize Unpaid Bills of a Prior Year to be paid from current year departmental budgets as noted below; or take any other action thereto.

Funding Details

Department	Invoice Description	Amount	Account
Parks and Rec	Nashoba Valley Ski Area (Lessons, Rentals, Lift Tickets)	4,475.00	67163053-535100
Finance	Massachusetts Municipal Association (Job Posting)	400.00	0113554-542300
Building Maintenance	Motion Elevator Corp (Annual Safety Test)	612.00	0119252-524100