

**Savoy Select Board
Meeting Minutes
April 12, 2022**

Members Present: Melanie Glynn and Russell Clarke
Justin Kazcowski (Finance)

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 5:04pm.

The Board acknowledged the resignation of Keith Kupiec on April 4, 2022. The Town Clerk has not provided the Select Board with his letter of resignation, however. A new Chair was selected, Russell Clarke accepted the position.

TOPICS:

- Due to the resignation of Keith Kupiec, the Select Board will fail to have a quorum again until May 12, 2022. Melanie and Keith both had previously planned time off. This will not allow time enough for a warrant to be hung 7 days prior to May 11, 2022, the date of the ATM. The Select Board voted to push the ATM to June 15, at 7pm at the Fire house.
- Keith's seat on the Select Board will need to be filled via a Special Town Meeting sometime in the future, after the ATM.
- Budget:
 - Line by line review with comments from the Board and public. The town faces many decisions to finalize the budget.
 - Adams COA agreement was a discussion topic. The price tag is \$35K. Last year \$29K was appropriated and \$6K came from a formula grant. There was no contract in place when these funds were appropriated. The services to date are disproportionate with cost. Contract needs to be renegotiated with the Adams Select Board. Melanie will send a note to the Adams SB stating we are looking to renegotiate before prior to appropriating the funds to continue.
 - Town Administrator topic brought up. Grant writer... grant writer is not what is needed. We need someone to execute the grants under MGL Chapter 30B and provide the documentation and follow-up required from the grant awarders. Also, provide budget oversight, personnel issues and contract assistance. Table in favor of moving meeting along.
 - School budget – clarification needed as it was noticed FY22 appropriated funds did not equal what was on the school budget for FY22. Justin to follow up. Discussion from Board and public on DESE setting costs. Can we push back on school budget, etc.
 - Highway – building maintenance discussion on what is required.
 - Discussion on shared services pro and cons
 - To be continued May 16 at 5pm.

CORRESPONDCE:

- MVP action grant was required to be signed by May 5th. This was a grant for Chapel Road culverts. A letter of commitment for 10% local share was required. With the changes in the

SB it was determined that we would decline the grant at this time and pursue during a different round. Melanie to let Weston and Sampson know of this change.

- Russ repaired the flagpole rope at the Veteran's memorial.
- Approved Jennifer's days off in June (3, 7, and 9).
- The town missed out on the small bridge program from MassDOT. Mark DeVylder pointed out the New State Bridge over Bog Brook would have been a good candidate. Applications were due, 4/1.

PUBLIC COMMENT: The public was allowed to participate openly during the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:05pm

Approved Date: 5/15/22

Russell Clarke (Chair) 

Melanie Glynn 

Appendix A - Relevant documents:

- Budget FY23
- School budget FY23