

Board of Selectmen's Meeting
Open Session Meeting Minutes
Meeting Conducted Remotely via Zoom

2023 DEC 12 PM 1:18

Members present: Joseph Botaish, Christopher Gallo, William Harrington,

Members absent: Michelle Rouse and James Anderson

Also present: Kevin Sweet, Town Administrator; Amanda Vasapollo, Administrative Assistant; Gregory Enos, Assistant Town Administrator/Human Resources Director

Called to order: The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM by Mr. Botaish. Followed by a roll call for attendance, all members and staff present.

Documentation:

Email from Rob Scotton, Principal Assessor, regarding postponement of tax classification hearing November 7, 2023 Open Session Meeting Minutes

Application to Cultural Council submitted by Eileen Ihrig

Application to Cultural Council submitted by Karen Taillon

Special One Day License Application for James' Breakfast 12/3/23

Special One Day License Application for James' Breakfast 12/16/23

Home Rule Petition Cover Letter

Public Notice re Winter Parking Ban

Announcements:

Mr. Harrington read the following, Turkeywacker 5K Trail Run - Thanksgiving morning starting the Rice Recreation Complex (54 Emerald Street) Bib pick up and registration opens at 7:30AM, race starting at 8:30AM. Register now on the recreation website! The Annual Holiday Lighting Ceremony will take place on the Town Common on Sunday, November 26, 2023 at 6PM. The 2nd Annual Holiday Toy and Children's Book Swap will be held at the Fiske Library on Saturday, November 25 from 10am-1pm. Everything at this event is FREE and donated by our generous community members. If you have gently used toys or children's books that you would like to donate, they can be dropped off here in the Sweatt room on Tuesday 11/21 from 4-8pm or Wednesday 11/22 10-12.

Approval of the Minutes

Motion made by Mr. Gallo, seconded by Mr. Harrington, the Board voted to approve the November 7, 2023 Open Session Meeting Minutes. Followed by a roll call vote, Botaish – yes, Gallo – yes, Harrington – yes. Motion carries, 3-0.

Vote to Place Winter Parking Ban – December 1, 2023 to April 1, 2024

Motion made by Mr. Gallo, seconded by Mr. Harrington, the Board voted to approve and advertise the winter parking ban effective December 1, 2023 to April 1, 2024 during the hours of 6:00PM to 6:00AM. Followed by a roll call vote, Botaish – yes, Gallo – yes, Harrington – yes. Motion carries, 3-0.

6:35PM – Tax Classification Hearing

Motion made by Mr. Harrington, seconded by Mr. Gallo, motion to open the public hearing for the tax classification hearing. Followed by a roll call vote, Botaish – yes, Gallo – yes, Harrington – yes. Motion carries, 3-0.

Motion made by Mr. Harrington, seconded by Mr. Gallo, the Board voted to waive the reading of the public hearing notice. Followed by a roll call vote, Botaish – yes, Gallo – yes, Harrington – yes. Motion carries, 3-0.

Interview of Eileen Ihrig and Karen Taillon for Cultural Council

Eileen Ihrig of 411 Taunton Street; Karen Taillon of 295 Lafayette Ave; and Evelyn Zepf, Chair of the Cultural Council.

Ms. Ihrig spoke, reviewed her resume, background and interest in joining the Cultural Council.

Ms. Taillon spoke, reviewed her resume, background and interest in joining the Cultural Council.

Motion made by Mr. Gallo, seconded by Mr. Harrington the Board voted to appoint Eileen Ihrig to the Cultural Council for a term effective immediately and expiring June 30, 2026. Followed by a roll call vote, Botaish – yes, Gallo – yes, Harrington – yes. Motion carries, 3-0.

Motion made by Mr. Gallo, seconded by Mr. Harrington, the Board voted to appoint Karen Taillon to the Cultural Council for a term effective immediately and expiring June 30, 2026. Followed by a roll call vote, Botaish – yes, Gallo – yes, Harrington – yes. Motion carries, 3-0.

Special One Day License Application – James’ Breakfast & More

Motion made by Mr. Harrington, seconded by Mr. Gallo, the Board voted to approve the Special One Day License Application for James’ Breakfast and More for December 3, 2023 and to authorize the use of electronic signatures. Followed by a roll call vote, Botaish – yes, Gallo – yes, Harrington – yes. Motion carries, 3-0.

Motion made by Mr. Harrington, seconded by Mr. Gallo, the Board voted to approve the Special One Day License Application for James’ Breakfast and More for December 16, 2023 and to authorize the use of electronic signatures. Followed by a roll call vote, Botaish – yes, Gallo – yes, Harrington – yes. Motion carries, 3-0.

Vote to Appoint Shannon Shepherd to Wrentham Elementary School Building Committee as Massachusetts Certified Public Purchasing Official for a term effective immediately and expiring June 30, 2026

Motion made by Mr. Harrington, seconded by Mr. Gallo, the Board voted to appoint Shannon Shepherd to the Wrentham Elementary School Building Committee as the Massachusetts Certified Public Purchasing Official for a term effective immediately and expiring June 30, 2026. Followed by a roll call vote, Botaish – yes, Gallo – yes, Harrington – yes. Motion carries, 3-0.

Vote to Adopt Home Rule Petition

Mr. Harrington read the following into the record,

Dear Senator Rausch and Representative Vaughn, Reference is made to the above-captioned matter. In that connection, the Town of Wrentham hereby petitions the Legislature to pass the attached proposed special legislation as follows: 1. Home New Home Rule Charter: This Charter replaces the prior home rule charter, Section 116 of the Acts of 2014 by adopting the omnibus changes, typographical error corrections, grammatical corrections, and title changes throughout the Town Charter. I am also

attaching certified votes of the Wrentham Special Town Meeting Thank you for your attention to this matter. Sincerely, Joseph F. Botaish II. Selectmen, Chair

Mr. Sweet spoke, reviewed the procedural process for adopting home rule petitions and submitting to the legislature.

Motion made by Mr. Gallo, seconded by Mr. Harrington the Board voted to submit to the Great and General Court home rule petition as authorized at the November 13, 2023 Town Meeting as Article 8 and to authorize the use of electronic signatures. Followed by a roll call vote, Botaish – yes, Gallo – yes, Harrington – yes. Motion carries, 3-0.

Update on Annual Holiday Lighting Ceremony

The Board discussed the plans for the Annual Holiday Lighting Ceremony on November 26, 2023.

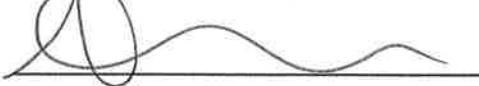
Town Administrator's Report

Mr. Sweet spoke, provided the Board with an update on the collaboration with Wrentham Public Schools for the joint Facilities Manager role, which will be filled by Glenn Gillespie. Mr. Sweet noted that going forward, Capital Planning will be under the direction of Mike King, Finance Director/Treasurer-Collector.

Adjournment

Motion made by Mr. Gallo, seconded by Mr. Harrington the Board voted to adjourn the open session meeting at 7:08PM. Followed by a roll call vote, Botaish – yes, Gallo – yes, Harrington – yes. Motion carries, 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Amanda Vasapallo', written over a horizontal line.

Amanda Vasapallo, Executive Assistant