

TOWN OF FALMOUTH
SELECT BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2022 – 6:00 P.M.

LAWRENCE SCHOOL
113 LAKEVIEW AVENUE
FALMOUTH, MA 02540

ROOM 105

The Select Board may discuss and vote appropriate action on any item listed on this Agenda unless a different disposition is noted.

Select Board Members present: Doug Brown, Chair; Nancy Taylor, Vice Chair; Megan English Braga; Sam Patterson; Onjalé Scott Price.

Staff present: Julian Suso, Town Manager; Peter Johnson-Staub, Assistant Town Manager.

1. Call to order by Chair Brown at 6pm.
2. Interview, vote and appoint member to Barnstable County Assembly of Delegates

a. Daniel Gessen

Mr. Gessen ran for the Assembly in 2020, County government is unique, the most robust County government by far, shared issues in the county include wastewater management, affordable housing, and the business climate. With the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding, the role of the County has grown. He agrees with the Town position on ARPA funding, there is little benefit to the battle in the county government. The ARPA is meant to relieve pressures by the pandemic upon local businesses and infrastructure. There are plans in County government to distribute regionally, but they would not do that as efficiently as the towns could.

Mr. Gessen explained that the issue he had with the MA Office of Campaign and Political Finance (OCPF) was a miscommunication regarding whether his campaign was, which it had not been for two years and the OCPF was looking to waive the fee he was charged due to the error.

Mr. Gessen will be able to meet the demands of the position. He plans to attend the meetings in person, at this time he will attend additional meetings remotely and in person once he graduates and is back in the area.

b. Jack O'Connor

Mr. O'Connor has lived in Falmouth since 1999, recently retired, and has a lot of time available. He would like to give back to the community. He has always followed what is going on here, enjoyed living here, great way for him to use his 35 years in finance background. He has had relationships with large cities, experience interacting with towns, cities, both local and nationally. He can make his experience available and dedicate time to the position.

He has watched Assembly meetings. He would like to serve the Town, feels that the ARPA funds allocation should go to the Towns directly. At the county level there is a situation of people having a certain amount of money and will not have it next year. There is significant value in the services the County provides, and a place for it. He supports government running as basic as possible.

Major issues Falmouth is facing that will be invested in include, wastewater treatment and treatment of all waters, affordable housing, and transportation.

The Select Board commented that the EDIC would benefit from him with his finance and business background and a piece they always need support with.

c. *Robert Volosevich (pending receipt of application)* no application received.

Mr. Patterson motion to appoint Gessen as member to Barnstable County Assembly of Delegates. Second Dr. Taylor. Vote: Yes-5. No-0.

3. Application for a New All Alcoholic Beverages Common Victualler License – Tiger Ramen, Inc. d/b/a Tiger Ramen located at 587 Main Street, Falmouth, continued from March 28, 2022

The abutters list was determined to be done sufficiently, it does not include someone who has a business across the street; all abutters were contacted and notified.

Ms. English Braga motion approval. Second Dr. Taylor. Vote: Yes-5. No-0.

4. Authorize the Town Manager and Town Counsel to respond to Open Meeting Law complaint filed by Ronald Beatty re: Select Board meetings of March 14, March 22, and March 29, 2022

Dr. Taylor motion to authorize. Second Ms. Scott Price. Vote: Yes-5. No-0.

5. Discuss/Vote Motions and Reports to Town Meeting as Needed
 - a. Discussion and vote on Town Meeting Article 26 to clarify language as follows: “. . . with the first election being held at the next municipal election”.

Ms. English Braga motion approval. Second Dr. Taylor. Vote: Yes-5. No-0.

6. Discuss, Consider and Vote Date for November 2022 Town Meeting

Monday 11/14/22

Mr. Patterson motion to set Monday November 14, 2022, as the November 2022 Town Meeting date. Second Dr. Taylor. Vote: Yes-5. No-0.

7. Other Business As Needed

Ms. Scott Price asked that at the next meeting the Select Board discuss a joint meeting with the Affordable Housing Committee.
8. **Ms. English Braga motion to adjourn at approximately 6:30pm. Second Dr. Taylor. Vote: Yes-5. No-0.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Chaves
Recording Secretary