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3/27/2023 - Minutes

I. Pledge Of Allegiance

President Paré' called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and lead the Council and the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

Members Present:

Justin Paré
Patrick Reynolds
Mark Gould
Andrea Slobogan
Andy Shanahan
Daniel Donovan

Members Absent:

Darius Gregory
Kathleen Prescott
John Simmons

Staff Present:

Town Manager Mike Borg
Assistant Town Manager Antonio Morabito III
Fire Chief Chris Coleman

Invited Guests:

Senator Feeney
State Representative Adam Scanlon
Melinda Bernado
Timothy Mason
Jessica Marino
Stacy Martin
Marguerite Garafalo
Andrea Pariseau
Melissa Jean
Andrew Kasianowicz
Dr. Karen Maguire Superintendent of Tri-County Regional Vocational HS
Dan Haynes Business Manager of Tri-County Regional Vocational HS

Residents Present:

Rachel Weiss
Katie Antonitus

Documents Reviewed:

- Town Council Minutes from the March 13, 2023 Meeting
- Town Council Executive Session Minutes of March 13, 2023
- Town Manager's Report March 27, 2023
- Measure 2023-045- Confirmation of Reappointments and New Appointments to Boards, Commissions, and Committees
- Measure 2023-010-Procedure for Naming and Memorializing Bridges Streets, & other Public Areas in the Town of North Attleborough.
- Tri-County Regional Vocational Technical School Building Project Power Point Presentation

II. Approval Of Minutes

- a. Approval of Town Council Minutes of March 13, 20223

Councilor Reynolds moved to approve the Town Council Meeting Minutes of March 13, 2023.

Councilor Shanahan seconded the motion.

Motion carried 6-0. UNANIMOUS

- b. Approval of Town Council Executive Session Minutes of March 13, 2023

Councilor Reynolds moved to approve the Town Council Executive Session Meeting Minutes of March 13, 2023. Minutes to be approved only, and not released.

Councilor Shanahan seconded the motion.

Motion carried 6-0. UNANIMOUS

III. Town Councilor Community Announcements

- a. Senator Feeney to address the Council and the Public

Senator Feeney was in attendance and gave both the Town Council and the Public an update of what the Senate is currently working on.

Topics:

- Banking/Insurance
- Member of Weights and Measures
- Anything that has to do with the Budget he puts his fingerprint on.
- Making sure that each district is well represented in the Senate.
- Currently Budget Season FY24 with the new Governor-Change of administration- therefore it came out a little later than usual.
- Stabilization Fund is at record levels. Great Stabilization Fund.
- Education Funding is very important.

- 14% increase
- MSBA Projects discussions.
- Two Very important issues:
 - Housing- very important issue. More housing is needed on the spectrum. "Everything, Everywhere, all at once!"
 - Economic Development -We want more people in your downtown!
 - State money
 - Grants
 - Cooperative Grants
 - Federal Grants
 - Incentives
 - Outliers – Emerald Square Mall- What can we do at the mall?

Items discussed amongst the Town Council, Senator Feeney, and State Representative Adam Scanlan included:

- Ten-Mile River Dredging
- MSBA for Tri-County
- MSBA for new High School
- PFAS
- New Fire Station
- Elementary School maintenance
- Push for more Public Safety
- Senior Center

Senator Feeney will be at the Town Hall in the Lower-Level Conference Room on Friday, April 21, 2023 from 10:00AM – 11:00AM to meet with residents and answer any questions or concerns they may have. Discussion could include housing, rent, travel, transportation, legislation etc.

Congratulations to Paul Belham for being named "Small Business Owner of the Year".

IV. Town Manager Report

Town Manager Michael Borg gave an overview of the Town Manager Report. Items he reviewed included:

- Emergency Management -Updates
- Communications-Updates
- Operations-Updates? Budget -Updates
- Personnel-Updates

V. Resident And Community Comment

Rachel Weiss and Katie Antonitus were in attendance and addressed the Town Council to inform them of their Open Umbrella Foundation Golf Tournament Fund Raiser on May 25th, 2023. This fundraiser will help the less fortunate residents of North Attleboro and help to assist them with food and clothing. Looking for support from the Council and the residents.

VI. Confirmations

- a. Measure 2023-045- Confirmation of Reappointments and New Appointments to Boards, Commissions, and Committees

To confirm Appointments & Reappointments made by the Town Manager for Boards, Committees and Commissions that have members whose term has expired, or vacancies.

Board/Commission/Committee Appointment/Reappointment Term to Expire:

Board of Assessors:

John Bellissimo Reappointment 6/30/2026

Board of Health:

Johnathan Maslen Reappointment 6/30/2026

Charter Review Committee:

Melinda Bernado Appointment 6/30/2024

Timothy Mason Appointment 6/30/2026

John Donohue Reappointment 6/30/2026

Conservation Commission:

Jessica Marino Appointment 6/30/2026

Clayton Hutchinson Reappointment 6/30/2026

Commission on Disabilities:

Melinda Berando Appointment 6/30/2024

Stacy Martin Appointment 6/30/2025

Marguerite Garafalo Appointment 6/30/2026

Annette Eaton Reappointment 6/30/2026

Daniel Knight Reappointment 6/30/2026

Council on Aging:

Andrea Pariseau Appointment 6/30/2026

Nancy Shevchuk Reappointment 6/30/2026

Anne Lonzo Reappointment 6/30/2026

Cultural Council:

Melissa Jean Appointment 6/30/2026

Andrew Kasianowicz Appointment 6/30/2026

Elections Commissioners:

Nancy Vigorito Reappointment 6/30/2027

Historical Commission:

Derek Cameron Reappointment 6/30/2026

Library Board of Trustees:

Frank Rodrigues Reappointment 6/30/2026

Ruth Sullivan Reappointment 6/30/2026

Licensing Board:

Deputy Michael Chabot Reappointment 6/30/2026

Municipal Building Committee:

Deborah Kohl Reappointment 6/30/2026

Arthur Higginbotham Reappointment 6/30/2026

Planning Board:

Gregory Walsh Reappointment 6/30/2026

Town Forest:

Martin Grealish Reappointment 6/30/2026

Zoning Board of Appeals:

Kristen Magas Reappointment 6/30/2026

All of the new appointments were given the opportunity to address the Council. Each of the appointments were confirmed, they were congratulated, and thanked for their willingness to serve the Town in this capacity.

Councilor Reynolds made a motion to confirm the Appointments & Reappointments made by the Town Manager for Boards, Committees and Commissions that have members whose term has expired, or vacancies as listed.

Councilor Shanahan seconded the motion.

Motion carried 6-0. UNANIMOUS

VII. Sub-Committee Reports

a. Finance

Nothing to report at this time.

b. Economic Growth & Sustainability

Nothing to report at this time.

c. By-Law

- i. UPDATE on Measure 2023-010-Procedure for Naming and Memorializing Bridges Streets, & other Public Areas in the Town of North Attleborough.

d. Rules

Nothing to report at this time.

e. School Committee Representative

Nothing to report at this time.

f. Communication, Public Participation, & Engagement

Nothing to report at this time.

g. Local Emergency Planning

Nothing to report at this time.

VIII. Old Business

None at this time.

IX. New Business

- a. Update from the Tri-County Regional Vocational Technical High School Superintendent and Business Manager on the Tri-County School Building

Superintendent Dr. Karen Maguire and Business Manager Dan Haynes were in attendance to update the Council and the Public on the TriCounty Vocational High School Building Project. Dr. Maguire presented a power-point and reviewed the timeline for the MSBA Project.

Regional Community-wide vote to fund the project -Oct 2023

District Vote Process:

- District Ballot Election - Chapter 71 Section 16(n) (October 2023)
- Debt Issue - 30-year bond
- Debt repayment assessment based on October 1 enrollment annually.
- Assumed 5 pupil minimum for capital debt assessment.

There was discussion amongst the Council, Dr. Maguire and Mr. Haynes

regarding the voting process between all 11 Communities.

- b. Measure 2023-046- - Approval to Reappropriate \$19,800.00 from previously approved Free Cash Measure 2022-051 for additional funding of Master Plan

Purpose and Justification:

The Master Plan cost to the Town is \$40,000. Town Council previously funded \$20,000 for the Master Plan in Measure 2022-089. This measure is to request to reappropriate \$19,800.00 from Measure 2022-051-Land Use Planning \$110,000.00 (MUNIS 30175251-530007) to fund the remaining balance of the Master Plan.

The Town of North Attleborough was awarded a \$110K grant for the Stantec projects from the Community Planning & Housing Choice Program by the Department of Housing and Community Development. This grant is now funding the remainder of the projects from the RFP with Stantec.

The Town Manager requested that this measure be referred to the Finance Sub-Committee for further discussion and review.

Councilor Reynolds made a motion to refer Measure 2023-046-Approval to Reappropriate \$19,800.00 from previously approved Free Cash Measure 2022-051 for funding of the Town's Master Plan to the Finance Sub-Committee.

Councilor Shanahan seconded the motion.

Motion carried 6-0. UNANIMOUS

X. Executive Session

President Pare' announced that the Council would be entering into Executive Session at 8:58PM and would not be returning back into Open Session. They would be adjourning right from Executive Session.

Councilor Reynolds made a motion to go into Executive Session.

Councilor Shanahan seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Councilor Slobogan- yes

Councilor Shanahan- yes

Councilor Reynolds -yes

President Pare'- yes

Councilor Gould- yes

Councilor Donovan- yes

Motion carried 6-0. UNANIMOUS

- a. M.G.L. c.30A, Sec. 21(a), Sec.3-To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares.
- b. M.G.L. c.30A, Sec.21(a), Sec.6- To consider the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real estate, if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body.

XI. Adjournment