

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 8, 2020**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mr. Christopher R. Carreiro, Chairman  
Mr. Derek W. Heim, Vice Chairman  
Mr. Steven H. Kitchin, Clerk

**ALSO PRESENT:** Ms. Mallory Aronstein, Town Administrator  
Mr. Jordan Remy, Administrative Assistant

A regular Board of Selectmen meeting was held on Tuesday, December 8, 2020, at the Swansea School Administration Building, One Gardners Neck Road, Swansea, Massachusetts.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Carreiro led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPOINTMENT – AWARD OF BOND – TREASURER/TAX COLLECTOR ELIZABETH LEONARDO**

Mr. Carreiro asked Mrs. Leonardo to step forward, and Ms. Aronstein led the discussion.

Ms. Aronstein said that Mrs. Leonardo went to the bond market and sold some bonds, which is our version of refinancing. She said Mrs. Leonardo will explain the particulars, and noted the Board of Selectmen have to make a series of votes in order to move forward with this.

Mrs. Leonardo stated that on Monday we went out to bid for the Medeiros Farm and also at that time refunded the general obligation bonds for 2010. She stated the total amount we went out for was \$3,335,000.00 at a rate of 5% and actually received a premium from Fidelity Capital Markets in the amount of \$698,726.00, which brings the interest payable over the next ten years down from \$778,000.00 to \$79,000.00.

For this bond, we will only be borrowing \$3.1 million at a rate of ½% and the premium will cover the cost of borrowing.

Mrs. Leonardo said eight companies bid on the bond.

Mr. Carreiro opened it up to his colleagues.

Mr. Heim said it looks favorable and had no concerns at this time.

Mr. Kitchin commended her for pursuing this.

Mr. Kitchin read the vote of the Board of Selectmen. *(Attached to back of minutes)*

**MOTION** made by Mr. Steven H. Kitchin and seconded by Mr. Derek W. Heim, to accept and award the bonds.

ALL IN FAVOR – UNANIMOUS.

**RESCIND APPOINTMENT – FULL TIME POLICE OFFICER – APPOINTED ON OCTOBER 13, 2020**

Geoffrey Stanley, East Providence, RI

Police Chief George Arruda was present.

On October 13, 2020, Chief Arruda respectfully requested the appointment of Geoffrey Stanley to attend the full time police academy that starts on January 4<sup>th</sup> in Barnstable County.

Chief Arruda said he has been advised that Mr. Stanley has been unable to pass and complete the physical agility test to enter the police academy due to an injury.

Chief Arruda respectfully requested the Board of Selectmen rescind the appointment of Geoffrey Stanley at this time.

Chief Arruda said Geoffrey Stanley is still a full-time dispatcher, well within the working operations of the organization, and in the future when an opening occurs, said we will be back here and he will be physically able to complete the physical agility test for the police academy.

Mr. Carreiro confirmed Mr. Stanley is a full-time dispatcher and a reserve police officer.

**MOTION** made by Mr. Derek W. Heim and seconded by Mr. Steven H. Kitchin, to rescind the appointment of Geoffrey Stanley that was appointed on October 13, 2020, without prejudice.  
ALL IN FAVOR – UNANIMOUS.

**APPOINTMENT – FULL TIME POLICE OFFICER – EFFECTIVE JANUARY, 2021**

Ethan Bouchard, Swansea, MA

Chief Arruda advised the Board of Selectmen that the director of the Barnstable Police Academy has been gracious enough to hold the seat we secured for Mr. Stanley for Mr. Bouchard upon receipt of a letter of appointment.

Chief Arruda respectfully requested the appointment of Ethan Bouchard, Coolidge Street, Swansea, as a full-time police officer.

Reserve Police Officer Bouchard has completed a written examination, physical ability test, background examination, psychological examination and medical examination. He has also worked police dispatch shifts and trained in the Field Training Program. It was noted Officer Bouchard was appointed as a Reserve Police Officer by the Board of Selectmen on December 10, 2019.

Chief Arruda said the appointment would be effective on the first day of the police academy, January 4, 2021.

**MOTION** made by Mr. Steven H. Kitchin and seconded by Mr. Derek W. Heim, to appoint Ethan Bouchard of Swansea, to be a full time Swansea Police Officer effective January 4, 2021.  
ALL IN FAVOR – UNANIMOUS.

Ms. Aronstein noted all paperwork is complete for everyone on the license renewal list.

**SUNDAY SHOOTING LICENSE RENEWAL**

Somerset Sportsmans Club, Inc. 262 Baker Road

**MOTION** made by Mr. Derek W. Heim and seconded by Mr. Steven H. Kitchin, to approve the Sunday Shooting License renewal.

ALL IN FAVOR – UNANIMOUS.

**CLASS I AUTO LICENSE RENEWAL**

Bristol Toyota, Inc. 2283 G.A.R. Highway

Route 6 Auto Mall Kia, 1049 G.A.R. Highway

Schmidt Equipment, Inc., 2397 G.A.R. Highway

**MOTION** made by Mr. Derek W. Heim and seconded by Mr. Steven H. Kitchin, to approve.

ALL IN FAVOR – UNANIMOUS.

**CLASS II AUTO LICENSE RENEWAL**

Adrenaline Cycle, 2555 G.A.R. Highway

Auto Gals, Inc., 1668 G.A.R. Highway

Automix Motor Group, LLC, 1500 G.A.R. Highway

Best Choice Auto Market, 1596 G.A.R. Highway

Brad's Auto Center, 1575 G.A.R. Highway

Bristol County Auto Exchange, 2388 G.A.R. Highway

Bristol Toyota, Inc. 2283 G.A.R. Highway

Columbus Auto Sales, Inc. 1492 G.A.R. Highway

Crestwood Auto Sales, Inc. 1720 G.A.R. Highway

Derek's Auto Repair, LLC, 549 Wilbur Avenue

Kostyas Auto Sales, Inc. 2093 G.A.R. Highway

Route 6 Auto Mall, 1049 G.A.R. Highway

Showcase Auto Sales, 2113 G.A.R. Highway

The Board of Selectmen reviewed the Class II Auto License renewal list.

Mr. Carreiro said he would be abstaining on Bristol County Auto Exchange, 2388 G.A.R. Highway, due to a conflict.

**MOTION** made by Mr. Derek W. Heim and seconded by Mr. Steven H. Kitchin, to approve the balance of Item 6 with the exception of Adrenaline Cycle, 2555 G.A.R. Highway, Bristol County Auto Exchange, 2388 G.A.R. Highway, and Kostyas Auto Sales, Inc., 2093 G.A.R. Highway.

ALL IN FAVOR – UNANIMOUS.

Mr. Heim said he has no interest to renew Adrenaline Cycle's license. He said he voted the same way last year.

Mr. Heim has concerns with his business practices and complaints he's received, and is not satisfied with how Adrenaline Cycle is doing business the way he would expect in Swansea.

Mr. Carreiro said he would like to follow up with the complainant to find out exactly what the complaint is.

Mr. Kitchin said at this point, it seems prudent to get more facts regarding this applicant and renewal, and it is appropriate to table until the next meeting. He asked the town administrator and her designee to investigate with this complainant and make Adrenaline Cycle aware that the Board of Selectmen has questions and would afford them the opportunity through ZOOM or any other means to appear before them.

No action was taken.

**MOTION** made by Mr. Steven H. Kitchin and seconded by Mr. Derek W. Heim, to renew the Class II Auto License of Bristol County Auto Exchange, 2388 G.A.R. Highway.

Mr. Christopher R. Carreiro abstained.

MOTION PASSED BY MAJORITY

Mr. Kitchin voiced concerns with Kostyas Auto Sales. He said this is an ongoing concern with parking of vehicles and the number of vehicles at this establishment. He said it has come to the Board's attention there are some business practices going on at Kostyas Auto Sales that need their review.

Mr. Kitchin said he would like to hear from the complainant and the owner as to why repeatedly there are more cars on lot that are permitted for, as well as other violations. He encouraged the Board to delay action until their next meeting prior to January 1<sup>st</sup>.

No action was taken.

### **CLASS III AUTO LICENSE RENEWAL**

Swansea Al's Parts, Inc. 566 Bark Street

**MOTION** made by Mr. Derek W. Heim and seconded by Mr. Steven H. Kitchin, to approve.

ALL IN FAVOR – UNANIMOUS.

### **ON-PREMISE ALL ALCOHOL LICENSE RENEWAL**

**MOTION** made by Mr. Derek W. Heim and seconded by Mr. Steven H. Kitchin, with discussion to approve the following:

American Legion, Inc. Post 303, 73 Ocean Grove Avenue

Gridiron Sports Bar, 2416 G.A.R. Highway

Happy Clam, 378 Ocean Grove Avenue

Hoy Tin Restaurant, 630 G.A.R. Highway

Swansea Country Club, 299 Market Street

Touisset Country Club, 221 Pearse Road

UMI Japanese Steakhouse, 1027 G.A.R. Highway

Venus de Milo Restaurant, 75 G.A.R. Highway

V.F.W. Post 2045, 130 Main Street

Mr. Christopher R. Carreiro abstained from the Venus de Milo

MOTION PASSED BY MAJORITY

In light of the eventual closing of the Venus de Milo, Mr. Kitchin requested that the Venus de Milo provide the Board of Selectmen with a ninety-day update on the status of their business. He stated the Venus de Milo has been a valued contributor to this community and has stepped forward on many occasions. In fairness to them, Mr. Kitchin said he feels we should continue with the approval this license.

Mr. Heim asked Chief Arruda to weigh in on if there were any concerns on these applicants.

Chief Arruda said there were no complaints this year.

**ON PREMISE BEER & WINE LICENSE RENEWAL**

One Horse Pizzeria and Saloon, 1635 G.A.R. Highway  
Plaza Pizza II, 544 Milford Road

**MOTION** made by Mr. Derek W. Heim and seconded by Mr. Steven H. Kitchin, to approve.  
ALL IN FAVOR – UNANIMOUS.

For discussion purposes, Mr. Heim asked Chief Arruda if there have been any concerns with these establishments.

Chief Arruda replied there have been no police problems.

**OFF-PREMISE ALL ALCOHOL LICENSE RENEWAL**

Buffington Mini Mart, 75 Buffington Street  
Singha Liquors, 27 Market Street  
Towne Liquors, 391 Wilbur Avenue  
Yankee Spirits, 207 Swansea Mall Drive, Unit 1A

**MOTION** made by Mr. Derek W. Heim and seconded by Mr. Steven H. Kitchin, to approve.  
ALL IN FAVOR – UNANIMOUS.

For discussion purposes, Mr. Heim asked Chief Arruda if there have been any concerns with these establishments.

Chief Arruda replied there have been no police problems or complaints.

**OFF-PREMISE BEER & WINE LICENSE RENEWAL**

Swansea Shell, 2345 G.A.R. Highway

**MOTION** made by Mr. Derek W. Heim and seconded by Mr. Steven H. Kitchin, to approve.  
ALL IN FAVOR – UNANIMOUS.

For discussion purposes, Mr. Carreiro asked Chief Arruda if there have been any concerns with this establishment.

Chief Arruda replied there have been no police problems.

**AMUSEMENT DEVICE LICENSE RENEWAL**

Gridiron Sports Bar, 2416 G.A.R. Highway  
Happy Clam, 378 Ocean Grove Avenue  
Hoy Tin Restaurant, 630 G.A.R. Highway  
National Entertainment Network, Broomfield, CO- Device located in Hoy Tin Restaurant, 630 G.A.R. Highway  
National Entertainment Network, Broomfield, CO – Devices located in Walmart, 54 Cousineau Drive  
V.F.W. Post 2045, 130 Main Street

**MOTION** made by Mr. Derek W. Heim and seconded by Mr. Steven H. Kitchin, to approve.  
ALL IN FAVOR – UNANIMOUS.

Mr. Carreiro asked Chief Arruda if there was any discussion.

Chief Arruda said during the summer there were neighborhood noise complaints with the devices within the Happy Clam, but nothing to the level that he would bring it up to the Board of Selectmen at this time.

**ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE RENEWAL**

Gridiron Sports Bar, 2416 G.A.R. Highway  
Happy Clam, 378 Ocean Grove Avenue  
Hoy Tin Restaurant, 630 G.A.R. Highway  
Swansea Country Club, 299 Market Street  
UMI Japanese Steakhouse, 1027 G.A.R. Highway

**MOTION** made by Mr. Steven H. Kitchin and seconded by Mr. Derek W. Heim, to approve.  
ALL IN FAVOR – UNANIMOUS.

For discussion purposes, Mr. Heim asked Chief Arruda if there have been any concerns with these establishments.

Chief Arruda said to move his comments from Item 12 to Item 13 for the Happy Clam.

**TRASH ABATEMENTS – (attached)**

**MOTION** made by Mr. Derek W. Heim and seconded by Mr. Steven H. Kitchin, to approve the following trash abatements for December 4, 2020 in the amount of \$120.00, and December 4, 2021 in the amount of \$621.23. *(Attached to back of minutes)*  
ALL IN FAVOR – UNANIMOUS.

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

**Resignation of Assistant Town Clerk**

Ms. Aronstein announced the resignation of the Assistant Town Clerk as of January 4<sup>th</sup>. She thanked her very much for her years of service, and said she will be missed.

Ms. Aronstein said we will proceed with posting per the union contract.

Mr. Carreiro said this is sad news. He commented that Stacy is a very dedicated worker. She has worked in multiple departments over the years and he appreciates her years of service. He said he is sad to see her go to another community.

Mr. Heim concurred. He said Stacy has been a staple in Swansea for quite awhile, and is truly invested in this community. He wished her nothing but the best in her new venture.

Mr. Kitchin said when he received the email about Stacy's resignation, he immediately called the Town Clerk's Office and had a conversation with Stacy. She indicated she has 24 years of service to Swansea.

Mr. Kitchin concurred Stacy is always pleasant with a smile on her face, and named numerous responsibilities she's had in terms of our town government. She's done a great job, and he is sorry to see her leave. She will be missed.

Ms. Aronstein said she hasn't known Stacy very long, but it's clear she's a great employee and thanked her for her service.

### Review – Alcohol License Policy

Ms. Aronstein said she has drafted an Alcoholic Beverage policy. She said she doesn't expect a vote tonight, but wanted to present it to the Board of Selectmen for their review.

Ms. Aronstein said she ran the policy by Janet, and sent it over to the Police Department, as it gives them a role in it as well to screen applicants.

Mr. Kitchin said this is refreshing news that we are this close to adoption. This policy will make it clear to present and future boards and applicants exactly what the expectations and processes are, and he is looking forward to taking action on this at the next meeting.

Chief Arruda commented the policy was reviewed by the two lieutenants, and he is 100% with it, thinks it is excellent, and is on board with it.

Mr. Kitchin added this is something he's been pushing for three years.

Mr. Heim asked if there was anything in the policy regarding extending hours and gave New Year's Eve as an example.

Ms. Aronstein said there is something in the policy about changing hours, but not temporary changes. It could be added to the policy.

Mr. Carreiro noted when he was a School Committee member, there were three readings of a policy before it was adopted. Occasionally, if something needed to be done expeditiously, we waived that policy. He recommended this be the first reading of the policy.

Mr. Kitchin asked Mr. Carreiro if he felt a second and third reading would be necessary.

Mr. Carreiro said not necessarily. He hasn't had a chance to read it thoroughly at this time, but doesn't think he'll have many objections, and maybe at next meeting we can adopt the policy.

### Discussion of Interim Police Chief & Search Update

Ms. Aronstein said in speaking with Bernie Lynch of Community Paradigm, the process will be taking longer than originally anticipated. In the interest of continuing our services, the idea of an Interim Chief came up.

Ms. Aronstein said thirty one applications were received. They were all impressive and tough to narrow down.

Ms. Aronstein said the interview process will be a vigorous interview process and will probably take three weeks to a month from this moment.

Mr. Heim asked where we were in the process.

Ms. Aronstein said the applicants have been narrowed down to ten. They will be sitting for an informal interview with her and Mr. Lynch.

There will be a panel of three in the second phase that will include Mr. Lynch and two professionals experienced in this type of business.

Ms. Aronstein said the goal is three finalists to be interviewed by the Board of Selectmen in the third and final phase.

Mr. Heim suggested that Chief Arruda sit in on the final phase. He said although he would not have a vote, he would like to have his perspective.

Mr. Kitchin said he thinks it would be wise to have Chief Arruda's input in the last phase, and it would benefit us. He encouraged the Board of Selectmen to find a way to have Chief Arruda at that table.

Mr. Heim commented there will be a perspective and questions he will have as a non-police person. This is an extremely important role for this community and there's a component he doesn't feel he's completely equipped in making a decision for.

Mr. Carreiro said he has no objection at all, and feels it is important to have the Chief integrated in this process.

Mr. Heim said he appreciates that. Given the years in service and his commitment to the community, it would be appropriate.

Chief Arruda said he truly appreciates the Board of Selectmen's comments. When he announced his retirement in early October, he told the Board he would be here for a seamless transition and is here to help all he can.

Mr. Kitchin noted Chief Arruda's retirement date of January 1, 2021, and our ability to appoint a new Chief by January 1<sup>st</sup> is not likely to happen at that time.

Ms. Aronstein said it could be an additional month. She said she asked Chief Arruda if he would be interested in continuing as Interim Chief, and he said he would be willing.

Chief Arruda said if the Board of Selectmen and Ms. Aronstein would like him to stay on, he would do it. He is more than willing to stay until they select a new Chief so there is a seamless transition.

Mr. Carreiro said he feels it is the consensus of the Board that they would like Chief Arruda to stay on as Interim Chief.

Mr. Carreiro stated at the next Board of Selectmen meeting, the Board will appoint Chief Arruda as Interim Chief for a set duration of time, and if they need to extend the time, they will do that.

Mr. Heim asked that this be on the next agenda.

#### Update – Covid -19

Ms. Aronstein reported there are 229 active cases in Swansea at this time. The town has been designated high risk for four consecutive weeks.

Officially, we are at Phase 3 Step 1, and town services have been scaled back. Information on town services can be found on the Town of Swansea's new Facebook page.

Ms. Aronstein said the employees of Swansea are still working and are in the building. The public can call to make an appointment when necessary.

Ms. Aronstein said there is a Covid Task Force meeting scheduled for Monday for updates.



Mr. Kitchin asked Ms. Aronstein if Covid Emergency Funding has been extended with the Governor's step back.

Ms. Aronstein said there have been no discussion on extending it.

#### **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** made by Mr. Derek W. Heim and seconded by Mr. Steven H. Kitchin, to approve the open session minutes of November 2, 2020.

ALL IN FAVOR – UNANIMOUS.

**MOTION** made by Mr. Derek W. Heim and seconded by Mr. Steven H. Kitchin, to approve the open session minutes of November 16, 2020.

ALL IN FAVOR – UNANIMOUS.

Although the open session minutes of November 24, 2020 were on the agenda, they had not been submitted at that time.

**MOTION** made by Mr. Derek W. Heim and seconded by Mr. Steven H. Kitchin, to approve the executive session minutes of November 24, 2020, not to be released.

Mr. Kitchin asked the Board of Selectmen to re-read the executive session minutes to determine whether they could be released.

Mr. Heim amended his motion.

**MOTION** made by Mr. Derek W. Heim and seconded by Mr. Steven H. Kitchin, to approve the executive session minutes of November 24, 2020, and release.

ALL IN FAVOR- UNANIMOUS.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

##### **Discussion of Brayton Point Noise & Air Complaints**

Mr. Carreiro welcomed Mr. Bill Anderson, Highway Superintendent.

Mr. Anderson gave an update on the progress of the noise and dust monitoring. He said he was able to obtain funding to contract with GSI. Two monitoring stations were set up, one at 16 Lawrence Street, and one at 35 Mattapoisset Avenue for twenty four hour monitoring.

Mr. Anderson said we actually had some hits and presented data and graphs to the Board of Selectmen for their review. He said there are some noise issues that need to be directed to Somerset.

Mr. Carreiro asked Mr. Anderson if the Board of Selectmen can publish this data on the Selectmen's web site.

Mr. Anderson said this will be part of the full final report, and we can post it along with the narrative.

The Board of Selectmen reviewed and discussed the data provided by Mr. Anderson.

Mr. Kitchin said he would refrain commentary until he sees the final report. What he sees is very disturbing, and said we will need to have a serious conversation with our neighboring community.

Mr. Carreiro agreed with Mr. Kitchin. He said we need to act as a community because this is a civil matter as well. We may want to speak to our legal counsel at some point and put Brayton Point on notice that they will be held accountable, and we would like them to reimburse Swansea the cost of the monitoring service.

Mr. Anderson said he will have the final report on Friday.

Mr. Carreiro said once we get the report, we should be able to publish it and put it on the next agenda and discuss it further.

Mr. Heim said it would be worth posting the results of the findings on the new Swansea Facebook page.

#### Update – Access to Waterways

Mr. Anderson said he has identified five locations and has met with a surveyor. The locations will be surveyed to identify the sites the town owns and what the homeowners own.

Once the survey is done, the homeowners will be notified and the land will be physically staked. Signs will be placed to identify the access to waterways.

Mr. Kitchin said this has been an extremely important matter to Mr. Heim and the Board of Selectmen. He thanked Mr. Anderson for his efforts in this regard.

Mr. Heim said he has been working at this for five years trying to get this moving, and is finally satisfied to see it progressing.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Schedule Trash Amnesty Week: 12/28/2020 -1/2/2021

Mr. Anderson noted that typically in the past, a town amnesty week was implemented for residents to get rid of wrapping paper.

Given Covid season and to help out the residents, he made a recommendation to have an amnesty week between Christmas and New Year. For every green bag that is put out, an additional non town bag of equal size can be put out.

Mr. Carreiro noted this is a different policy that we've had in the past. He was concerned there would be some confusion.

Mr. Anderson said the information can be put on the Swansea Facebook page, the Town Website, and Cable Access to let residents know about amnesty week.

**MOTION** made by Mr. Derek W. Heim and seconded by Mr. Steven H. Kitchin, to approve trash amnesty week from 12/28/2020 to 1/2/2021. Each resident that participates in the trash program is allowed to put out one additional bag per town of Swansea bag of equal size.

ALL IN FAVOR- UNANIMOUS.

Mr. Anderson announced Christmas trees will be picked up the first two weeks of January, and yard waste pick up ended this week.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Notice of Town of Swansea Facebook Page, [www.facebook.com/SwanseaMassachusetts](http://www.facebook.com/SwanseaMassachusetts)

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Mr. Carreiro announced that Swansea has a brand new official Town of Swansea Facebook page.

Ms. Aronstein said we are trying to increase our ability to communicate in real time with our residents and get messages out quickly. She stressed it is informational only, and is not to replace the Town of Swansea website, and to continue to call or email to communicate with the town offices.

Mr. Remy said he has applied to start the verification process, but the page was too young to verify. He said we were denied but will apply again in thirty days.

Mr. Carreiro thanked Mr. Remy for his work on the Facebook page.

### Public Hearing of Mass DOT & Route 6 Intersection Projects

Mr. Carreiro commented on plans for the Route 6 and Gardners Neck Road project. He said they are quite excessive and include a bike path on Route 6 and taking of land to put in the bike path.

It was determined the December 17<sup>th</sup> public hearing was not for the Route 6 and Gardners Road project.

Ms. Aronstein stated previously Mass DOT came to change some intersections but did not provide notice to the abutters. They have scheduled a virtual public hearing to be held on December 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

The proposed projects include Route 6/Route 136 (Market Street/James Reynolds Road), Route 6/Maple Avenue, and Route 6/Route 118 (Swansea Mall Drive.)

Mr. Anderson, Highway Superintendent, said Mass DOT will be making left hand turns and other changes at all three intersections, and there are big issues at these locations. He recommended that abutters tune in and make their concerns known.

There was a discussion on these proposed projects.

Ms. Aronstein said she is aware of some of the complaints on Route 6 and Gardners Neck Road. She said there is a site visit planned and the Town Planner has also been kept apprised of what is going on there, and State delegation has also been called in.

Mr. Carreiro said this change would drastically impact the businesses on Route 6 and Gardners Neck Road all the way to Almeida's Vegetable Stand and significantly impede their businesses.

Mr. Carreiro noted these plans were developed without contacting the abutters.

There was a discussion on the upcoming December 17<sup>th</sup> hearing.

Mr. Kitchin said he is not relying on the DOT and suggested we reach out to the abutters to be sure they are aware.

Mr. Anderson said he has already sent notices to the abutters.

Comcast

Mr. Kitchin said he asked that this be placed on tonight's agenda. He received a communication from Mr. William Howard with concerns that Comcast will be dropping Boston news channels and our news will come from a Providence, RI station.

Mr. Kitchin said he would like someone to follow up with Mr. Howard and Comcast.

Ms. Aronstein said she would follow up.

Mr. Carreiro said he should have mentioned this at the beginning of the meeting. He received sad news Friday that our former Town Administrator Michael Finglas passed away unexpectedly.

Mr. Finglass served in the early 2000's and was a staple in this community.

Mr. Carreiro felt it would be appropriate to have a moment of silence for Mr. Michael Finglas.

Mr. Kitchin inquired about when the next Selectmen Meeting would take place.

Mr. Carreiro said it is tentatively scheduled for December 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**MOTION** made by Mr. Derek W. Heim and seconded by Mr. Steven H. Kitchin, to adjourn at 8:14 p.m.  
**ALL IN FAVOR – UNANIMOUS.**

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Madeleine L. Lopes".

Madeleine L. Lopes  
Board of Selectmen Minutes Clerk

List of Documents in the December 8, 2020 Open Meeting Session

- Award of Bond – Vote of the Board of Selectmen
- Communication from Chief Arruda re: Filling Patrol Officer Vacancy
- License Renewals
- Trash Abatements
- Alcoholic Beverage Policies, Rules, and Regulations Policy
- Notice of Mass DOT Public Hearing – December 17, 2020
- Communication from Mr. William Howard re: Comcast service

# VOTE OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

I, the Clerk of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Swansea, Massachusetts (the "Town"), certify that at a meeting of the board held December 8, 2020, of which meeting all members of the board were duly notified and at which a quorum was present, the following votes were unanimously passed, all of which appear upon the official record of the board in my custody:

Further Voted: That in order to reduce interest costs, the Treasurer is authorized to issue refunding bonds, at one time or from time to time, pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 21A of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, to refund all or a portion of the Town's \$6,456,000 General Obligation Municipal Purpose Loan of 2010 Bonds dated September 1, 2010 maturing on September 1 in the years 2021 through 2029 (inclusive) (the "Refunded Bonds") and that the proceeds of any refunding bonds issued pursuant to this vote shall be used to pay the principal, redemption premium and interest on the Refunded Bonds and costs of issuance of the refunding bonds.

Further Voted: that the sale of the \$3,100,000 General Obligation Municipal Purpose Loan of 2020 Bond of the Town dated December 15, 2020 (the "Bonds"), to Fidelity Capital Markets, a division of National Financial Services LLC at the price of \$3,755,211.78 and accrued interest, if any, is hereby approved and confirmed. The Bonds shall be payable on September 1 of the years and in the principal amounts and bear interest at the respective rates, as follows:

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Interest Rate</u> | <u>Year</u> | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Interest Rate</u> |
|-------------|---------------|----------------------|-------------|---------------|----------------------|
| 2021        | \$315,000     | 5.00%                | 2026        | \$365,000     | 5.00%                |
| 2022        | 345,000       | 5.00                 | 2027        | 365,000       | 5.00                 |
| 2023        | 345,000       | 5.00                 | 2028        | 350,000       | 5.00                 |
| 2024        | 355,000       | 5.00                 | 2029        | 300,000       | 5.00                 |
| 2025        | 360,000       | 5.00                 |             |               |                      |

Further Voted: that in connection with the marketing and sale of the Bonds, the preparation and distribution of a Notice of Sale and Preliminary Official Statement dated November 30, 2020, and a final Official Statement dated December 7, 2020, each in such form as may be approved by the Town Treasurer, be and hereby are ratified, confirmed, approved and adopted.

Further Voted: that the Town Treasurer and the Board of Selectmen be, and hereby are, authorized to execute and deliver a continuing disclosure undertaking in compliance with SEC Rule 15c2-12 in such form as may be approved by bond counsel to the Town, which undertaking shall be incorporated by reference in the Bonds for the benefit of the holders of the Bonds from time to time.

Further Voted: that we authorize and direct the Town Treasurer to establish post issuance federal tax compliance procedures and continuing disclosure procedures in such forms as the Town Treasurer and bond counsel deem sufficient, or if such procedures are currently in place, to review and update said procedures, in order to monitor and maintain the tax-exempt status of the Bonds and to comply with relevant securities laws.

Further Voted: that any certificates or documents relating to the Bonds (collectively, the "Documents"), may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be regarded as an original and all of which shall constitute one and the same document; delivery of an executed counterpart of a signature page to a Document by electronic mail in a ".pdf" file or by other electronic transmission shall be as effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart signature page to such Document; and electronic signatures on any of the Documents shall be deemed original signatures for the purposes of the Documents and all matters relating thereto, having the same legal effect as original signatures.

Further Voted: that each member of the Board of Selectmen, the Town Clerk and the Town Treasurer be and hereby are, authorized to take any and all such actions, and execute and deliver such certificates, receipts or other documents as may be determined by them, or any of them, to be necessary or convenient to carry into effect the provisions of the foregoing votes.

I further certify that the votes were taken at a meeting open to the public, that no vote was taken by secret ballot, that a notice stating the place, date, time and agenda for the meeting (which agenda included the adoption of the above votes) was filed with the Town Clerk] and a copy thereof posted in a manner conspicuously visible to the public at all hours in or on the municipal building that the office of the Town Clerk is located or, if applicable, in accordance with an alternative method of notice prescribed or approved by the Attorney General as set forth in 940 CMR 29.03(2)(b), at least 48 hours, not including Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays, prior to the time of the meeting and remained so posted at the time of the meeting, that no deliberations or decision in connection with the sale of the Bonds were taken in executive session, all in accordance with G.L. c.30A, §§18-25, as amended, further suspended, supplemented or modified by the Executive Order of the Governor of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, Chapter 30A, §20 dated March 12, 2020.

Dated: December 8, 2020

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Clerk of the Board of Selectmen

**SWANSEA**  
NAME of CITY OR TOWN

## OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

SHEET NO. 1

TO THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES:

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Acting upon notification dated. December 4, setting forth that the following  
 20<sup>20</sup> Trash fees or portions thereof as listed herewith are adjusted  
 for the reason specified, abatement of said taxes is hereby certified after due inquiry.

You are accordingly discharged by this certification from further obligation to collect the taxes so abated.

| NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON ASSESSED | ORIGINAL TAX | AMOUNT ABATED<br>OR EXEMPTED | REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| ELJ-489 Old Warren Road #63121      | 120.00       | 120.00                       | No House on Property  |
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| TOTAL SHEET NO. 1                   | 120          | 120                          |                       |

TOTAL NUMBER OF SHEETS ATTACHED \_\_\_\_\_

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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## OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

SHEET NO. 1

TO THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES:

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Acting upon notification dated, December 4, 2021, setting forth that the following  
 Trash fees or portions thereof as listed herewith are adjusted  
 for the reason specified, abatement of said taxes is hereby certified after due inquiry.

You are accordingly discharged by this certification from further obligation to collect the taxes so abated.

| NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON ASSESSED       | ORIGINAL TAX | AMOUNT ABATED<br>OR EXEMPTED | REASON FOR ADJUSTMENT |
|---|--------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Stephens-110 Main Street #47277           | 120.00       | 120.00                       | Dumpster Contract     |
| Beauregard-108 Hidden Woods Place #114518 | 120.00       | 120.00                       | Dumpster Contract     |
| Bianco-43 Baptist Street #114161          | 120.00       | 120.00                       | 5 Family              |
| Halliday Robert-1222 GAR Hwy #27625       | 120.00       | 120.00                       | Dumpster Contract     |
| Decoste-57 Emelia Court #113316           | 120.00       | 21.23                        | Statutory Exemptions  |
| ELJ-489 Old Warren Road #63121            | 120.00       | 120.00                       | No House on Property  |
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| TOTAL SHEET NO. 1                         | 720          | 621.23                       |                       |

TOTAL NUMBER OF SHEETS ATTACHED \_\_\_\_\_

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