

Board: Select Board / Water Commissioner's Meeting
Date: Monday, February 28, 2022
Location: Senior & Community Center, 1 Care Drive, Erving, MA 01344

Select Board Present: Jacob Smith, William Bembury, Scott Bastarache
Planning Board: Michael Shaffer, Debra Smith
Finance Committee: Debra Smith, Benjamin Fellows, Charles Zilinski, Daniel Hammock
Capital Planning Committee: Benjamin Fellows, Debra Smith, Linda Downs-Bembury, Peter Mallet, Jacob Smith
Also, Present: Bryan Smith, Mariah Kurtz, Robert Holst, Chelsey Little,
Press: Otis Wheeler, BNCTV

At 6:31 PM **Chairman Smith** called the meeting to order.

Chairman Smith explained that the meeting is being recorded and live streamed.

Discussion Regarding Town Response to COVID-19

Chairman Smith explained that the Erving Board of Health had expired the mandate to require the use of face coverings in all public places, effective today. **Chairman Smith** explained that the Select Board has oversight for requirements in Town-owned buildings and asked what action, if any, the Select Board wanted to take. **Selectman Bastarache** discussed the reduction in positive COVID-19 cases that had been observed in the preceding weeks and expressed support for modifying the face covering requirement. **Chairman Smith** asked the Select Board if the modification should follow current guidance from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MassDPH) in how it addresses individuals that are vaccinated or unvaccinated. **Selectman Bastarache** explained that he would continue to encourage individuals to use face coverings but that he would not be in support of drawing a difference. **Selectman Bembury** expressed agreement to encourage mask wearing but raised concern about not requiring the use of a face covering if an individual is not vaccinated. **Selectman Bastarache** expressed understanding for the concern and emphasized the significant reduction in positive COVID-19 cases and the high level of vaccination within the community. **Chairman Smith** asked Bryan Smith, Town Administrator, if there had been any change in guidance from MassDPH regarding recommendations on face coverings and unvaccinated individuals. Bryan confirmed that based on the most recent MassDPH guidance it was his understanding that face coverings were recommended for unvaccinated individuals. Robert Holst, Chief of Police, expressed concerns about the implementation of restrictions based on an individual's vaccination status. Chief Holst asked the Select Board if they could articulate who the mandates are designed to protect and discussed the importance of personal choices. **Selectman Bembury** expressed general agreement with the Chief Holst's statements but also discussed his understanding of higher rates of hospitalization for unvaccinated individuals and the concern about protecting staff members. The Select Board agreed to table the conversation until after scheduled business is completed.

Joint Meeting with Planning Board

At 6:44 PM **Chairman Smith** called the joint meeting of the Select Board and the Planning Board to order.

Planning Board Vacancy- Consideration of Letter of Interest- Melanie Burnett

The Select Board and Planning Board members reviewed the letter of interest from Melanie Burnett to serve in the vacant seat on the Planning Board. Michael shaffer, Planning Board Chair, explained that the Planning Board reviewed the letter of interest from Melanie at a previous meeting and had voted unanimously to recommend appointment to the vacant seat in accordance the Massachusetts General

Law Chapter 40, section 11. The Select Board and Planning Board members discussed support for proceeding with the appointment. **Selectman Bastarache** made a motion to appoint Melanie Burnett as a member of the Planning Board through June 30, 2022. **Michael Shaffer** seconded. **Roll call vote:**

Chairman Smith	Aye
Selectman Bembury	Aye
Selectman Bastarache	Aye
Michael Shaffer , Planning Board Chair	Aye
Debra Smith , Planning Board	Aye

Review of Proposed Zoning Amendments

Chairman Smith discussed drafting the Select Board's memorandum to the Planning Board regarding proposed Zoning Bylaw amendments. **Chairman Smith** explained that it was his understanding, based on the previous conversation, that the Select Board was asking the Planning Board to hold a public hearing to consider changes to the definition of multi-unit development and to revise the Use Table to include multi-unit development by special permit in the French King Commercial (FK) and Village Residential (VR) districts in addition to being currently allowed in the Central Village (CV) district. **Chairman Smith** discussed the overview of the draft memorandum to the Planning Board along with revised use table. The Select Board members discussed agreement.

Chairman Smith added that the Planning Board has also forwarded Zoning Bylaw recommendations to the Select Board based on the Town Bylaw codification project. Michael explained that the Planning Board has conducted a review of the Town code recommendations and would like to address grammatical and organizational changes but defer any action on more substantive changes until a future date. **Chairman Smith** expressed agreement that from his review of the proposed changes they were mostly typographical and organizational feedback. The Select Board discussed no concerns with submitting a positive recommendation back to the Planning Board for the proposed revisions for the public hearing. Bryan added that the Planning Board would like the Select Board's recommendation on proposed revisions to Section 1.1 Purpose. The Select Board members reviewed the proposed revisions to Section 1.1 and discussed having no concerns with the proposed edits. **Chairman Smith** asked the Planning Board if they intended to schedule a public hearing for March 17, 2022, to which Michael confirmed. Michael invited Select Board members to attend the next Planning Board meeting where they plan to interview a consultant regarding Zoning Bylaws.

At 6:56 PM **Chairman Smith** made a motion to adjourn the joint meeting of the Select Board and the Planning Board and to continue with the Select Board meeting. **Selectman Bembury** seconded. **Vote:** Unanimously approved.

Discussion Regarding Traffic Control in Erving Center Impacts

Bryan explained that the Town had recently been contacted by engineers working with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) to resume work on the pre-25% designs for Route 2 in Erving Center and Farley. Bryan explained that as soon as confirmed opportunities for community input have been scheduled it will be shared with community members. **Chairman Smith** discussed the need for the Select Board to resume conversations about the preferred construction options for the Church Street Bridge and suggested adding the topic to the next meeting agenda.

Review of Meeting Minutes for August 16, 2021

The Select Board passed over this agenda item.

Review of Meeting Minutes for September 13, 2021

The Select Board reviewed the meeting minutes for Monday, September 13, 2021. **Selectman Bembury** made a motion to accept the meeting minutes for September 13, 2021, as written. **Selectman Bastarache** second. **Vote:** Unanimously approved.

Review of Meeting Minutes for November 29, 2021

The Select Board passed over this agenda item.

Review of Meeting Minutes for January 03, 2022

The Select Board passed over this agenda item.

Review of Former Graded School RFP Submissions

Chairman Smith explained that as of the deadline, the Town received two (2) submissions in response to the request for proposals (RFP) for the redevelopment of the former Graded School building. **Chairman Smith** explained that the Select Board will have an in-depth review at the next Select Board meeting.

Joint Meeting with Finance Committee & Capital Planning Committee- FY2023 Budget Request Review & ATM Draft Warrant Review

At 7:00 PM **Chairman Smith** called the joint meeting of the Select Board, Finance Committee and Capital Planning Committee to order.

Review of the FY2023 Capital Improvement Plan

The Select Board, Finance Committee and Capital Planning Committee members reviewed the proposed FY2023 capital improvement plan. **Chairman Smith** provided an overview of the proposed capital improvement plan, summarizing the following proposed projects, costs, and sources:

Request	Amount Requested	Source
IP Mill Selective Demolition	\$ 600,000	Grants
Preparation for New Cemetery	\$ 50,000	Raise & Appropriate
Poplar Mountain Conservation Parking Area	\$ 40,000	Raise & Appropriate
Emergency Communications Expansion & Upgrades	\$ 24,000	Raise & Appropriate
Bridge Street & Maple Avenue Reconstruction	\$ 500,000	50% Raise & Appropriate/ 50% Chapter 90
Trench Box & Trench Shield	\$ 25,000	Raise & Appropriate
John Deere Tractor	\$ 30,000	Raise & Appropriate
Poplar Mountain Road Engineering	\$ 117,800	Grants
Swamp Road Bridge & North Street Wall Engineering	\$ 204,300	Grants
Church Street Bridge Construction	\$ 1,600,000	Borrowing
2022 or 2023 Ford F550 Truck w/ 9' Plow	\$ 125,000	Raise & Appropriate
Police Cruiser	\$ 52,000	Raise & Appropriate
Ford Transit Connect Van	\$ 33,000	Wastewater Retained
Total	\$ 3,401,100	

Chairman Smith explained that a discussion regarding the Church Street Bridge will be included on the next joint meeting agenda, emphasizing the need to consider a recommendation for a design to put

forward to the voters. **Selectman Bastarache** asked about the proposed Highway truck replacement. Bryan explained that the proposal would replace the 2013 F550 and the Town hopes to use the stainless-steel dump body if the chassis specifications haven't changed significantly. **Selectman Bembury** asked if Bridge Street project was ready for construction. **Chairman Smith** explained that the proposed project needs to conduct the engineering phase. Bryan added that if all goes as planned it may be possible to release a procurement in the winter of 2023 for spring 2023 construction.

Peter Mallet, Capital Planning Committee, asked about the status of radio repeaters installed in Police Department vehicles. Chief Holst explained that one (1) mobile repeater has been installed and a second unit is on order. The FY2023 capital plan proposal includes funding for two (2) additional repeaters. Chief Holst explained that he had obtained a current quote for repeaters at \$14,000 each. Bryan discussed the cost change from the previous purchases. Debra Smith, Finance Committee Chair, discussed the need to increase the proposed cost for repeaters in the draft Capital Plan based on the current quote. **Selectman Bembury** asked about the need for the Town to consider installing building repeaters. **Chairman Smith** explained that the Chiefs and the Capital Planning Committee are recommending the installation of mobile repeaters in Police cruisers and Fire apparatus as opposed to the building amplifiers to provide the public safety departments with more use options and to decrease the potential for ongoing annual maintenance costs in the buildings. **Selectman Bembury** asked if the mobile units had been tested. Bryan explained that Philip Wonkka, Fire Chief, had worked with other communities to test the units with the vendor before committing to specific unit. The Select Board, Finance Committee and Capital Planning Committee members agreed to modify the emergency communications proposed appropriation to \$30,000.00.

Chairman Smith discussed the proposal to add a Police cruiser to the Department's fleet and the potential impact to the fleet rotation and replacement schedule. **Chairman Smith** discussed slight change in quote for the cost to add a new cruiser rather than replace one. Chief Holst explained that he had been provided a revised quote for \$58,000.00 which does not include the purchase of a radio. The Select Board, Finance Committee and Capital Planning Committee members discussed support for amending the Police cruiser request to \$60,000.00. **Chairman Smith** discussed a proposal transition the WatchGuard video records system to an annual operating cost rather than a capital investment. The Select Board and the Finance Committee will discuss the proposal further at their next meeting.

The Select Board, Finance Committee, and Capital Planning Committee members discussed general agreement on the amended FY2023 capital improvement plan that has been proposed. Linda Downs-Bembury, Capital Planning Committee, expressed concern about potential cost impacts due to inflation. **Selectman Bastarache** noted the cost concerns and discussed the potential to cover some overages throughout the budget within reason.

Capital Planning Committee Recommendation: Debra made a motion that the Capital Planning committee recommends the FY2023 plan as amended. Linda seconded. **Vote:** Unanimously approved.

Discussion of NEPDES Requirement Grant & Matching Funds

Peter Sanders, Wastewater & Water Superintendent, joined the joint meeting to discuss the new National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit requirements to conduct an assessment and inventory of the Town's collection and treatment system that would result in a preventive maintenance plan. Peter Sanders explained that the Town worked with Tighe & Bond and applied for and was successfully awarded an Asset Management Planning (AMP) grant. Peter Sanders explained that the total project cost is \$142,500 with the grant funding \$85,500, requiring the Town to make a commitment of

\$23,600 in in-kind services and a cash appropriation of \$33,400. Linda asked for details of the proposed maintenance plan that would be developed. Peter Sanders explained that the plan would include the entire collection system, the Publicly Owned Treatment Plants #1, #2, and #3, the pump stations and would provide a GIS asset map. **Chairman Smith** clarified that the product is an asset inventory to be used for preventive maintenance scheduling. Daniel Hammock, Finance Committee, expressed support for accepting the grant and for asking the voters to appropriate the necessary \$33,400.00 to match the grant funds. The Select Board members, Finance Committee, and Capital Planning Committee members discussed general support for adding the project to the proposed FY2023 capital plan with \$33,400.00 sourced from Wastewater retained earnings.

Discussion of Calendar 2021 Montague Sewer Overage and Inflow & Intake

Chelsey Little, Montague Wastewater Superintendent, joined the joint meeting to discuss the calendar year 2021 flow overage from Millers Falls and a proposed asset management grant that Montague plans to use to investigate inflow & infiltration (I&I) in the Millers Falls collection system. Peter Sanders explained the agreement with the Town of Montague for annual allowable flows to Erving and the process for addressing overages. **Chairman Smith** welcomed Chelsey. Chelsey introduced herself and provided an overview of her work since taking office and the planned work to assess the causes of I&I in the Millers Falls collection system. Chelsey discussed past work by the Town of Montague to looking for illegal hookups and storm water. Chelsey explained that those efforts did not identify any primary contributors to the issue the Town is experiencing and that she believes that there are bigger contributors. Chelsey explained that the Town of Montague applied for and was awarded an Asset Management Planning (AMP) grant that would be used to conduct a comprehensive review of the collection systems in Millers Falls and the Turners Falls. Chelsey explained that the AMP grant requires the Town to provide matching funds and that Montague would like to ask the Town of Erving to forgo the calendar year 2021 overage fee due to the Town to use as a match. Chelsey provided a comprehensive overview of the proposed investigation.

Chairman Smith explained that he was not clear how the Town of Erving benefited from forgoing a portion of the overage fees approximately two (2) years ago for Montague with previous efforts to study the Millers Falls I&I concerns. **Selectman Bastarache** discussed his understanding of the previous and current concerns related to I&I in the Millers Falls collection system. Chelsey acknowledged the concerns and noted that the Town of Montague has a special article fund with a balance that is allocated for Millers Falls I&I work. Chelsey discussed Montague's need to act on an administrative order from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and to address a variety of issues, adding that she wants to work with both towns to solve the I&I issues in Millers Falls. Daniel asked if the Town of Erving was exceeding the discharge permit limits because of the Millers Falls I&I. Peter Sanders explained that the I&I in Millers Falls was not impacting the Town of Erving's discharge permit, but that it does impact the biological balance of the treatment plant and has an impact on the overall operation of the system. The Select Board members discussed the impact of the overage on the collection system and the plant. **Selectman Bembury** discussed being sympathetic to the Town of Montague but discussed the concern about costs experienced by Erving and the need for Montague to make the necessary commitment to maintain the collection system. Chelsey expressed understanding and explained that the AMP grant and the addition funding would allow the Department to complete the scope of work and address the concerns of I&I in the Millers Falls collection system. **Chairman Smith** expressed concern if the previous appropriation had not been fully expended to address I&I concerns. **Selectman Bastarache** discussed support for working with the Town of Montague to ensure that the AMP grant can be used to address the I&I concerns. Bryan discussed the impact of overage events on the Town of Erving and asked the Select Board to work with the Montague Sewer Commissioners to ensure that the I&I concerns are addressed in Millers Falls regardless of the decision made tonight. **Selectman Bastarache** discussed support to assist Montague in

securing the grant match. **Chairman Smith** discussed his understanding of the need to secure a match from the AMP grant but expressed concern that Erving would be funding Montague's match. Peter Mallet asked Chelsey if she could address the Montague Sewer Commissioners position on the Millers Falls I&I concerns. Chelsey noted that she cannot speak on behalf of the Sewer Commissioners and expressed concern about the potential to cut the Millers Falls I&I evaluation work from the scope of work if a match is not identified. Daniel expressed appreciation for the discussion of different viewpoints and explained that he wanted to maintain a positive working relationship with the Town of Montague. **Chairman Smith** clarified that if the Town of Erving offers the funds, then the funds must be used to address the Millers Falls I&I. Chelsey clarified the work must be conducted between the months of April and June and that the project cost is expected to be \$75,000.00.

Chairman Smith made a motion to defer \$25,000.00 of the calendar year 2021 overage bill to Fiscal Year 2023, if there is an agreement from Montague that it will be paid as a prior year bill and that once the grant is received for the project and the appropriate portion of the grant is used to replenish the Millers Falls Inflow & Infiltration account, if the Montague sewer commissioners are in agreement. **Selectman Bastarache** seconded. **Vote:** Passed by majority. **Chairman Smith** and **Selectman Bastarache** voted aye. **Selectman Bembury** voted no.

Discussion of Proposed Police Regional Co-Responder Jail Diversion Grant Program

Chief Holst joined the Select Board to discuss a proposal to apply for a regional police Co-Responder Jail Diversion grant. Chief Holst explained that the regional proposal, if successful, would allow the Department to incorporate a mental health clinician into work with law enforcement officials when appropriate. Chief Holst discussed the need to have additional capacity when called to situations that would be better served from a mental health perspective. Debra asked if the proposed program would be similar to the model implemented by Greenfield Police Department. Chief Holst explained that the model is similar, adding that the regional approach will include more neighboring communities and that the initial feedback from the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health (DMH) has been positive. Chief Holst reviewed the draft budget proposal and explained that the proposal would be to contract with a vendor like Clinical & Support Options (CSO) that would be responsible for hiring and managing a clinician. Chief Holst explained that the grant funding would also provide support to compensate the co-responding officer from the member Police Department that is paired with the clinician. **Selectman Bembury** asked if a schedule for the services had been considered. Chief Holst explained that the current proposal would be to schedule a clinician to be available to the member communities from Tuesday through Saturday from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM, clarifying that the proposed clinician would be a vendor relationship and not a Town employee. **Selectman Bastarache** asked if the proposed services would include an on-call option. Chief Holst explained that the current proposal would not include an on-call option. Linda asked if the Department could rely on call log data to accurately monitor for calls for service requiring mental health support services. Chief Holst explained the inaccuracies that exist in the current call log data and the need to have an accurate designation for mental health related calls for service. Chief Holst discussed the comorbid issues with mental health, homelessness, drug use, and discussed the goal of collaborating with community partners such as the Schools and the Senior Center. **Selectman Bastarache** discussed the potential to connect residents with services provided by Recover Project and North Quabbin Retreat for post-event treatment. Daniel asked for an explanation of the grant time frame. Chief Holst explained that the grants are applied for and awarded annually and that he would like to have it in place for the start of the fiscal year. Daniel expressed support for the proposed grant application and discussed support for getting tax dollars back from the State to support the Town. **Selectman Bembury** asked if Department policies had been drafted regarding when the clinical services would be utilized and how the clinician(s) would be transported to a scene. Chief Holst explained that he is in the process of drafting the policies.

and procedures, adding that they will address required training and that clinicians would be activated as a co-response with an officer. Chief Holst added that the clinician may conduct follow-up with a client, on their own, if the scenario is deemed safe. Debra asked if the services would be based out of the Erving Police Station. Chief Holst answered “yes” and explained that as soon as the Station lobby reopens to the public the proposed clinician could work from the main service area. The Select Board and Finance Committee members expressed support for Chief Holst to proceed with the proposed grant application.

Interest in Discussion of Post POST-C Era Policing Models for Neighboring Communities Including Regionalizing, Shared Services MOU’s, etc.

Chairman Smith discussed the reality that the Town, like all other Massachusetts, communities will need adjust in response to policing reforms issued by the Peace Officers Standards & Training Commission (POST-C). **Chairman Smith** explained that the Town of Gill had expressed interest in exploring what regional or shared service options may exist in the future for small neighboring communities, to deal with costs of new requirements. **Chairman Smith** asked the Select Board members if they are in support of having exploratory conversations. **Selectman Bembury** discussed support for having conversations but wanted to be on the record for being against regionalizing police services for the Town of Erving. **Selectman Bastarache** discussed support for participating in conversations with neighboring communities. The Select Board discussed support for **Selectman Bastarache** to represent the Board in the conversations.

Miscellaneous

Letter of Commendation for Officer Mitchell Waldron

Chairman Smith read the following letter of commendation, from Chief Holst regarding Officer Mitchell Waldron, into the record:

On February 20, 2022, Officer Mitchell Waldron responded to a report of suspicious activity on North Street. A caller reported seeing shoe tracks in the snow around his vehicle and side door to his home. It appeared someone had attempted to enter both the house and vehicle. As Officer Waldron was responding to North Street, he noticed a vehicle parked along Route 2 with New Hampshire plates just west of Mountain Road. Officer Waldron took notice of this vehicle as it appeared to be out of place. Officer Waldron again took notice of an individual walking southbound on North Street as he was traveling on North Street to the caller's residence. At the time Officer Waldron was still unsure what he was responding to and therefor did not stop to investigate the vehicle or individual but took a mental note of both.

As Officer Waldron arrived on scene and began to investigate the scene and surrounding area it was found that other vehicles and a shed had been broken into. Officer Waldron keeping in mind the vehicle and individual he had seen requested additional units in the area to begin to check for the subject walking on North Street, which later resulted in setting up a quick perimeter. Officer Waldron returned to the suspicious vehicle parked on Route 2 to find the exact shoe prints that were around that vehicle, matched those around the vehicles that had been broken into. Once he had connected this vehicle possibly belonging to the individual that was responsible, he was able to get a picture and name of the person driving the vehicle and confirmed it was the same person walking on North Street. Due to already having a perimeter set up and request for additional units like a canine from the State Police, Officer Waldron was able to successfully locate the individual, who was taken into custody without incident. The individual later admitted to breaking into the vehicles and shed.

Break and Entries can be very difficult to solve, especially when suspects travel from far distances to commit the crime. Because Officer Waldron was aware of his entire surrounding and able to connect the evidence quickly and efficiently to a suspect, Officer Waldron was able to protect the property and security of the Erving residents. This letter of commendation is to recognize Officer Waldron and to acknowledge the outstanding police work he performed. A copy of this commendation will be placed into his personnel folder.

*Respectfully,
Chief Robert L. Holst*

Chief Holst discussed pride in the work conducted by Officer Waldron. The Select Board expressed their agreement and appreciation to Officer Waldron for his work.

Review of FY2021 Community Development Block Grant Award

The Select Board, Finance Committee and Capital Planning Committee passed over this agenda item.

Review of Draft Annual Town Meeting Warrant

The Select Board, Finance Committee and Capital Planning Committee passed over this agenda item.

At 8:53 PM **Chairman Smith** made a motion to adjourn the joint meeting of the Select Board, Finance Committee and Capital Planning Committee and to continue with the Select Board meeting. Debra seconded. **Vote:** Unanimously approved.

Discussion Regarding Town Response to COVID-19 (revisited)

Chairman Smith revisited the discussion regarding the Town's response to COVID-19, noting the complexity of the issues and the moments of unclear guidance. **Chairman Smith** discussed the recent guidance received from the MassDPH and that the Town does not have any other medical knowledge to guide. **Chairman Smith** discussed the Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) requirement to reasonably protect staff and how that relates to the guidance on face coverings. **Chairman Smith** discussed his understanding of Chief Holst's concerns and noted that he did not have clear answers to all of the questions presented. **Chairman Smith** explained that the Select Board has tried to maintain a conservative approach with all protective measures. **Selectman Bembury** discussed his respect for individual choice while also trying to balance risks for Town staff. The Select Board members discussed reviewing additional guidance as it is made available and to review the topic in two (2) weeks. **Chairman Smith** made a motion to lift face covering mandate for Town buildings effective February 28, 2022, for vaccinated individuals and that unvaccinated should continue to wear a face covering as advised. **Selectman Bembury** seconded. **Vote:** Passed by majority. **Chairman Smith** and **Selectman Bembury** voted aye. **Selectman Bastarache** voted no.

Review of Memorandum of Agreement w/ FirstLight Power – Wheelock Street Fire Pond

The Select Board passed over this agenda item.

Review of Poplar Mountain Road Draft Layout & Schedule Public Hearing

The Select Board members reviewed a draft layout of Poplar Mountain Road. Bryan explained that the proposed layout follows the existing County layout. The Select Board members discussed having no concerns with the proposed layout and agreed to schedule a public hearing in March 2022.

Review of Former International Papermill RFP Draft

The Select Board reviewed revisions made to the draft request for proposals (RFP) for the redevelopment of the former International Papermill site. Suggested revisions included recommendations from Town counsel. **Selectman Bastarache** discussed his review of the revisions and support for the changes recommended by Town Counsel. Both **Selectman Bembury** and **Chairman Smith** expressed agreement. Mariah Kurtz, Assistant Town Planner, joined the Select Board and discussed the suggested addition of hosting an information session online for interested developers that would not be mandatory. Mariah also discussed advertising efforts working within a \$1,000 budget. The Select Board members discussed general support for holding an informational session and for the advertising plan, noting that Mariah could return to the Select Board if additional advertising is necessary. **Selectman Bastarache** made a motion to authorize the release of the RFP for the former International Papermill as presented. **Chairman Smith** seconded. **Vote:** Unanimously approved.

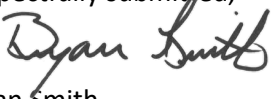
Executive Session

At 9:03 PM **Chairman Smith** made a motion to enter Executive Session pursuant to Massachusetts General Law Chapter 30A, Section 21 (a) (3) to discuss strategy with respect to ... litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the ... litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares; and to enter Executive Session pursuant to Massachusetts General Law Chapter 30A, Section 21 (a) (3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining ...if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining ... position of the public body and the chair so declares (New England Police Benevolent Association). **Chairman Smith** stated he does so declare for both instances and that the Select Board would not return to regular session. **Selectman Bembury** seconded. **Roll call vote:**

Selectman Bembury	Aye
Selectman Bastarache	Aye
Chairman Smith	Aye

The Select Board did not return to regular session.

Respectfully submitted,



Bryan Smith
Town Administrator