

TOWN OF FALMOUTH
SELECT BOARD
Meeting Minutes
Open Session
MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 2023 – 6:00 P.M.
SELECT BOARD MEETING ROOM
TOWN HALL
59 TOWN HALL SQUARE, FALMOUTH, MA 02540

The Select Board may discuss and vote appropriate action on any item listed on this Agenda unless a different disposition is noted. At the discretion of the Chair, agenda items may be taken out of order.

Select Board Present: Nancy Robbins Taylor, Chair; Onjalé Scott Price, Vice Chair; Doug Brown; Scott Zylinski.

Absent: Sam Patterson.

Staff Present: Peter Johnson-Staub, Interim Town Manager.

1. Chair Taylor called the open session to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. **Mr. Zylinski motioned to convene the executive session under M.G.L. c.30A s.21(a)(3) – To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining – Non-Union Personnel M.G.L. c.30A s.21(a)(3) – To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining – AFSCME Unit A because to not go into executive session could prejudice ongoing negotiations. Ms. Scott Price seconded the motion. It was followed by a unanimous roll call vote in Open Session to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the above-listed items, and to return to Open Session after discussion. Roll Call Vote: Chair Taylor, aye; Doug Brown, aye; Ms. Scott Price, aye; Mr. Zylinski, aye. Absent: Mr. Patterson.**
3. Chair Taylor reconvened the open session.
4. Pledge of Allegiance
5. Proclamation
Mr. Brown noted that Chief Dunne announced his retirement and thanked him for 40 years of service.
6. Recognition
Tree Warden of the Year – Jeremiah Pearson

Mr. Johnson-Staub recognized Jeremiah Pearson, who was awarded the Seth H. Swift Tree Warden of the Year award, and he presented a plaque to Mr. Pearson.
7. Announcements
Ms. Scott Price announced the Woods Hole Black History Month Committee has events planned and encouraged those interested in more information to go to the website woodsholediversity.org.
8. Public Comment
Dave Buzanowski, President of the Falmouth Heights and Maravista Association, he has a copy of a letter from Mayflower’s lawyer sent to the EFSA, an updating letter, dated 1/23/23 and he questions a couple of aspects of the letter. The Massachusetts Historical Commission had extended an archeological monitoring permit within the Town of Falmouth for a year until 1/19/24. The other item is that Mayflower remains actively engaged with the Town. He would like some information regarding the Town’s current negotiations with Mayflower.

TOWN MANAGER’S PRELIMINARY REPORT

Mr. Johnson-Staub reviewed his memo in the Select Board packet.
Timber hearing was continued from 1/9/23 and was asked by the Board to consider installing sound insulation.
Timber has not yet obtained that information.

Cape Cod Winery Farmer Winery alternation of premise hearing: Town staff worked with applicant to address noncompliance issues of the number of people being served and uncontrolled parking. Staff are satisfied with the application as submitted and improvements they will bring to the site. Offsite parking is one element addressed.

Cape Cod Winery application to amend entertainment license and add a Sunday entertainment license: Many comments in support and opposition have been received.

Update from Cape and Vineyard Electric Cooperative, which facilitates installation of energy generation projects. Rosemary Carey represents Falmouth and will provide an update.

Dog control enforcement requests at Town beaches are received each year. Marine and Environmental Services (MES) Director Gregg Fraser will update on enforcement and concerns.

Vote the override for Falmouth Fire Rescue Department (FFD) wages, expenses, and stabilization fund, suggesting the board take a vote on the dollar vote requested. The Town Clerk has advised the Select Board that it has until 4/11/23 to formerly vote. Recommended motion form is in the packet.

Vote the warrant for Town Meeting is needed, three articles were removed, and explanations why are in report.

Discuss Falmouth Police Department (FPD) Chief selection process. The Select Board appointment falls under the Town Manager's jurisdiction, and Mr. Johnson-Staub will bring forward one candidate. He looks forward to hearing the Select Board's thoughts about what they would like to see in a Chief, along with results of the online public survey, and input from the unions.

6:45 p.m. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Application for an Entertainment License – Town Hall Partners LLC d/b/a Timber Axe Bar & Bowl (Timber), 23 Town Hall Square, Falmouth – continued from 1/9/23

Ms. Scott Price read the hearing notice.

Mr. Brown recused himself because he has a family member who works in that building.

Attorney Klauer represented the applicant. After the last Select Board meeting, Mike Mueller, owner of Timber, reached out to a soundproofing company, which made some recommendations.

Mike Mueller, owner, reported that he hired New England Sound Proofing to evaluate the sound and it was found that the reverberation in the sound in the bowling area is higher than in other areas of the establishment. New England Soundproofing could manufacture free standing acoustic panels around the performers which would help in less transmission of sound outside the building. This would start to mitigate the issue of reverberation of sound in that area. They received a report this afternoon that summarizes what New England Soundproofing found on their visit and steps that can be taken in phases; the greatest reduction of the sound would be to use these panels around the entertainers. He will build a plan based on the recommendations. The stage area is set up where there is bowling, so that area was assessed.

Public comment:

Linda Tsimortos 137 Main St., lives behind Timber. Timber operated without an entertainment license, she is the closest abutter and from June until November they dealt with hearing the music. In a previous meeting regarding a similar issue, Mr. Patterson stated that amplified music should not be heard past the walls of the establishment. Rules for employees concerning the matters amplified and a phone number posted for abutters would be appropriate.

Ms. Scott Price motioned to close the hearing. Mr. Zylinski seconded the motion. Vote: Yes-3. No-0. Abstain-1.

Mr. Johnson-Staub said that if the Select Board is inclined to approve the license, they may want to include a condition that the insulation panels be installed beforehand.

The Select Board would like to see the written report and plan along with more information on the plan, including something that shows how high off the ceiling the panels could be and if they can be adjusted if there are more complaints so that all parties are accommodated. A sound engineering plan would be helpful.

Mr. Zylinski motioned to reopen the hearing. Ms. Scott Price seconded the motion. Vote: Yes-4. No-0. Absent-1.

Attorney Klauer said they could have a written proposal from the sound engineering company submitted before the next hearing.

Ms. Scott Price motioned to close the hearing. Mr. Zylinski seconded the motion. Vote: Ye-4. No-0. Absent-1.

Chair Taylor explained that the Select Board would like to see a proposal to mediate the noise issue and the Select Board would then consider granting a license based on the proposal being carried through by Timber.

Ms. Scott Price motioned to continue the hearing to 2/13/23 and the Select Board will continue to accept public comment. Mr. Zylinski seconded the motion. Vote: Ye-4. No-0. Absent-1.

Mr. Zylinski amended the motion to have the hearing remain open so that the public comment can be accepted. Ms. Scott Price seconded the motion. Vote: Ye-4. No-0. Absent-1.

Ms. Scott Price motioned to continue this hearing to 2/13/23. Mr. Zylinski seconded the motion. Vote: Ye-4. No-0. Absent-1.

2. Application for an Alteration of Licensed Premises of its Farmer-Winery Pouring License – Cape Cod Winery, Inc., to be exercised at 4 Oxbow Road, East Falmouth

Ms. Scott Price read the hearing notice.

Attorney Klauer, representing the Cape Cod Winery, and Peter and Erika Orlandella, owners, were present. Seeking to alter the liquor license, which capacity was not clear. They are working with the Town, updated site plan was prepared, capacity of 236, additional capacity up to 400 upon approval by the Special Events Working Group. This doesn't seek to change the existing operations of the winery.

Mr. Brown confirmed this is to reassess parking and capacity of the premises.

Ms. Scott Price noted 236 general capacity, special events is an additional 164.

Special events would be Memorial Day weekend, Fourth of July, fall fest, tree lights, so about 6 times per year.

Public comment:

Jennifer Affanato, 15 Silver Beach Ave., N. Falmouth supports the applicant.

Bob Mascali, 38 Oxbow Rd., he is supporting this portion of the application. They have been good neighbors and provide a good service to many Town organizations.

John Dillon, 21 Oxbow Rd., they are the best neighbors in the neighborhood.

Ms. Scott Price motioned to close hearing. Mr. Zylinski seconded the motion.

Discussion: none.

Mr. Brown supports the application as drawn and motioned to approve this plan. Ms. Scott Price seconded the motion. Vote: Ye-4. No-0. Absent-1.

3. Application for a New Sunday Entertainment License and Application to Amend the Current Entertainment License – Cape Cod Winery, Inc., to be exercised at 4 Oxbow Road, East Falmouth

Ms. Scott Price read the hearing notice.

Attorney Klauer, representing the applicant, said the applicant is seeking permission to have live music Sundays from 12pm-3pm, for a Sunday brunch-type concept. There is an existing entertainment license for other days of the week, and would like to add Sundays because it is a draw.

Mr. Brown commented there were many comments from neighbors about the music played at existing levels, and asked what is their plan?

Attorney Klauer noted people are affected in various ways, the applicant can adjust the volume control, there is an open line of communication, and Peter and Erika will provide their numbers to abutters.

Ms. Scott Price asked what type of music, Attorney Klauer said it's typically lower-key acoustic music meant to be background noise. This is an ambiance issue.

Mr. Brown has with others asked the applicants to do their best to assure the sound of the music does not go past the property lines. Klauer said it is the applicant's job to monitor the volume.

Attorney Klauer said the music on Sunday is just during the hours of noon to 3:00 p.m. Ms. Scott Price noted some emails received asked for the music not to go late.

Mr. Zylinski stated that by the amount of patronage that shows up, it shows the support to this business, and that the business adds to the culture and character of that section of Town.

Mr. Brown asked if Sunday could be only acoustic music. Atty. Klauer said acoustic guitar is still plugged into an amplifier, there can be an attempt to keep this on the lower end of the spectrum, but hard to find musicians that will play without an amplifier.

Attorney Klauer said they are aware of the issue now and have an obligation to adhere to it now.

Mr. Johnson-Staub noted that the box for amplification was not checked on the application, and asked Atty. Klauer to correct that by checking the box for amplification since that is what is being requested.

Public Comment:

Shane Montesion, lives across from their parking lot, has 3, 7, 11 year old children, this has not disrupted him and his family, music never too loud, no one ever parked on his property, he has seen someone directing the parking. When inside his house he doesn't hear the music.

Pam Fagan, Brick Kiln Rd., the winery is a valuable small business with philanthropy of the owners, she opposes this because of the noise. Over the last three years it has blossomed, music at all hours of the days, makes sitting outside enjoying a book or gardening impossible. She would like to see a mitigation plan and question the language of the application which showed the application for live music from open to close on those days but in three-hour intervals. Will it really only be from 12p-3pm on Sundays. Is there some way to mitigate the music? Chair Taylor said that is something the Select Board would consider.

Mr. Johnson-Staub noted they will have entertainment 12pm-8pm, three-hour increments within those time frames.

Tim Mello, lives across the street from Cape Cod Winery, there is a lot of noise and traffic, it's fine. The amount of people increases the level of music required to such an extent it's hard on premise to get an idea of what is heard outside of there. He can hear it in his house, his workshop behind his house. It's difficult to have a phone call or work from home, it's pretty loud. He is all for mitigation.

Allison Blazis, 11 Brick Kiln Rd., lives with Tim Mello, they are very nice people, but concerns about the noise, she would be all for hours being extended if there was something in place, there are days she cannot work from home and needs to leave. Some days she does not notice the music, some days the music is blaring.

Allison Hodgson, lives diagonally across the street, the application is 7 days a week until 7 or 8pm, it's not great to listen to daily, they work from home, they hear it throughout the day, a neighbor is a nurse with a baby, and tries to sleep.

Matthew Roderick, 9 St. Anne's Lane, sound volume is fine, when in the yard he enjoys the music.

Richard Galut, about 600 ft from the winery, never had a problem with the winery, the music is outside, never found it to be excessive. They are good neighbors, it's the best it's ever looked. It is like a destination when people come to Falmouth.

Ms. Scott Price clarified if it was 12-3pm. Attorney Klauer said yes, they could condition it.

Rachel Burman, new tenant in Cedar Meadows Community, read a letter she wrote and sent to the Select Board.

Ester Ann Price, 371 Teaticket Highway, there are nights she will go out on her deck to sit and read, light her firepit, she hears music until 10pm-12pm, she does not know where it's coming from, but it's refreshing and during nice times. People in Town are out having a good time. Erica and Peter are devoted to the Town, they are treasured and should be treasured.

Maureen Hanson, Falmouthport, they have no problem and have not heard it even once.

Ms. Scott Price motion close the hearing.

Mr. Brown asked about noise control and how it will be mitigated.

Attorney Klauer noted this has been an educational night for the applicants, there could be additional plantings along the western side of the property line, orientation of the stage could be adjusted, small steps that may have an affect on the abutters. There may be some sound carry, but it's their responsibility to make sure that they are not nuisances to the abutters. He is not aware of noise complaints in the past.

Mr. Zylinski asked if it would be advantageous for at least a couple of the direct abutters to have a direct conversation with the Winery, the applicant could go over to the abutters to try to make everyone happy.

Mr. Zylinski motion to close. Ms. Scott Price seconded the motion. Vote: Yes-4. No-0. Absent-1.

Discussion:

Mr. Brown would like condition to give relief to neighbors nearby, keep the music on the site.

Mr. Zylinski motioned to approve with condition that effort will be made to maintain sound on the site and 12-3pm on Sundays. Ms. Scott Price seconded the motion. Vote: Yes-4. No-0. Absent-1.

BUSINESS

1. Report – Cape and Vineyard Electric Cooperative (CVEC)

Rosemary Carey is the Town representative to the CVEC. She made a PowerPoint presentation about what they do and provided an update of projects. Explained the process if the Town engages CVEC. Urged the Select Board to review the report that she will email them and to consider renewable energy goals in planning going forward.

An example provided was that the Town could do a project with another town. CVEC bundles projects and they would pull together the projects that would benefit the Town, by collaborating projects. CVEC looks to the Town's needs first, the report where Self Reliance Corporation identified the best opportunities for solar. CVEC would do the background, authorize the RFP, there is no requirement for a Town to work with another Town.

Ms. Carey will get back to the Select Board on CVEC's costs/fees.

Mr. Johnson-Staub noted that when CVEC partners with communities to install power panels, it is through an agreement and there would be a cost to the Town beyond CVEC's fees. The Town could be the owner, have to front capital or enter a contract with CVEC.

The Select Board would like to explore more, it was initially brought to the Select Board in 2017. Chair Taylor asked Mr. Johnson-Staub to put this on his list, this is something that the Select Board should talk about at another meeting and discuss how to make it happen. Mr. Johnson-Staub noted there is a lot of opportunity here that the Town has not taken advantage of. Mr. Johnson-Staub noted the capacity to take on more projects in the next six months is limited. The sustainability coordinator position is front and center in driving these projects. It is reasonable to talk about it, put it in the strategic plan, as there is more staff capacity they can plan.

Ms. Scott Price asked when would it be appropriate to ask the Energy Committee to review so that we have more background information when there is capacity of staff. Mr. Brown noted the Energy Committee brought this to the Select Board, one of the members of the Energy Committee is the Director of CVEC.

The Select Board asked Rosemary Carey to get information to the Town Manager regarding CVEC, costs, and how CVEC could work with the Town to structure a project that the Town may fund on their own.

Mr. Johnson-Staub said the School has several roof projects in the next year, and it would be an ideal time to put on roof solar at that point. Between the committee and CVEC, they could look at those projects, that would be a place to start. Ms. Carey said CVEC offers a variety of services and can work with the Town on solar energy projects. Ms. Carey will find out when the contracting begins with CVEC. Mr. Johnson-Staub noted maybe the Energy Committee to work with the Energy Committee on that.

2. Discussion of Dog Control Concerns at Town Beaches

Marine and Environmental Services (MES) Director Gregg Fraser told the Select Board what they have been doing, particularly in the Black Beach area. Worked with the Beach Superintendent about what they can do regarding enforcing the dog regulations, which falls on MES. The issue is the Town bylaw only applies to municipal Town beaches, not private property. The leash law is enforceable on private property, except with owner permission. The MES staff tried to address this with a staff person who goes to the beaches part time, but were unable to hire a person last year and hope this summer they will be able to advertise for a that position. That would make a big difference in the summer, but the other time is still going to be a problem because the problems are generated after the employees leave work. They have put signs up, most people are aware that dogs are not to be off leash, it is something that's been going on for a long time and that is the response the officers have been getting. They would like policy direction on how the Select Board would like them to handle this, monetary fees are an option; if more aggressive enforcement is warranted, they are able to do so.

Mr. Brown would like some enforcement to get the message out. Animal control has two full time animal control centers, run on 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. shift. That is why they are trying to hire for a 3:00 – 11:00 p.m. shift, designated to spend their time at the beaches. MES has had conversations with people who raised the issue: if a dog is seen off leash, call the dispatch who will dispatch an officer. Other towns are

dealing with the same issues, they work with the Audubon people because it is an added issue of threat to the protected birds.

Dr. Barbara Schneider, Precinct 4, said the dog community is quite entitled because of several decades of free walking on Chappy Beach and Beebe Woods, that was one of the three main reasons the dog park was built. She believes the only way to curtail this is for someone in uniform issuing a warning and then some sort of fine. The bylaw needs compliance, we are getting more marine animals on the shorelines and they need to be resting on the beaches and a dog could run up to a marine animal. Do people have patterns, always at the gathering places at the same time, so the times of day are predictable? Animal control does not answer if not in the office, so she's directed people to call the non-emergency business line to report to the Falmouth Police Department (FPD). Someone will need to work outside normal business hours.

Mr. Johnson-Staub said current practice is warning and then followed by a fine.

Mr. Fraser said they identify the person, ask for identification, then the citation goes into the system so they will be in the system if it happens again. If someone refuses to identify themselves, then the FPD can be called.

The Select Board prefers enforcement of the existing bylaw. Newsflashes will be sent out, posting on the Town website, and Town social media pages.

Public comment:

Greg Masmanian, Precinct 2, correlation between the summer population, he finds that the renters come down and have a couple dogs, they feel entitled to run their dogs. Perhaps they don't know the rules, maybe it makes sense for rentals to post it.

MES has changed their protocol in following up for calls, their logging system has changed so they are tracking calls for service and the checks of the beaches will be logged.

3. Vote Override for Fire Department Wages and Expenses and Fire Department Stabilization Fund

Chair Taylor commented that there has been a lot of conversation about staffing six fire stations, override, and she is hoping the Select Board can come to united consensus about what is best for the Town at this time to be able to staff our fire department and six stations.

Mr. Brown said that when discussing it at a strategic planning meeting, he quickly motioned to put the 1.5 million override out there, at that time it was clear it was the actual cost of that hiring. Since then, they've had conversations about tightening belt in other areas, now that we see all the things that can be done, he'll support the \$950K to make it more palatable to the voter. Mr. Zylinski agreed.

Mr. Brown read the motion in the packet:

I move that the Select Board place an operating override on the May 16, 2023 election ballot which reads as follows:

“Shall the Town of Falmouth be allowed to assess an additional \$600,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of hiring fourteen (14) additional firefighters and an additional \$350,000 to be deposited into the Stabilization Fund for Fire Department wages and expenses for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023?”

Ms. Scott Price seconded the motion. Vote: Yes-4. No-0. Absent-1.

4. Vote Articles and Execute Warrant for the April 2023 Annual Town Meeting

Mr. Johnson-Staub read the articles.

Articles 1, 2, 3, 4.

Article 5

Mr. Zylinski asked about the interest in the fund in Article 5. Mr. Johnson-Staub noted the interest accrues to that fund.

Article 6 override article. Per motion just voted, the dollar amounts have been broken out and will be in the recommendation printed in the warrant. Any adjustment the Select Board has until April 11 to finalize the working of the question that goes on the election ballot.

Articles 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13.

Article 14 rescind acceptance of civil service for police and fire, legislature slow to act on the FPD withdrawal, there is some indication they may continue to delay and Town Counsel advised another way to get out of civil service w/out leg approval and this Town Meeting Article would be required for that. Mr. Johnson-Staub will double check, but he believes there is no further step required once the Town meeting article is/if approved. This is new in the last year, the Select Board needs to hear from Town Counsel to have dialogue about what the risks are and who has standing. It is her opinion and several other attorneys across the state that there is little risk.

Articles 15-19

Mr. Johnson-Staub did not read the petitioners' articles.

Articles 20 and 21-items are identified and there are three listed in the article, Mr. Johnson-Staub will write the explanation with staff. Mr. Brown asked for the outline of the money for opioid use would entail. Mr. Johnson-Staub said the answer will be more a process than specific what we will do with the money. Funds are limited for the purposes of use, the Human Services Director will bring forward recommendations for how the money is spent.

Articles 22, 23.

Article 24-confirmed can accommodate that additional cost of borrowing w/out increasing the tax burden increase.

Article 25-can be accommodated without tax burden increase.

Articles 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, then the Community Preservation Committee articles.

Mr. Zylinski motion to approve the articles and execute the warrant for April 23 Town Meeting. Ms. Scott Price seconded the motion. Vote: Yes-4. No-0. Absent-1.

5. Police Chief Selection Process

Mr. Johnson-Staub is seeking guidance from the Select Board in what they think he should be looking for in selecting the next Police Chief.

Mr. Zylinski said that other towns have police chief and deputy police chief; eliminate a captain's position and backfill with deputy chief's position to add a more binding effect of two responsible people; they have more opportunity to have someone they are familiar with and connect with the rank and file. This helps with communication, redundancy is good planning, and one person responsible if the Chief is out of commission. This helps with succession plans, we won't lose officers to other towns. Chair Taylor feels that would work effectively.

Mr. Brown would like to emphasize the seasonal nature of the Town and importance of supporting events, it is challenging to have every officer work, every Chief should know what they will be asked and are stepping into; the Town relies on seasonal revenue and the events help local businesses and look to the Chief to organize these major events.

Ms. Scott Price would like documented experience actively working within a community, participating in events, round tables, given the nature of policing and current environment.

Chair Taylor noted it is the time in our history that they are policing.

Mr. Zylinski feels they need a knowledge of our community and who lives here, be aware of the racial component of our community, and our police force needs to be representative of our community.

Mr. Brown feels that the FPD is doing a good job in that area. Mr. Zylinski said being more creative and conceptual with this program, a strong, galvanized police department is easier to adjust to things you can't control.

Mr. Johnson-Staub provided prompts to the Select Board: challenges they would like the new chief to discuss.

Ms. Scott Price would like to see someone make an effort to connect with the community on a different level, given recent happenings. Significant effort for regaining trust within the community.

Chair Taylor would like a leader who empowers, emboldens, encourages risk taking, someone who creates a team that acknowledges and encourages other peoples' opinions, input, and intelligence.

Mr. Johnson-Staub reviewed the topics that he and the consultant developed.

Mr. Brown questioned the dispatch being its own unit, it's in the FPD, should the accountability be to the Chief? Mr. Zylinski said to look for FPD input on how we can help support them and how they are going to do it. Mr. Zylinski suggested Mr. Johnson-Staub go on a ride-along and talk with the officers about what they want in a chief, we need a connection.

The purpose of this conversation before finalizing job announcement is to take the ideas and work them into the assessment center and interviews.

6. Licenses
 - a. Application for a Change of Officers/Directors and a Change of Manager – Cape Verdean Club of Falmouth, Inc., located at 126 Sandwich Road, East Falmouth

Ms. Scott Price noted that she is a member of the club.

No person was present to represent the club.

Mr. Brown had questions regarding the proposed manager living in East Taunton and about the plan for her to manage the club while living that far away.

Chair Taylor stated action will be deferred and this item will be rescheduled to 2/13/23 and would like a club representative present at that meeting to answer their questions.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Licensing
 - a. Approve administrative Change of Address of an All Alcoholic Beverages Retail Package Store License – Falmouth Food Mart & Liquors, located at 424 East Falmouth Highway, Unit A6, East Falmouth
2. Administrative Orders
 - a. Vote to petition the Massachusetts General Court to approve removal of Fire Department from Civil Service

Ms. Scott Price motioned to approve the consent agenda. Second Mr. Zylinski. Vote: Yes-4. No-0. Absent-1.

MINUTES

1. Review and Vote to Approve Minutes of Meetings

- a. Public Session – October 24, 2022

This item will be added to the 2/13/23 meeting.

TOWN MANAGER’S SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT-none.

SELECT BOARD REPORTS

Mr. Brown:

- Attended Megansett Crossing opening, they are very nicely done and a model for what can be done in design and build of affordable housing. Senator Moran was present.

Mr. Zylinski:

- Will be reaching out to do his ride-along with the FFD and FPD soon.

Ms. Scott Price:

- Last week she met with representatives from Senator Markey’s office, she will pass information about sustainability to Mr. Johnson-Staub.
- Met with the new District Attorney (DA), he will put together a committee for Diversity Equity and Inclusion (DEI) in the DA’s office.

Chair Taylor:

- Asked that the consultant for the Town Manager search provide an update on where we are in the process at the 2/13/23 Select Board Meeting.

DISCUSSION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Workshop with Town Counsel is scheduled for 4/1/23.

Mr. Johnson-Staub noted the meeting scheduled for 4/1/23 was for training and a quarterly check-in with where we stand with the strategic plan.

Mr. Brown would like to consider looking at what might be possible with urine diverting toilets rather than sewerage and noted it would have to be a Town-led idea.

Mr. Zylinski feels that until we find out what is going on with the IA (Innovative/Alternative) septic systems, there are specific items people are addressing with the Department of Environmental Protection right now so this may not be the time to address urine diverting toilets.

Mr. Johnson-Staub can forward this idea to the Water Quality Management Committee for their consideration.

Marc Finneran commented that 70% of the nitrogen can easily be diverted by urine diversion. This would make any Title V system equal or better than an Innovative/Alternative (IA) system and would cost a few thousand dollars, not tens of thousands of dollars. The next sewerage phase could include a plan for this and the money for sewerage could be used for another project such as replacing pipes. New construction could include urinals that would divert the urine to a holding container for removal. This is not new technology and exploring it is appropriate. Urine can be used to fertilize gardens and other areas that benefit from nitrogen.

Mr. Zylinski moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Scott Price seconded the motion. Vote: Yes-4. No-0. Absent-1.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jennifer Chaves
Recording Secretary