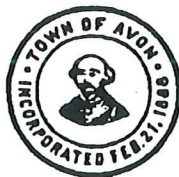


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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2022**  
**6:30 P.M.**

**Members Present:** Steven P. Rose, Chairman  
Eric S. Beckerman, Clerk

**Others Present:** Gregory S. Enos, Town Administrator  
Shanna M. Faro, Executive Assistant  
Joseph S. Lalli, Esq., Town Counsel

Chairman Rose called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with Selectman Suzor absent from the meeting. He announced that this meeting of the Board of Selectmen is being conducted via a hybrid method. The public may attend the Selectmen meetings in-person or may continue to participate via remote Zoom access. Until further notice, in-person attendees, who are not vaccinated, will be recommended to wear a mask. Chairman Rose reminded the viewing audience that people who would like to view this meeting while in progress may do so by watching local cable on Channel 9 or joining the Zoom link for the videoconference. Links to watch the recorded meeting will be available on the Avon Cable Access website [www.avontv.org](http://www.avontv.org).

Mr. Lalli led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## Public Participation

None

## Meeting Minutes

Mr. Beckerman made a motion to approve the April 14, 2022 (Workshop Session) meeting minutes as written. Chairman Rose seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Beckerman made a motion to approve the May 3, 2022 (Workshop Session) meeting minutes as written. Chairman Rose seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Beckerman made a motion to approve the May 5, 2022 (Regular Session) meeting minutes as written. Chairman Rose seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Beckerman made a motion to approve the May 11, 2022 (Workshop Session) meeting minutes as written. Chairman Rose seconded the motion. The motion carried.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Personnel Action Forms for New Appointments**

Mr. Beckerman made a motion to approve the Personnel Action Form for Robert Burke to the full-time AFSCME Public Safety Dispatcher position for a Grade D-1, Step 1 effective June 6, 2022. Chairman Rose seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mr. Beckerman made a motion to approve the Personnel Action Form for Steven Bates to the Seasonal DPW Laborer position for a Grade 3, Step 1 effective May 31, 2022. Chairman Rose seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Beckerman made a motion to approve the Personnel Action Form for Eric Ficarra to the Seasonal DPW Laborer position for a Grade 3, Step 5 effective May 31, 2022. Chairman Rose seconded the motion. The motion passed.

### **Street Opening Permit Applications**

Mr. Beckerman made a motion to approve the following Street Opening Permit Applications from Eversource Gas of Massachusetts:

1. **509 Page Street** – proposed 4' x 6' road cut to replace the gas service line and relocate the meter outside.
2. **212 Page Street** – proposed 4' x 6' road cut to abandon the stub at the main.
3. **150 Page Street** – proposed 4' x 6' road cut to replace the gas service line and relocate the meter outside.
4. **159 Page Street** – proposed 4' x 6' road cut to abandon the stub at the main.
5. **160 Page Street** – proposed 4' x 6' road cut to abandon the stub at the main.
6. **188 Page Street** – proposed 4' x 6' road cut to abandon the stub at the main.
7. **110 Page Street** – proposed 4' x 6' road cut to abandon the stub at the main.

Chairman Rose seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### **Remote Participation Policy**

Mr. Enos informed the Board that he drafted a Remote Participation Policy for their review. Mr. Enos stated that this policy is in adherence with the amended Open Meeting Law regulations at 940 CMR 29.00 in which members of the public body can participate remotely in meetings in limited circumstances. Mr. Enos stated that this policy is drafted in anticipation of Governor Baker's rescindment of the March 12, 2020 Order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Mr. Enos stated that the draft policy would seek to promote greater participation in meetings for Boards and Committees by allowing members to participate remotely when specific circumstances prevent them from being physically present. Mr. Enos stated that at the discretion of the Board, they may decide how many meetings a member may attend remotely before it becomes unacceptable. Mr. Enos stated, for example, the Board could decide that no member of a committee will be allowed to join meetings remotely more than 25% of the time or (1 out of 4 meetings). The Board will review the draft policy and report their comments and revisions to Mr. Enos.

### **Announcements**

Chairman Rose announced that the annual Memorial Day Parade will be held on Saturday, May 28, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. commencing at St. Michael's Church and marching through East Main Street to the Frank M. Noyes VFW Post #8892 where a cookout will be held.

Chairman Rose announced that the June meetings of the Board will be June 2, 2022 and June 16, 2022.

### **Town Administrator's Report**

Mr. Enos announced that the AMVETS are seeking volunteers to help place flags on the graves of veterans at the local cemeteries in honor of Memorial Day. If anyone is interested in helping, please contact Town Hall.

Mr. Enos stated that this week was National Public Works week as well as National EMS week. Mr. Enos thanked the town's employees in these departments for their hard work and dedication.

Mr. Enos informed the Board that King Documents will be coming to Town Hall again for document management. This document review will include reducing duplicate files and scanning records in preparation of the online permitting project.

### **Adjournment**

At 6:50 p.m., Mr. Beckerman made a motion to adjourn the regular session and to convene in Executive Session for the review and approval of executive session minutes to comply with, or act under the authority of, any general or special law or federal grant-in-aid requirements – and more specifically the Open Meeting Law, G.L. Chapter 30A, Sections 22(f) and (g); and to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining (AFSCME, Police, Fire, Call Firefighters) or litigation as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the government's bargaining or litigating position to conduct collective bargaining and contract negotiations with non-union personnel. (Fire Chief). Chairman Rose seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Beckerman voted aye. Chairman Rose voted aye. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Shanna M. Faro  
Executive Assistant to the Town Administrator

### **LIST OF DOCUMENTS**

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