



TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2022 – 7PM
MacKinnon Council Chambers

AGENDA

RELATIVE TO MGL CHAPTER 30A, SECTION 20 (F), AND FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC, THIS MEETING IS BEING RECORDED BY BOTH VIDEO AND AUDIO METHODS.

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Consider and accept the Town Council Meeting Minutes, Monday, November 21, 2022.
4. Subcommittee Reports
 - a. General Government
 - b. Department of Public Works
 - c. Education and Human Services
 - d. Planning and Development
 - e. Protection of Persons and Property
5. Chairman's Announcements
6. Town Manager's Announcements
7. Presentation
 - a. Board of Assessors (BOA) Overview on Tax Classification and the Tax Rate by Rachael Carney, Principal Assessor.
8. Citizen Forum
9. Vote to confirm the Town Manager's appointment of Chris Armstrong as DPW Maintenance Man/Equipment Operator for an indefinite term effective immediately, pending the successful completion of pre-employment physical and background screening and State Ethics.
10. Vote to endorse Town Manager's appointment of Marcelino Guerra to fill the vacant Disabled Commuter Representative's seat on the WRTA Board, pending WRTA acceptance of his candidacy.
11. Vote to confirm Town Manager's appointment of Marcelino Guerra to the vacant seat on the Commission on Disabilities for a 3-year term effective immediately through June 30, 2025, pending successful completion of state ethics.
12. Vote to accept the FY 23 Local Cultural Council Grant from Massachusetts Cultural Council to the Southbridge local Cultural Council account in the amount of \$23,000.00 for dates of service July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 and authorize the Town Manager to sign any related paperwork.
13. Vote to appropriate \$10,000.00 to Recruitment and Processing account #001910-534600 to cover additional costs for FY 2023 and make a recommendation to Town Council for approval.

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14. Vote to appropriate \$200,000.00 to the Capital Stabilization Fund for capital improvements.
15. Vote to establish a tax classification factor of 1.0, a single tax rate, for FY23 tax purposes (The BOA recommends a "Yes" vote for a single tax rate).
16. Vote to establish a tax classification of property for FY23 tax purposes, for an open space discount. (The BOA recommends a "No" vote).
17. Vote to establish a tax classification of property for FY23 tax purposes, for a small commercial exemption. (The BOA recommends a "No" vote).
18. Vote to establish a tax classification of property for FY23 tax purposes, for a residential exemption. (The BOA recommends a "No" vote).
19. Discuss/provide update on the church at 30 Charlton Street and vote/endorse a course of action.
20. Vote to approve Petition for Repairs to a Private Way; request for surface repairs of Lincoln Street up to \$500.00 in accordance with Chapter 8 Section 8-102.
21. Vote to expand the "no parking from here to corner" parking zone in the area of 11 Charlton Street, 30 feet east from its current location.
22. Vote to approve adding 3' Tubular Surface Mounts (photo depiction attached) and line striping to improve sight lines on the following streets; in existing "No Parking Zone" located in front of 45 Hamilton Street (Crown Fried Chicken), in existing "No Parking Zone" located at intersection of West Street & West Main Street adjacent to 825 Main Street (Domino's Pizza) and in existing "No Parking Zone" located at 11 Charlton Street to the intersection of Central Street & Worcester Street.
23. Vote to approve adding a stop sign at Fiske Street and Cliff Street. Entertain a motion to recommend to Town Council for approval.
24. Vote to approve citizen's request pertaining to the addition of "blind person" signage in the area of 114 Litchfield Avenue.
25. Vote to approve citizen's request for adding a stop sign on Ellis Road at the intersection of Torrey Road.
26. Vote to approve citizen's request pertaining to adding a "Blind Drive" sign in area of 183 Brentwood Drive. Entertain a motion to recommend to Town Council for approval.
27. Vote to accept Chapter 41, Section 110A of the Massachusetts General Law or take any other action thereto. (Motion submitted by Town Clerk's office.)
28. Vote to amend the Town of Southbridge Employees Personnel Rules and Regulations, Section 6, Separation of Employment, Retirement, Dental Insurance. Original language: The dental insurance is not offered to retirees. The coverage will end on the date of your retirement; Amendment: The Town offers dental insurance to retirees with no premium contribution by the Town, it is fully retiree funded.
29. Vote to accept Sustainable Materials Recovery Program (SMRP) Grant from Mass DEP for \$8,800, and authorize the Town Manager to sign any related paperwork.
30. Vote to accept the Urban Agenda grant award for \$75,000.00 to promote Economic Development in the Urban Renewal Area and authorize the Town Manager to sign any related paperwork.

31. Vote to approve the release of the Affordable Housing Restriction on 1-11 Central Street and authorize the Town Manager to sign any related paperwork.
32. Vote to approve extending the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Mini-Entitlement (ME) FY19 contract to February 28, 2023, and authorize the Town Manager to sign all related paperwork
33. Vote to accept the quote from BSC Group for \$4,200.00 to help Southbridge apply for the new Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant using Economic Development Specialized Services funds and authorize the Town Manager to sign any related paperwork
34. Vote to approve a transfer of \$4,200.00 from Project #64600, FY18 DPW Building Repairs, to Account 001180-530000 to fund the BSC Group service agreement to assist with the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant application.
35. Vote to accept the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development (EOHED)'s Mass Works grant award for \$885,000 towards East Main Street improvements and allow the Town Manager to sign all related paperwork.
36. Vote to accept the Brownfield grant from Mass Development to provide a Phase II Site Assessment in the Globe Village and allow the Town Manager to sign any related paperwork.
37. Vote to approve transfer of \$25,000.00 from #001145-511000 Salaries to #001145-530000 Specialized Services to cover cost for Interim Treasurer/Collector services for the months of November and December, payable to Strategic Municipal Services LLC.
38. Vote to approve transfer of \$15,000.00 from Project #66260 Cable Special Revenue Fund to #001159-510000 Cable Personnel Services to fund Cable projected salaries through 6/30/2023.
39. Vote to approve transfer of \$2,000.00 from Project #8100 Assessors Revaluation Services to #001141-530000 Specialized Services to cover the cost of mapping changes and updates to zoning and the overlay districts.
40. Report from Councilor Ryan on Subcommittee Rules and regulations; discuss and take any action thereof.
41. Councilors Forum
42. Discussion of next meeting date – Monday, December 19, 2022 - 7:00 PM
43. Vote to enter executive session pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 30A §21, (3) to discuss strategy with respect to litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares: litigation update.

Council will adjourn from Executive Session and will not return to open session

Note: The items listed, which may be discussed at the meeting, are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair. Not all items listed may, in fact, be discussed, and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.

(Agenda reviewed and approved by Council Chair, J. Daniel 12/1/2022)