



# TOWN OF SHREWSBURY

Board of Selectmen Meeting

Remote Meeting

Richard D. Carney Municipal Office Building

100 Maple Avenue

Shrewsbury, Massachusetts 01545-5398

Thursday, June 4, 2020 – 6:00 PM

## MINUTES

**Important Notice:** Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the **Shrewsbury Board of Selectmen** will be conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible. All meetings and hearings listed in the agenda will also be done so through remote participation. Specific information and the general guidelines for remote participation by members of the public and/or parties with a right and/or requirement to attend this meeting can be found on the town's website, at [www.shrewsburyma.gov/coronavirus](http://www.shrewsburyma.gov/coronavirus). For this meeting, members of the public who wish to listen or may do so by dialing [1 337-340-3830] and entering the following pin: [812 055 304#]. No public comment will be permitted. No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings in real time, via technological means. In the event that we are unable to do so, despite best efforts, we will post on the town's website an audio or video recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting.

**Present:** Mr. Maurice DePalo, Chairman, Ms. Beth Casavant, Vice Chairman, Mr. John Lebeaux, Clerk, Mr. James Kane, Selectman, Mr. John Samia, Selectman

**Also Present:** Mr. Kevin Mizikar, Town Manager

### 1. Call to Order

Mr. DePalo called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and read the remote participation script verbatim.

### 2. Review and act on a statement regarding the recent death of George Floyd in Minnesota and the resulting protests across the nation

Mr. DePalo asked the Board for comments regarding the draft release. Mr. Kane commented that he believed the draft was acceptable. On a motion by Ms. Casavant, seconded by Mr. Lebeaux, the Board unanimously voted, on a roll call vote, Ms. Casavant-yes, Mr. Lebeaux-yes-Mr. Kane-yes, Mr. Samia-yes, and Mr. DePalo-yes, to release the statement regarding the recent death of George Floyd in Minnesota and the resulting protests across the nation.

### 3. Executive Session:

#### a. MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(3) in order to discuss strategy with respects to collective bargaining involving

- i. Service Employees International Union Local 888 Union (SEIU) -- Shrewsbury Public Works
- ii. New England Police Benevolent Association Local 191 Union - Shrewsbury Police Superior Officers
- iii. New England Police Benevolent Association Local 191 Union - Shrewsbury Police Patrol Officers
- iv. International Association of Firefighters Local 4613 Union -- Shrewsbury Firefighters
- v. International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local 170 Union -- Shrewsbury Dispatchers

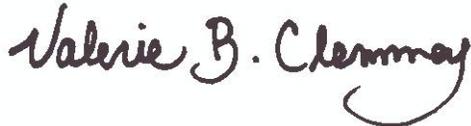
**vi. American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees Union, Council 93  
Local 1708 Union -- Shrewsbury Custodians**

Ms. Casavant moved that the Board vote to enter into executive session at 6:15 pm pursuant to MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(3) in order to discuss strategy with respects to collective bargaining involving units a1 through a6 as listed on the agenda and for the purpose of approving minutes. On a roll call vote, Ms. Casavant-yes, Mr. Lebeaux-yes-Mr. Kane-yes, Mr. Samia-yes, and Mr. DePalo-yes, to enter into executive session. Mr. DePalo advised that the Board would now enter into executive session with respect to collective bargaining because an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining positions of the Board and for the purpose of approving minutes and furthermore the Board would not reconvene into open session.

**b. Approval of May 26, 2020 Executive Session Minutes**

**4. Adjourn**

Respectfully Submitted,



Valerie B. Clemmey  
Administrative Assistant to the Board of Selectmen

**Referenced Materials**

6/4/2020 Statement from the Board of Selectmen

Posted on: June 4, 2020

## Statement Regarding the Recent Death of George Floyd and the Resulting National Protests

The Shrewsbury Board of Selectmen strongly denounces the shocking and horrific actions of those Minneapolis police officers that resulted in the tragic death of George



Floyd. Their actions reflect poorly on the hundreds of thousands of honorable and professional police officers. No person from the black community or any community should have to live in fear of being treated in such a despicable way.

We respect those who choose to protest in peace, but also denounce the violence and looting that destroys rather than strengthens communities.

We stand hand and hand with the black community and are committed to doing everything we can to end racism, bias, oppression and acts of violence. We reject all acts of racism, both subtle and overt.

We can and we must do better as a town, state and country.

We are committed to ensuring that the Town of Shrewsbury, our state and our country foster equality, opportunity and fundamental fairness for all.