

Wednesday, January 13, 2021 Select Board Meeting Minutes Zoom Meeting ID:997 4655 5383 at 5:30 pm

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Pursuant to notice duly filed with the Town Clerk, a meeting of the Select Board was held at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom as a virtual meeting for the Town of Hadley.

Present were: David J. Fill, II., Chair; Christian Stanley, Clerk; Jane Nevinsmith, Member; John Waskiewicz, Member. Absent: Joyce Chunglo, Member.

Also present were Carolyn Brennan, Town Administrator, Jennifer Sanders James, Assistant Procurement Officer;

1. Call to Order

1.1 Call to order

The Select Board will convene a meeting on Wednesday, January 13, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. at Zoom Meeting ID:997 4655 5383 Hadley, MA 01035 there and then to act on the following agenda.

ON-LINE AGENDA

The Select Board agenda is posted on-line at www.hadleyma.org

- 1. Bring up the Town website using the URL above.
- 2. Select "Select Board" from the drop down menu.
- 3. Select "BoardDocs LT"
- 4. Click on "Meetings" tab.
- 5. Select the appropriate meeting from the dates offered.
- 6. Click "View Meeting" and you can follow the progress of the meeting.

The public may access the meeting remotely by using a computer or telephone and follow the instructions below:

Zoom Meeting Information

Topic: COVID 19 Q& A - Select Board Meeting

Time: Jan 13, 2021 05:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

https://zoom.us/j/99746555383?pwd=WDAxRnJzRGx1U3dnZ01KMGpHc0R6dz09

3/13/20 BOSTON – The Baker-Polito Administration announced an emergency order temporarily modifying the state's open meeting law in order to allow state, quasi and local governments to continue to carry out essential functions and operations during the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak. This emergency order suspends the requirement for public access to the physical location where a public meeting is taking place, provided there are other means of access available. This includes the use of a



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phone conference line for members of the public, social media or other internet streaming services, online meeting services, or methods of access.

Both the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) have advised residents to take extra measures to put distance between themselves and other people to further reduce the risk of being exposed to COVID-19. Additionally, the CDC and DPH have advised high-risk individuals, including people over the age of 60, anyone with underlying health conditions or a weakened immune system, and pregnant women, to avoid large gatherings. Additionally, the order relieves the requirement that a quorum of members be physically present at a public meeting. During this period, members may all participate by remote or virtual means. This order is applicable to meetings of public bodies including commissions, boards, and committees that engage in policy making at the state, quasi and local level, and it does not apply to Town Meetings or judicial and quasi-judicial hearings. It follows Governor Baker's declaration of a State of Emergency on Wednesday, March 11, and it will remain in place until rescinded or the State of Emergency is terminated. The full text of the Governor's order may be found here: https://41g41s33vxdd2vc05w415s1e-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/OpenMtgLaw_ExecOrder_Mar32020.pdf

2. COVID -19 Q & A 2.1 COVID 19

A panel discussion and Q&A session following was hosted and facilitated by Dr. Susan Mosler, Chair of the Hadley Board of Health. Joining Dr. Mosler were Dr. Estevan Garcia, Chief Medical officer of Cooley Dickinson Hospital, Dr. Joanne Leven, Medical Director at Cooley Dickinson Hospital and Chair of the Northampton Board of Health, Dr. Anne McKenzie, School Superintendent for the Town of Hadley, and Emma Dragon, Hadley Board of Health member and Public Health Officer for the Town of Amherst. Presentations with slides were shared by the panelists and served as the basis of discussion followed by questions and answers. In total, there were 59 remote participants.

3. Adjournment

3.1 Adjournment

Motion to adjourn.

Motion: Nevinsmith Second: Stanley

Roll Call Vote: Fill: Aye; Stanley: Aye; Waskiewicz: Aye; Nevinsmith: Aye

Meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Sanders James