



Wednesday, September 30, 2020
Select Board Minutes
Zoom Meeting ID: 994 3828 0246 – 5:30 PM

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; Joyce Chunglo, Member; Jane Nevinsmith, Member; John Waskiewicz, Member

Also present were: David Nixon, Town Administrator; Jennifer Sanders James, Licensing Coordinator; Carolyn Brennan, Town Administrator; Amy Fyden, Finance Committee; Chris Okafor, DPW Director; Annie McKenzie, School Superintendent; Mike Mason, Chief of Police, Jake Marini, Hadley Police Department; Jenny Vanasse, Park and Recreation Director;

1. Call to Order

1.1 Call to order

The Select Board will convene a meeting on Wednesday, September 30, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. in Town Hall, 100 Middle Street, 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:

Topic: Tri-Board

Time: Sep 30, 2020 05:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/99438280246>

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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



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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 phone conference line for members of the public, social media or other internet streaming services, on-line 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

Meeting was called to order by David Fill, Select Board Chair at 5:30 pm.

David Fill announces that we are not broadcasting live right now because the internet is down at the Goodwin Library, but people are able to join the meeting so we are in compliance with open meeting law.

2. Tri-Board Meeting

2.1 Tri-Board

David Fill states that we need to push back the Special Town Meeting.

Motion to move the Special Town Meeting date until November 14, 2020.

Motion: Chunglo

Second: Waskiewicz
Vote: 5-0-0



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3. Consent Agenda

3.1 Consent Agenda

Minutes	April 2, 2020
Warrant	AP2113, AP2113S, AP2114, AP2114S, PR2106, PR2107
Town Administrator Appointments - American Disability Act Coordinator, Public Information Officer, Chief Procurement Officer, Capital Planning (Non- voting), Financial Management Team	Carolyn Brennan
Hopkins Academy Cross Country - Use of Town Common	October 1, October, November 3rd
DPW Snow-Plow On-Call list	Authorization
Highland Circle Spur Stop sign request	Authorization
November 3 - Warrant for 2020 State Election	Approval

Motion to approve the consent agenda.

Motion: Chunglo

Second: Stanley for discussion

Vote: 5-0-0

Joyce Chunglo asks for an explanation about plowing list.

David Fill explains that we can't afford a contractor so this will be an on call list of residents.

Motion to approve DPW on call list.

Motion: Chunglo

Second: Nevinsmith

Vote: 5-0-0

4. Public Comments: 5:30 - 5:45pm

4.1 Public Comments

5. Town Administrator Report

5.1 Town Administrator Report

Carolyn Brennan thanks the Select Board for keeping David on for the transition. I am really impressed with the employees for example Jennifer's concerns with the businesses and the fact that she hosted the business COVID-19 Listening session.

Also Business West is writing an article about the town. The North Hadley Village Hall P&S sale is with the purchasers.

6. Appointments

6.1 STM Warrant Review and Signing



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The Select Board votes on the Special Town Meeting warrant.

Motion to recommend Article 1.

Motion: Chunglo Second: Stanley
Vote: 5-0-0

Skip Article 2.

Motion to recommend Article 3.

Motion: Chunglo Second: Stanley
Vote: 5-0-0

Motion to recommend Article 4.

Motion: Chunglo Second: Stanley
Vote: 5-0-0

Motion to recommend Article 5.

Motion: Chunglo Second: Stanley
Vote: 5-0-0

Motion to recommend Article 6.

Motion: Nevinsmith Second: Chunglo
Vote: 5-0-0

The Select Board skips Article 7 and 8.

Motion to recommend Article 9.

Motion: Stanley Second: Nevinsmith
Vote: 5-0-0

Motion to approve Articles 10, 11, 12.

Motion: Chunglo Second: Stanley
Vote: 5-0-0

Motion to approve Article 13.

Motion: Chunglo Second: Waskiewicz
Vote: 5-0-0

Motion to close warrant.

Motion: Chunglo Second: Nevinsmith
Vote: 5-0-0



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6.2 Russell School Discussion of Options

The Municipal Building Committee voted last night – they are not in support of a full renovation for town use at this time. The Building has been mothballed for 10 years.

David Fill asks that we offer a broad RFP for a pitch for renovation.

Gary Berg will get a quote to tear it down.

David Fill states that the sale of the building should not be on the table. Either lease or tear down, or re-do. This is an important parcel of land in town.

7. New Business

7.1 Russell School backstop and fence removal

Jane Nevinsmith states that the fence has always been a good place to hang a sign.

David Fill states that we can come up with another plan for where to put signs.

Motion to remove fence and backstop at Russell School.

Motion: Chunglo Second: Nevinsmith

Amended motion to leave 2 sections and limit signs to town events only.

Vote: 5-0-0

Scott McCarthy will decide which sections will remain.

7.2 Public Safety and Park & Rec - Trunk or Treat

Mike Mason and Jake Marini explain the Trunk or Treat program and it has been reviewed by Board of Health. Children will do a drive thru Trunk or Treat event.

Motion to approve the Town Common Trunk or Treat on October 30, 2020.

Motion: Chunglo Second: Nevinsmith

Vote: 5-0-0

Jake Marini states that we expecting 100 children.

Motion to approve use of the commons. Amended motion to allow use of any town facility.

Motion: Chunglo Second: Nevinsmith

Vote: 5-0-0

8. Old Business

8.1 Library, Fire Substation, and Senior Center Updates

Mark Sullivan states that the number of the driveway was \$42,000 and it down 10,000 dollars.

Joyce Chunglo asks who was responsible.

Phillip O'Brien says we did a study a few years ago and there was no building behind the senior center went to planning board without us and showed a vague sketch.

8.2 2021 License Fee Discussion

Jennifer Sanders James, Licensing Coordinator asks the Select Board to reduce the fees for the upcoming license renewals due to COVID impacting their income. She recommends offering a 25% reduction and they must request it on the renewal form.



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Motion to accept 25% license reduction and that licensees must request reduction for the 2021 calendar year.

Motion: Chunglo

Second: Stanley

Vote: 4-1-0

8.3 September 29th COVID-Listening/Information Session for Local Business Community update

John Waskiewicz states that after the COVID listening session last night we know that businesses haven't been able to be open and we need to give them all the help we can.

9. Other Items Not Anticipated 48 Hours in Advance

Motion to approve the PIVCIS cross country team use of the commons.

Motion: Chunglo

Second: Stanley

Vote: 5-0-0

10. Announcements

John Waskiewicz thanks the Legion for the Chicken-to-go. They served 535 dinners.

Jane Nevinsmith announces a town wide flu clinic on October 21, 2021.

Joyce Chunglo offers condolences from the Select Board to the family of Dwight Touchet, to the family of Richard Fydenkevez, to the family of Richard Zolla, to the family of Joy Tudryn, to the family of Andy Jekanowski, to the family of Edward Buckhout, to the family of Mary Baj, to the Parker family on the loss of their daughter.

11. Executive Session

12. Adjournment

12.1 Adjournment

Motion to adjourn.

Motion: Chunglo

Second: Stanley

Vote: 5-0-0

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Sanders James