



**Wednesday, June 2, 2021
Select Board Meeting Agenda**

Hadley Town Hall - Room 203 at 6:00 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; Amy Parsons, Member; Joyce Chunglo, Member; Jane Nevinsmith, Clerk; John Waskiewicz, Member

Also present were Carolyn Brennan, Town Administrator, Jennifer Sanders James, Assistant Procurement Officer; Dan Zdonek, Assessor; William Dwyer, Planning Board; Linda Sanderson, Town Treasurer; Susan Glowatsky, Collector; Tom Quinlan, Building Inspector; Haley Wood, Council on Aging; Paulette Kuzdeba, Conservation Committee; Patrick Borezo, Library Director.

1. Call to Order

1.1 Call to order

The Select Board will convene a meeting on Wednesday, June 2, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. on Zoom Meeting:987 7562 6738 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: Select Board

Jennifer James is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Select Board Meeting

Time: Jun 2, 2021 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/96010344499?pwd=QVpmbEdibHh1ZDN2RHpDUW9hMjU0dz09>

Meeting ID: 960 1034 4499

Passcode: 054711

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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 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

2. Consent Agenda

2.1 Consent Agenda

Warrants	AP2148, AP2148S, PR2124
Approval of new mileage reimbursement rate	
Hadley Police Department Resignation	Casey Gilbert
Appointment of Assistant Town Treasurer	Stacy Sullivan
Hadley Historical Commission	Courtney Meyer

TOWN OF HADLEY
SELECT BOARD
CONSENT AGENDA

Items on a Consent Agenda are exceptions to the general process of the Select Board's Meeting. The Select Board identifies those business items that they believe should generate no controversy and can be properly voted without debate. These items are put on the Consent Agenda to allow motions under these items to be acted upon as one unit and to be passed without debate.

At the call of the Consent Agenda, the Chair of the Select Board will read out the business items, one by one. If one or more Select Board members object to any particular item being included in the Consent Agenda, they say "hold" in a loud voice when the item is called. The item will be removed automatically from the Consent Agenda and voted separately under the usual manner. After the calling of the individual items in the Consent Agenda, the Chair will ask for a motion that the Select Board pass all items remaining AS A UNIT on one vote. Use of the Consent Agenda process makes the Select Board Meeting more efficient by speeding up the handling of non-controversial items.

Motion to approve the consent agenda.

Moved: Chunglo Second: Nevinsmith

Roll Call Vote: Fill: Aye, Chunglo: Aye; Parsons: Aye; Nevinsmith: Aye; Waskiewicz: Abstain.
Passes 4-0-1.

3. Public Comments

3.1 Public Comments

The public comment period is a time for the public to bring their concerns before the Select Board. The Board will hear public comments for 15 minutes. Please limit your comments to 3 minutes so that other members of the public may have an opportunity to speak.

In general, the Board will take all items and issues raised under advisement. Requests that can be addressed administratively will be referred to the appropriate department head for action. Requests for public documents will be handled according to law.

If the Chair of the Select Board calls for public comments, and after all public comments are heard, and if there is still time available, the Chair may close that portion of the meeting agenda and move to other items on the agenda.

Jane Nevinsmith suggested that the Town research and consider the collection of discarded tires to be recycled in order to help control the breeding of mosquitos where water collects. She will do the research and follow up with the Board at a later date.

Paulette Kuzdeba asked the Board to reconsider waiting until the Fall Town Meeting to revisit the State's plan for aerial mosquito spraying. She stated that organic farmers may be at risk of losing organic certifications. This is in light of the Board's earlier decision to not opt out by the State's deadline of May 28. David explained that individual farmers and property owners can opt out of aerial spraying individually as the planes are equipped with high sophisticated GPS-driven instrumentation that promotes a high degree of spraying accuracy. Once the State notifies the Town that spraying will commence, outbound communications will be made throughout the Town advising everyone accordingly.

4. Town Administrator Report

4.1 Town Administrator Report

The Town Administrator will report on special projects, departmental functions, and community events.

Work continues on the Mass. Grant application for water and sewer line work along Route 9.

Motion to allow Carolyn Brennan to move forward in submitting the grant application for \$920,000 and sign on behalf of the Select Board.

Moved: Chunglo Second: Parsons

Roll Call Vote: Fill: Aye, Chunglo: Aye; Parsons: Aye; Nevinsmith: Aye; Waskiewicz: Aye.
Passes 5-0.

5. Appointments

5.1 47 Bay Road at 6:15 PM

The Select Board will discuss the offer of Sandra Jo DeForge, the property owner of 47 Bay Road to donate the property to the Town of Hadley.

Tom Quinlan shared with the Board that the property has been unable to sell the property. The Property owner has written a letter offering to donate it to the Town. The house is not salable, and the land is located on a flood plain.

Paulette Kuzdeba explained that the land is intermittently flooded and not usable.

Tom will research any funding that might be available for the Town to take the property over. Carolyn will also look into possible grant sources for hazard mitigation. Until then, any further discussion or action will be tabled.

6. New Business

6.1 Niedbala APR

The Select Board is asked to sign the final documents for the Niedbala APR at 136 East Street. The original request was passed at Annual Town Meeting on 2019 Articles 16 and 17.

A request has been made for separate checks made payable to Peter Niedbala and Robert Niedbala.

Motion to approve two separate payments to Peter Niedbala and Robert Niedbala.

Moved: Chunglo Second: Nevinsmith

Roll Call Vote: Fill: Aye, Chunglo: Aye; Parsons: Aye; Nevinsmith: Aye; Waskiewicz: Aye.
Passes 5-0.

6.2 Open Meeting Law Complaint

The Town Clerk received an Open Meeting Complaint filed by a resident over the improperly posted meeting agenda item.

Complaint involves Select Board meeting held on May 12, 2021. The agenda item referenced was 6.2, Covid Update and a perceived policy change based upon topic discussion, which may not have been properly posted in advance. It is the opinion of the Board and the Town Administrator that this agenda item was posted in a timely fashion in compliance with Commonwealth open meeting laws.

Motion to end discussion on this topic based upon the agenda item being properly posted in advance.

Moved: Chunglo Second: Waskiewicz

Roll Call Vote: Fill: Aye, Chunglo: Aye; Parsons: Aye; Nevinsmith: Abstain; Waskiewicz: Aye.
Passes 4-0-1.

6.3 COVID 19 - UPDATE

The Council on Aging and the Hadley Public Library will both present their opening procedures.
Subject

Patrick Borezo provided an update for the library. Currently planning to reopen to 6 days a week without appointments necessary with masks being optional.

Motion to reopen the library to public access with masks optional in compliance with current State guidelines.

Moved: Parsons Second: Chunglo

Roll Call Vote: Fill: Aye, Chunglo: Aye; Parsons: Aye; Nevinsmith: Aye; Waskiewicz: Aye.

Passes 5-0

Haley Wood provided an update for the Senior Center. The Senior Center plans to operate with masks optional except for limitations on class size and the dining room based upon square footage.

Motion to operate the Senior Center with masks optional in compliance with current State guidelines and limitations based upon square footage.

Moved: Chunglo Second: Nevinsmith

Roll Call Vote: Fill: Aye, Chunglo: Aye; Parsons: Aye; Nevinsmith: Aye; Waskiewicz: Aye.
Passes 5-0

Carolyn Brennan provided an update for the Town Hall. The Town Hall is already operating with masks optional. Taxpayers can make payments in the outdoor mailbox or inside the Town Hall or electronically.

Carolyn also shared pending legislation recently filed by the Governor regarding the extension of public Zoom meetings through September 1 primarily due to the increased level of public engagement.

6.4 Grand Opening of 3 New Buildings

The Council on Aging, Hadley Public Library, and the Fire Substation are working to coordinate a Grand Opening for the 3 new buildings. They would choose a date.

The Select Board desires to invite Governor Baker and other dignitaries to ribbon cutting ceremonies in the Fall. Carolyn will contact the Governor's office to ascertain schedule possibilities and any possibility to piggyback with other events being attended by the Governor in Western Massachusetts.

7. Old Business

8. Other Items Not Anticipated 48 Hours in Advance

9. Announcements

9.1 FY 22 Board and Committees Renewals

Announcement - That Boards and Committees will be receiving their member list for updates before the next meeting.

It is requested that each Board member send an email to Jennifer indicating which Town committees and boards they are still active with.

Committee openings will be discussed at the next Board meeting on June 16. Jennifer will gather and provide the committee membership information and related openings in advance.

9.2 Other Announcements

Linda Sanderson reported that loans on 2 vans were being paid off.

Joyce thanked everyone who had participated in the Town's Memorial Day celebrations.

Joyce offered condolences to the families of recently departed: Ed Balunis, Scott Ring, Father Benoit of Holy Redeemer Parish, Paul Casey, and David West.

10. Adjournment

10.1 Adjournment

Motion to adjourn.

Moved: Chunglo Second: Parsons

Roll Call Vote: Fill: Aye, Chunglo: Aye; Parsons: Aye; Nevinsmith: Aye; Waskiewicz: Aye.
Passes 5-0

Meeting was adjourned at 7:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Lore and Jennifer Sanders James