



**Wednesday, June 23, 2021  
Select Board Meeting Agenda**

Present were: David J. Fill, II., Chair; Amy Parsons, Member; Jane Nevinsmith, Clerk; John Waskiewicz, Member Also present were Carolyn Brennan, Town Administrator; Dan Zdonek, Assessor; William Dwyer, Planning Board; Linda Sanderson, Town Treasurer; Susan Glowatsky, Collector; Dr. Susan Mosler, Board of Health; Mike Mason, Police Chief; Ed O'Connor, HR Director; Chris Okafor, DPW Director; Maureen Shea, Cultural Council; Amy Lamica, Resident; Kimberly Pieffer, DPW; Deborah Laizer, Resident; Briana Yusko, Resident; Doreen Messier, Resident;

**1.Call to Order**

**1.1 Call to order**

The Select Board will convene a meeting on Wednesday, June 23, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. on Zoom Meeting: 872 9102 8784 there and then to act on the following agenda.

**ON-LINE AGENDA**

The Select Board agenda is posted on-line at [www.hadleyma.org](http://www.hadleyma.org)

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

Topic: Select Board Meeting

Time: Jun 23, 2021 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87291028784?pwd=M1IEUUZmVTcrUUg2M08zaEs5eE1Rdz09>

Meeting ID: 872 9102 8784

Passcode: 838851

**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](https://41g41s33vxdd2vc05w415s1e-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/OpenMtgLaw_ExecOrder_Mar32020.pdf)

## 2. Consent Agenda

### 2.1 Consent Agenda

Warrants	AP2149, AP2149S, AP2149V, AP2150, AP2150S, AP2151, AP2151S, AP2152-2, PR2125, PR2126
PVPC Greener Communities - MOU	Select Board approves
Hadley Police Department Resignation	Dan Warner Resignation
Hadley Police Appointment as Sergeant	Thomas Chabot
Hadley Police Appointment to Full Time Police Officer	Ethan Krauss
Hadley Police Appointment Special Police Officer	Brianna Yusko
Hadley Police Appointment Special Police Officer	James Ryan
One Day Liquor License - Multiple Dates - Art Shows: 07/09; 09/10; 9/24;11/12 - Wine Dinner 9/24	Friends of the COA
Charlotte Smith Estate and Library Decree	Select Board Approves
Board and Committees Reappointment	FY 22

Motion to approve the consent agenda.

Moved: Nevinsmith Second: Parsons

Roll call: Fill: Aye, Nevinsmith: Aye, Waskiewicz: Aye, Parsons: Aye.

Approved 4-0.

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.

### **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.

There were no public comments.

#### **4. Town Administrator Report**

##### **4.1 Town Administrator Report**

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

Carolyn reported that there are 3 bidders responding to the RFP for managing the Transfer Station.

David and Carolyn also met with people from Eversource to discuss a possible solar project that would be beneficial to the Town at the Transfer Station.

Securing a generator for the Emergency Complex is moving forward.

The contract for fiber optics phase 2 has been signed but the work is about 16 weeks out.

The Town will start looking into solar panels for the Senior Center and Library.

Food inspections under the Board of Health will likely go out to bid.

Carolyn recommends retaining the current legal firm as there is a case still in litigation.

No movement on the sale of the North Hadley Village Hall.

Based upon input from the School Superintendent, the recommendation would be October 21 for the Fall Town Meeting.

Carolyn has spoken with the Lt. Governor about attending ribbons cutting ceremonies at the Library, Senior Center, and North Hadley Fire Station. Carolyn will be working with the scheduler.

With the Governor's lifting of emergency (covid) measures, boards and committees and return to in-person meetings, continue with the Zoom platform, or go to a hybrid model.

Carolyn is working with the Pioneer valley Planning Commission on another possible study to determine what should be done with the old Russell School possibly leading to a grant.

Carolyn is still working on the water grant with MassWorks.

#### **5. Appointments**

None.

#### **6. New Business**

##### **6.1 Board of Health - Shared Services**

Susan Mosler from the Board of Health will discuss an opportunity for a Shared Services grant.

Jane explained that the Hadley Board of Health is looking to join Northampton in a Shared Services grant of \$3000,00 at no cost to Hadley.

Motion to approve to participate in the Shared Services grant..

Moved: Nevinsmith Second: Parsons

Roll call: Fill: Aye, Nevinsmith: Aye, Waskiewicz: Aye, Parsons: Aye.

Approved 4-0.

## **6.2 Cultural Council Picture Wall**

We have an exciting project promoting the beauty of our Town. We would like to have one of the selected best pictures display at the Town Hall. The picture will be printed and framed. Please read more about the project: See sample attached.

The Hadley Cultural Council is calling for current and former Hadley residents to submit pictures of Hadley for an initiative/exhibit called, "I Love Hadley," which aims to promote the beauty and magic we have in our community.

We will be collecting and exhibiting beautiful, attractive, or mysterious pictures that showcase the landscapes of our community as hidden treasure, from our gorgeous farms and mountain ranges, to our peaceful contemplative neighborhoods. "I fell in love with Hadley, with its green spacious spaces, with the sound of chickens, and the smell of cows," said one Cultural Council member. "We're excited about sharing our town's beauty with the public, and we're hoping that the exhibit will inspire people to come and check out our beautiful natural spaces."

The best pictures submitted will be displayed publicly as follows:

**The five best pictures will be printed and displayed in public places such as the Senior Center, possible Town Hall, Library and local businesses.**

The ten best pictures will be printed in postcards and made available around town for anyone to take and send to friends, to display in their house, or to be used as bookmarks.

Other good pictures submitted will be promoted on the town website, local Facebook pages, Hadley TV media and other social media. We hope to display one picture every week for a year.

Further explanation was provided by Maureen \_\_\_\_ of the Cultural Council. The Cultural Council will proceed with posted photos within the Library, Senior Center, and Town hall.

### **6.3 Aqua Vitae Road**

Dear Board,

The speed board was set on Aqua Vitae for 12 days measuring EB traffic from the paved section of the roadway where their speed would probably be greatest. We set the parameters similarly as described below to see if there is excessive speed since everyone generally travels slightly over the speed limit. In this case, there is one vehicle with excessive speed showing.

It's possible that it's not speed that is the issue for some of the residents and simply a volume of traffic issue, but I don't want to be presumptuous. So, you may want to revisit the blocking or gating of the road (half farm and half commuter traffic) or the one-way street ideas.

The only other suggestion I have (if the residents still complain about speed) is the Town-wide 25mph zone. This way we don't have to pay to put up speed limit signs on every street where someone wants one and we only need to put them up at the Town lines instead.

The stats show that the road averages about 10 vehicles per day. This is very low compared to any other speed studies we've done. As an example, Bay Rd would be in the thousands. The average speed recorded for all vehicles on this road during the test was 32.5 MPH. This is about what I would expect. The traffic algorithm also estimates "risk" based on speed. Throughout the entire time that the sign was there, only 7 vehicles popped up with a risk factor and even those were considered "low" risk (which is calculated at only 5MPH over the speed limit, which was set at 25MPH).

I will be on the meeting on Wednesday and will be happy to explain the study further and discuss options.

Sincerely,

**Michael A. Mason**  
**Chief of Police**

Comments were offered by and accepted from residents who live on Aqua Vitae Road.

Motion to post signs indicating a 25 MPH speed limit and to study further that traffic on the dirt (farm road) section of Aqua Vitae Road.

Moved: Parsons      Second: Waskiewicz

Roll call: Fill: Aye, Nevinsmith: Aye, Waskiewicz: Aye, Parsons: Aye.

Approved 4-0.

#### **6.4 66 Stockbridge Rd. Water/ Sewer Abatement**

The DPW is requesting this abatement due to an error. An incorrect register was placed on the customer's meter. The abatement requested is approximately \$1300 in total for sewer and water.

Motion to approve the requested abatement.

Moved: Nevinsmith Second: Parsons

Roll call: Fill: Aye, Nevinsmith: Aye, Waskiewicz: Abstain, Parsons: Aye.

Approved 3-0-1.

### **7. Old Business**

#### **7.1 Vacation Carry Over**

Ed O'Connor, HR Director will discuss the need for additional time for vacation carryover due to COVID-19.

Motion: Extend vacation rollovers to December 31, 2021.

Moved: Nevinsmith Second: Parsons

Roll call: Fill: Aye, Nevinsmith: Aye, Waskiewicz: No, Parsons: Aye.

Approved 3-1.

#### **7.2 47 Bay Road**

Carolyn explained that there would be a significant cost to the Town even if donated. The property is a non-conforming lot. Legal fees to assess what to do with the property should the Town accept the donation could be thousands of taxpayer dollars.

Motion: That the Town not accept this property.

Moved: Nevinsmith Second: Parsons

Roll call: Fill: Aye, Nevinsmith: Aye, Waskiewicz: Aye, Parsons: Aye.

Approved 4-0.

### **7.3 Liaison Report**

David provided an update on the DPW and the Agricultural Committee. Right to Farm signs are now up in various locations bordering neighboring towns. Recent water main breaks have kept the DPW busy.

Jane mentioned that the Diversity Committee continues to work on informational/educational programs. The Climate Control Committee now has a Recycling Coordinator who is working to document recycling actions taken to qualify for State funds.

John reported that the Library is replacing loam in some bare spots in the Fall. Still waiting for the delivery of more roofing shingles.

### **8. Other Items Not Anticipated 48 Hours in Advance**

#### **9. Announcements**

Jane announced a party at the Senior Center for Stanley Fil who is turning 100 years old.

#### **10. Executive Session**

#### **11. Adjournment**

##### **11.1 Adjournment**

Motion: To adjourn.

Moved: Nevinsmith Second: Parsons

Roll call: Fill: Aye, Nevinsmith: Aye, Waskiewicz: Aye, Parsons: Aye.

Approved 4-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Lore and Jennifer Sanders James