



**Wednesday, July 21, 2021
Select Board Meeting Agenda**

Present were: David J. Fill, II., Chair; Amy Parsons, Member; Jane Nevinsmith, Clerk; John Waskiewicz, Member; Joyce Chunglo, 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; Randy Izer, Town Moderator; Molly Keegan, Resident; Kimberly Pieffer, DPW; Janice Stone, Resident; Jonathan Carr, Resident; Tim Neyhart, Resident; Rob Baranowski, Resident; Paulette Kuzdeba, Resident; Patricia McCarthy, Mountain View Auto Sales; David Moskin, Resident, Mark Britton, Resident.

1. Call to Order

1.1 Call to order

The Select Board will convene a meeting on Wednesday, July 21, 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

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 Meeting

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

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87291028784?pwd=M1lEUUZmVTcrUUg2M08zaEs5eE1Rdz09>

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

2. Consent Agenda

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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.

Warrants	AP2102, AP2101, AP2201S, AP2202S, PR2128, PR2022, WP 2155-2. WP2155S-2, PR2201, PR2127,
Contract for Veterans Services	Town of Hadley and City of Northampton
Banner for Hopkins Academy Baseball Championship	
Transfer of Class 2 Auto Dealership License	Patricia McCarthy

Motion to approve the consent agenda.

Moved: Chunglo Second: Nevinsmith

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

Approved 5-0.

3. Public Comments

3.1 Public Comments

Mark Britton provided positive feedback regarding the recent high water event on the Connecticut River and the permitting required by the Fire Department and Building Inspector. He also mentioned his disappointment in the 2-1 unfavorable vote by the Zoning Board of Appeals on a zoning variance request.

Randy Izer spoke against the recent dismissal of Paulette Kuzdeba from the Conservation Commission.

Rob Baranowski spoke in favor of the recent dismissal of Paulette Kuzdeba from the Conservation Commission.

Amy Parsons spoke regarding her phrase “Team Hadley” and what was portrayed by local media.

4. Appointments

4.1 Goodwin Renovation Update- Municipal Building Committee

Tim Neyhart reported that an architect has been secured with help addressing Phase 2 addition. Feedback from the mechanical engineer and plumber has been positive regarding expansion plans. The major issue is the outdated and non-compliant electrical system. The bathroom will also be upgraded.

Carolyn Brennan commented that legal Counsel has suggested that having the trustee’s handover the library for renovations and upgrades really should be decided at the Town Meeting.

4.2 Housing and Economic Development Committee Update

Molly Keegan introduced a housing production plan inclusive of affordable and market rate housing with grant funding to conduct a study. The Planning Board has voted favorably 3-2 to move forward with a housing production plan and seeking grant funding.

Molly Keegan also reviewed the concept of merging the housing component of CPA funds with those funds within the Affordable Housing Trust Fund approved at the last Town Meeting. The Committee is looking for support from the Select Board to continue this conversation with the CPA Committee and the Planning Board. The Select Board voiced its support for continuing conversations across committees.

5. Announcements

Jane Nevinsmith requested that the Board revisit Golden Court complaints to the Housing Authority. There is also a need to meet with potential purchasers of the North Hadley Village Hall. Should also revisit the open meeting complaint filed by Paulette Kuzdeba against the Select Board.

6. New Business

6.1 Police Department Appointment

Chief Mason is recommending the appointment of Alex Levin as a Special Police Officer.

Motion to approve the appointment of Alex Levin as a Special Police Officer.

Moved: Chunglo Second: Nevinsmith

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

Approved 5-0.

6.2 Illegal Dumping Fine Waiver Request

Chris Okafor addressed the illegal dumping issue. The accused was seen dumping illegally on a camera set up by the DPW. The accused was invoiced for \$250 for the costs associated with the DPW removing the disposed materials. Per Chief Mason, per Massachusetts law, illegal dumping from one's vehicle is a criminal offense with a potential fine of \$5500.

Motion to enforce the fine of \$250.

Moved: Parsons Second: Nevinsmith

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

Approved 3-2.

6.3 APR Co-Holder Approval Form - 12 Mt. Warner Road

Jonathan Carr asked the Select Board for approval to build a greenhouse on the property.

Motion to approve the APR Co-Holder agreement for 12 Mt. Warner Road.

Moved: Chunglo Second: Parsons

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

Approved 5-0.

Motion to approve the high tunnel on 12 Mt. Warner Road.

Moved: Chunglo Second: Parsons

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

Approved 5-0.

6.4 Water and Sewer Rate Discussion

Chris Okafor introduced the idea of possibly increasing water and sewer rates. Susan Glowatsky reported that no increases were implemented since FY 2019. Currently, revenues are less than costs.

A public rate increase hearing would have to be scheduled for August 18.

7. Old Business

7.1 Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Date Approval

Recommended by Carolyn for September 29 at 1:00 based upon schedules for the Governor and Lt. Governor.

Motion to approve the September 29th date at 1:00 pm for the ribbon cutting ceremonies.

Moved: Chunglo Second: Parsons

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

Approved 5-0.

8. Town Administrator Report

8.1 Town Administrator Report

DPW has been very busy with water main breaks and culvert repairs with grant money pending.

The capital planning process will begin with mailings to department heads.

Clarification is being sought from the State regarding securing and spending ARPA money.

9. Other Items Not Anticipated 48 Hours in Advance

9.1 Conservation Resignation - Related Financial Matters

Carolyn Brennan reported that Janice Stone, Conservation Agent, has resigned. Replacing Janice could take months. Applicants to fill her role will be reviewed by the Select Board on August 4. Board members expressed their appreciation for her work.

There was a recent meeting with Conservation, Town Counsel, and MassDOT revealing some differences. The sense is that public hearings with MassDOT could result in significant legal fee expense.

9.2 Waiver of Transfer Fee Related to Mountain View Auto Sales

Motion to waive transfer fees to new owner, Patricia McCarthy, whose spouse, the previous owner, had recently passed.

Moved: Chunglo Second: Parsons

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

Approved 5-0.

10. Adjournment

10.1 Adjournment

Motion to adjourn.

Moved: Chunglo Second: Parsons

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

Approved 5-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Lore and Jennifer Sanders James