



Wednesday, April 7, 2021
Select Board Minutes
Zoom Meeting ID: 977 3716 6543 – 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 Carolyn Brennan, Town Administrator, Jennifer Sanders James, Assistant Procurement Officer; Linda Sanderson, Town Treasurer; Tommie Quinlan, Building Inspector; Susan Glowatsky, Town Collector; William Dwyer, Planning Board Member; James Maksimoski, Planning Board Member, Fire Chief Spanknebel; Dan Zdonek, Assessor; Amy Fyden, Finance Committee; Paulette Kuzdeba, Conservation Commission; Janice Stone, Conservation Commission; Mark Britton, Resident; Rob Baranowski, Resident; Edward O'Connor, HR Director; and Lionel Desforges, Resident.

1. Call to Order

1.1 Call to order

The Select Board will meet on Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. in Zoom Meeting ID 977 3716 6543 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 and Conservation Commission Meeting

Time: Apr 7, 2021, 05:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/97737166543?pwd=aXNFMW9oRW5UTVV0V3JOWDR0WDROWmR2QT09>

Meeting ID: 977 3716 6543

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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	PR2120; AP2140; AP2140S; AP2140V
Agricultural Commission Resignation as Full Member and Reappointment as Alternate Member	William Handrich

Motion to approve the consent agenda.

Motion: Chunglo Second: Nevinsmith



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

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

Dan Zdonek has identified a possible new Route 9 location for Exotic Auto before Mass DOT proceeds with widening Route 9.

Five parties have requested the RFP for the North Hadley Village Hall.

5. Appointments

5.1 Change of Manager American Legion - 5:45

This item was not taken up.

5.2 Change of Beneficial Interest Texas Roadhouse - 5:50

Motion to change Beneficial Interest due to the passing of the Texas Roadhouse CEO.

Motion: Chunglo Second: Nevinsmith

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

5.3 Conservation Commission 5:55

Paulette Kuzdeba and Janice Stone, members of the Conservation Commission lead a discussion regarding the issuance of permits for campers along the Connecticut River in compliance with Wetlands Protection Act and the Mass DEP.



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Carolyn Brennan will pursue an opinion from legal counsel in the spirit of clarity related to mandates and decisions including permitting fees by the Mass DEP with which the Town may need to comply.

6. New Business

6.1 Town Clerk Precinct Vote

Carolyn Brennan explained that based upon the results of the US 2020 census, the Town Clerk recommends that the Town retains one single precinct.

Motion to retain one precinct.

Motion: Nevinsmith Second: Chunglo

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

7. Old Business

7.1 FY22 Finance Committee Update

Amy Fyden shared the highlights from a Finance Committee meeting held on April 6 with Fire, Police, School, and Building Inspections.

Linda Sanderson shared Exhibits highlighting projected Revenues and Expenses for FY 2022.

Dan Zdonek shared an exhibit indicating several property tax options and the resulting impact on tax bills based upon assessed valuations. No recommendation is being made yet.

8. Other Items Not Anticipated 48 Hours in Advance

9. Announcements

Christian Stanley expressed appreciation to the Board members and Town staff for support and cooperation during his tenure as a member of the Select Board. The Board thanked Christian his role as Board member and work on several Town committees.

The Board offered condolences to the families of the following deceased members of the community:

Marilyn Stonewell, Marion Bak, Elizabeth Noonan, Karl Konieczny, Robert Kuzmeski, Steve Warren, and Charles Sinkowicz.

The Town Election will take place on April 13 from 9:00 AM to 8:00. Swearing in of newly elected and re-elected officials will take place prior to the next Select Board meeting on April 14.



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10. Executive Session

10.1 Executive Session - Contract negotiations -- Fire Chief

The Select Board will enter into executive session as per MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21 (a)(2) 2. To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel; -- Fire Chief.

Motion to transition into Executive Session and not to reconvene in open session
Motion: Chunglo Second: Stanley

David Fill states as chair of the Hadley Select Board, I state that the Board has moved and seconded to enter into executive session, and that I state that discussing the matter in open session will have an adverse effect on the Town of Hadley.

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

11. Adjournment

11.1 Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned to executive session at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Lore and Jennifer Sanders James