



Wednesday, April 20, 2022
Select Board Meeting Agenda

Pursuant to notice duly filed with the Town Clerk, a meeting of the Select Board was held at 6:00p.m. via Zoom as a virtual meeting for the Town of Hadley.

Present were: David J. Fill, II., Chair; Jane Nevinsmith, Clerk; Amy Parsons, Member; Joyce Chunglo, Member; John Waskiewicz, Member.

Also present were: Carolyn Brennan, Town Administrator; Jennifer Sanders James, Assistant Procurement Officer; Dan Zdonek, Town Assessor; William Dwyer, Planning Board; Linda Sanderson, Town Treasurer; Susan Glowatsky, Town Collector; Mike Mason, Police Chief; Mitch Kuc, Police Lieutenant; Tom Quinlan, Building Inspector; Tony Fyden, Resident Committee; Bruce Brewer, Climate Change Committee; Scott McCarthy, DPW Director; Anne McKenzie, School Superintendent; Randy Izer, Town Moderator; Jen Trovato, HR Director; Greg Lawler, Resident; Kathy Nelson, Recycling Coordinator; Greg LaSage, Park & Rec Director; Peter lane, Counsel; Jack Czajkowski, Climate Change Committee; Peter Clough, DPW; Dan Regish, Resident.

1. Call to Order - 6:00 pm

1.1 Call to order

The Select Board will convene a meeting on Wednesday, April 20, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. on Zoom Meeting:865 1389 8579 there and then to act on the following agenda.

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

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86513898579?pwd=dUhPSTILeE10RldRYloxTDBMVW9BZz09>

Meeting ID: 865 1389 8579

Passcode: 448565

2. Consent Agenda - 6:05 pm

2.1 Consent Agenda

Warrants	AP2241S,AP2240V;AP2240, AP2240S,AP2241S, PR2221, PR 2220
HPD Dispatch Resignation	Daniella Romeo
Appointment of Assistant Treasurer	Melis Balikcilar
One-Day Liquor License Request	Top of the Campus April 30, 2022, Spring Football
Disband Committee	Agricultural Area Incentive Committee



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Select Board Approval	MASS DOT request for State Highway Access Permits for the following events: Hadley Memorial Day Parade, Hadley Asparagus Festival, Amherst 4th of July Fireworks
Class I Auto Dealer License	Kirby Corporation dba Amped-UP! Electric Rides - Contingent upon receiving a business certificate

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda except for MassDOT requests.

Moved: Chunglo Second: Waskiewicz

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

Approved 5-0.

Police Lieutenant Kuc explained that the State requires the Town to be permitted to impact Route 9 during the Memorial Day Parade and the Asparagus Festival.

Motion to approve the request to MassDOT.

Moved: Nevinsmith Second: Chunglo

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

Approved 5-0.

3. Public Comments - 6:10 pm

3.1 Public Comments

Tony Fyden expressed concern over the Single-Use Plastic Bag Ban recommended by the Climate Change Committee.

4. Appointments - 6:15 pm

4.1 BAN

Linda Sanderson briefed everyone on annual borrowing. The Town will be paying down roughly \$311,000 of the \$787,000 outstanding. There will be \$567,000 in new borrowing. So total BAN will be around \$1 million.

4.2 Park and Recreation Update

Greg Lasage provided an update on programs wrapping up and Spring programs launching including camps.

5. New Business - 6:30 pm

5.1 Textile Recycling Program

Kathy Nelson shared with the Board that the Commonwealth is banning the disposal of mattresses and textiles in landfills as of November 1, 2022. The Commonwealth is suggesting that communities establish textile collection boxes at various locations within towns and municipalities. Kathy is suggesting placing two collection boxes at the North Hadley fire station,



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two at Russell School, and two at the waste transfer station. There are 3 local firms that would take in the textiles to be recycled, CRNK, Baystate Textiles, and PlanetAid. Kathy recommended engaging Baystate Textiles at they have an A+ rating from the Better Business Bureau and they pick up the textiles from the boxes on a weekly basis. As a minor revenue stream, the Town would realize an incremental income of 5 cents for every pound of clothing placed into the collection boxes.

Motion to approve the request to initiate the program by contracting with Baystate Textiles and placing two collection boxes at the Hadley Transfer Station.

Moved: Chunglo

Second: Nevinsmith

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

Approved 5-0.

5.2 ARPA Set Aside for Culverts

Carolyn Brennan and Scott McCarthy spoke to failing culverts in Hadley. Setting aside \$200,000 of ARPA funds would begin to address the most critical culvert repair needs. Specifically, Newton Lane is failing, and Bay Road in between Middle and East Streets is developing sink holes. There are at least 4 others that are on the list as well.

Scott McCarthy is working with a local contractor to consider moving the water main on Bay Road to under the culvert.

John Waskiewicz commented that many culverts have been recently inspected leading to discovery of decaying pipes and malfunctioning culverts.

Motion to earmark \$200,000 of ARPA funds for culvert repair.

Moved: Chunglo

Second: Nevinsmith

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

Approved 4-0-1.

5.3 Appointment of Interim Chief Wastewater Operator

Scott McCarthy stated that Peter Clough had been appointed as Interim Chief Operator. Peter is fully licensed by the DEP.

Motion to appoint Peter Clough as the permanent Chief Wastewater Operator.

Moved: Chunglo

Second: Parsons

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

Approved 4-0-1.

5.4 Russell School Committee

The Select Board discussed the desired number and combination of residents to comprise the committee to be formed. The appointment of members will take place on May 18. The



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Committee will be comprised of members of the Select Board, CPA, Planning Board, Historical Society, Municipal Buildings, and 3 Hadley citizens. Citizens interested in participating in this committee should email Jennifer Sanders James at info@hadleyma.org.

5.5 Ukrainian Flag Discussion

Jane Nevinsmith spoke to flying the Ukrainian flag to indicate the Town's support.

Joyce Chunglo suggested possibly draping the flag over the railing on the Town Hall facing Route 9.

Amy Parsons spoke against the idea of displaying the Ukrainian flag on Town property based upon the thinking that political displays do not belong on Town property especially where people are employed.

Carolyn Brennan will solicit legal guidance from Town Counsel.

Motion to approve the draping of the Ukrainian flag over the Route 9 railing of the Town Hall assuming there is no legal restriction in doing so.

Moved: Waskiewicz

Second: Nevinsmith

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

Approved 4-1.

6. Old Business 7:00 pm

6.1 Warrant Review

Amy Fyden provided an update from the Finance Committee regarding Articles 1 through 16.

All Articles reviewed and passed by the Finance Committee.

With regards to the FY 2023 Budget, there will be \$750,000 used to balance the budget. Two larger new hires are for ambulance position and police, each roughly \$80,000. She further states that the COLA of 2.5% may not adequately match the wage increases needed in light of record inflationary trends.

6.2 Plastic Bag Ban

Bruce Brewer provided an overview related to climate change and the need to eliminate single-use plastic bags, Styrofoam food containers, and plastic straws and how it is relatable to Hadley. As such, Bruce is suggesting a new by-law covering such a ban. A lively discussion ensued, pros and cons regarding the proposed by-law. This proposed by-law is on the warrant for the Town meeting.

7. Town Administrator Report - 7:45 pm

7.1 Town Administrator Report

Carolyn Brennan offers her Town Administrator report:

Senator Comerford is hosting a Zoom meeting at 5:00 on May 11 to discuss town leadership across the Commonwealth.



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Our Town Clerk is collaborating with the eighth grade Civics class in providing a look into Town leadership and issues. The class will be touring the Town Hall and meeting with Town department heads.

8. Other Items Not Anticipated 48 Hours in Advance

9. Announcements

Hadley Mothers Club is having their Recycling Day on Saturday from 8:00 to 1:00 at the elementary school.

The Environmental Committee is holding a Climate Day on Saturday at the library from 10:00 to 4:00.

Joyce Chunglo offers the Select Board's condolences to the families of Barbara Zurich, Priscilla Edmond, Michael Dicola, Margaret Saffick, and Nancy Wysocki.

10. Executive Session 7:50 pm

10.1 Executive Session - Contract negotiations -- Police Union

Motion to enter into executive session as per the provisions of MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21 (a) (3) "To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining ... if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining ... position of the public body and the chair so declares" -- Police union, and not to reconvene in open session

Moved: Chunglo

Second: Nevinsmith

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

Approved 5-0.

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.

Meeting was adjourned to executive session at 7:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Lore and Jennifer Sanders James