



Wednesday, April 6, 2022
Select Board and Finance Committee 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; John Waskiewicz, Member.
Joyce Chunglo was absent.

Also present were: Carolyn Brenna, 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; Amy Fyden, Finance Committee; Tim Neyhart, Municipal Building Committee; Dan Regish, Municipal Building Committee; Deb Radway, HR Director; Laura Baker, Valley Community Development; Bruce Brewer, Climate Change Committee; Scott McCarthy, DPW Superintendent; Jack Czajkowski, Climate Change Committee; Alexis Breitenicher, Valley Community Development; Molly Keegan, Housing and Economic Development Committee; Justin Roy, Project Manager for Route 9 Widening.

1. Call to Order

1.1 Call to order

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 865 1389 8579 Passcode: 448565

2. Consent Agenda

2.1 Consent Agenda

Warrants	PR2219, AP2238, AP2238S, AP2237S, AP2238-2, AP2237, AP2239S, AP2239, AP2240, AP2240S
Minutes	April 28, 2021; April 5, 2021 ; May 5, 2021; May 19, 2021
DPW Retirement	Dennis Pipczynski
Special Conditions for FY21 Town of Hadley CDF Grant	Select Board Approval
Hadley Police Department Special Police Officer Appointment	Harry Santiago
Hadley Police Department Traffic Control Officer Appointments	Walter Bush, Stephen Superba, Evan Golann
Hadley Police Department Dispatch Resignation	Melissa Ciejka



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Use of Commons - Easter Sunrise Service	First Congregational Church - April 17,2022
Common Victualler	Mountain Farm Chicken, LLC - Popeye's

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda excluding the retirement of Dennis Pipczynski.

Moved: Nevinsmith Second: Waskiewicz

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

Approved 4-0.

Motion to approve the retirement of Dennis Pipczynski.

Moved: Chunglo Second: Nevinsmith

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

Approved 3-0-1.

3. Public Comments

3.1 Public Comments

There were no public comments.

4. Appointments

Action: 4.1 Route 9 Widening

Justin Roy, Project Manager, is looking for approval to use a property on Mill valley Road as a staging area for construction equipment. The property owner has agreed.

Motion to approve the staging area on Mill Valley Road.

Moved: Chunglo Second: Waskiewicz

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

Approved 5-0.

4.2 Econolodge Redevelopment - Valley Community Development

Laura Baker and Alexis Breiteneicher presented an overview (with slides) of the redevelopment plan. There would be a reduction from 63 rooms to 51 apartments, 25 for low income and 25 for moderate income tenants. The presentation also covered the types and level of staffing onsite. The Valley Community Development folks, who are purchasing the Econolodge, have already reached out to the Planning Board and the ZBA as well to preview the concept. The support from the Select Board as the project progresses would be helpful and appreciated by Valley Community Development.



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5. New Business

5.1 Water and Sewer Infrastructure Fee Discussion

Carolyn Brennan, Dan Zdonek, Susan Glowatsky, and Linda Sanderson presented comparative budget numbers related to the Sewer Enterprise Fund and a recommended reduction of \$64,000. Cuts are also being recommended for the Water Enterprise Fund.

Linda Sanderson spoke to infrastructure debt service (principal and interest) for both Water and Sewer with hefty increases starting in FY 2024 to be paid in part by the Infrastructure Fee.

Susan Glowatsky further explained the Infrastructure Fee, and Water vs. Sewer.

David Fill injected that the Infrastructure Fee is an option to a Proposition 2 1/2 Override.

Susan Glowatsky added that without the Infrastructure Fee, the Enterprise Funds would not cover the debt service any longer which would result in State oversight.

Dan Zdonek further showed other towns in the area who have had to deal with increasing debt service related to water and sewer infrastructure along with related increases in costs and consumption/use.

Motion to maintain the Infrastructure Fee and have the resulting revenue generated to be split 55% to Water and 45% to Sewer.

Moved: Nevinsmith Second: Waskiewicz

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

Approved 4-0.

5.2 Climate Change Committee

Bruce Brewer spoke about banning the use of single-use plastic bags, Styrofoam food containers, and plastic straws in Hadley, suggesting a Town by-law for consideration at the next Town Meeting in May. Further discussion and consideration have been tabled to the next Select Board meeting.

Jack Czajkowski mentioned that Hadley Clean Up Day will be executed by 27 volunteers from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM on April 9th. Trash bags were donated by The Home Depot and bagels were donated by Tandem Bagel.

Jack Czajkowski also announced that Climate Day is on April 23 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The event will include guest speakers with 50 participants at the Senior Center and Library.



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Jack Czajkowski shared the intention of applying for a Green Community grant worth \$130,000 for the Town.

5.3 Municipal Building Committee - Project Update

Tim Neyhart announced that the package for soliciting bids is ready to be distributed for Phase 1 at Goodwin.

In regard to reconstructing and painting the columns on the front of the Town Hall, the bid process has stalled because not all of the specs were in the bid package. A previous bidder has not started the work nor has responded to communication from the Town, with the original contract now expired. The bid package needs to go back out.

Gary Berg provided an update related to the DPW trailers. Seemingly, \$100,000 should cover some reconstruction, furniture, and some replacement of items.

Tim Neyhart states that there should be departmental meeting to brainstorm what to do with Russell School building. Options include but are not limited to total demolition as well as refurbish for redevelopment at a price tag in excess of \$21 million. It was resolved that a committee would be formed at the next Select Board meeting to discuss and recommend the best path forward for the Russell School.

5.4 Housing and Economic Development Committee

Molly Keegan reported that the Committee has been working on the Econolodge project as well as with the owners of the Hampshire Mall, Pyramid, regarding repurposing some of the space in the mall post Covid.

There was a recent in-person meeting with Pyramid and 3 members of the Hadley Planning Board related to the Hampshire Mall. The meeting was mostly informational. The possibility of converting some of the mall space to residential apartments.

The committee is also looking into supplying electricity to the Town Common. This would eliminate the need for entertainers to avoid having the need for generators.

The committee has met with the PVCC regarding a housing production plan for Hadley. Bill Dwyer added that the Town has received a \$15,000 grant from the PVCC in March to help in moving forward with a housing production plan.

5.5 Return to in person meetings

John Waskiewicz is in favor of going forward with hybrid (Zoom and in-person) Board meetings.

Motion to convert to hybrid meetings at the May 18 meeting which will be the first meeting after the Town election.



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Moved: Waskiewicz Second: Chunglo
Roll call: Fill: Aye, Nevinsmith: Aye, Chunglo: Aye, Waskiewicz: Aye, Parsons: Aye.
Approved 5-0.

5.6 Rep. Carey's Request for Earmark Projects

Carolyn Brennan stated that she recently met with Rep. Carey recently to discuss possible infrastructure projects in Hadley and is recommending the dike and the second phase of the levee assessment, the possibility of the construction of a softball field by Park & Rec, and the engineering costs associated with replacing the water lines on South Maple Street.

John Waskiewicz stated the need for constant improvement of water and wastewater infrastructure.

Joyce Chunglo stated the need for expansion of the sewer system instead of more septic tanks.

5.7 Child Abuse Awareness Proclamation

The Children Advocacy Group in Northampton request that the Town of Hadley declare April as Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month. A proclamation will be read on the steps of the Town Hall on April 7.

Motion to proclaim the month of April as the Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention month in Hadley.

Moved: Chunglo Second: Nevinsmith
Roll call: Fill: Aye, Nevinsmith: Aye, Chunglo: Aye, Waskiewicz: Aye, Parsons: Aye.
Approved 5-0.

5.8 DPW Wastewater Adviser

Deb Radway asks the Select Board to approve the position of a part-time wastewater adviser, adding that this has been discussed with the DPW and the union. The position requires a grade 4 license. The position would call for 12 hours per week and would be a non-benefitted union position.

Motion to approve the creation and recruitment for a part-timer wastewater adviser.

Moved: Chunglo Second: Nevinsmith
Roll call: Fill: Aye, Nevinsmith: Aye, Chunglo: Aye, Waskiewicz: Abstain, Parsons: Aye.
Approved 4-0-1.

6. Old Business

6.1 Remote Meeting Recording Policy



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Tabled until next meeting.

6.2 Maegan's Way - Public Way Warrant Article Request

Motion to accept.

Moved: Waskiewicz Second: Nevinsmith

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

Approved 4-0.

6.3 Annual Town Meeting Warrant Review

Motion to close the warrant.

Moved: Nevinsmith Second: Parsons

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

Approved 4-0.

7. Town Administrator Report

7.1 Town Administrator Report

Tabled until next meeting.

8. Other Items Not Anticipated 48 Hours in Advance

9. Announcements

John Waskiewicz announced that the Hadley Mothers Club will have a clean up day on April 23 at the elementary school.

Easter Bunny coming to town sponsored by Park & Rec at the elementary school on April 9 at 10:30 AM.

Covid testing is still offered at the Senior Center by appointment only.

10. Adjournment

10.1 Adjournment

Motion to adjourn.



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Moved: Nevinsmith Second: Parsons
Roll call: Fill: Aye, Nevinsmith: Aye, Waskiewicz: Aye, Parsons: Aye.
Approved 4-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Lore and Jennifer Sanders James

APPROVED