



Wednesday, September 15, 2021 Select Board Meeting Agenda

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

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

Also present were Carolyn Brennan, Town Administrator; Jennifer Sanders James, Asst. Procurement Officer; Dan Zdonek, Assessor; William Dwyer, Planning Board; Linda Sanderson, Town Treasurer; Susan Glowatsky, Collector; Mike Mason, Police Chief; Randy Izer, Town Moderator; Tom Quinlan, Building Inspector; Chris Okafor, DPW Director; Scott Braidman, Happier Valley Comedy Club.

This meeting is being recorded and all votes will be taken via roll call vote.

1. Call to Order

1.1 Call to order

The Select Board will convene a meeting on Wednesday, September 15, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. on Zoom Meeting: 872 9102 8784 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:

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.



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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	AP2210S, AP2210, AP2209P, PR2205, AP2209, AP2209S, AP2208, APT208S,
Minutes	August 4, 2021

Motion to approve Consent Agenda.

Moved: Chunglo Second: Nevinsmith

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

3. Public Comments

3.1 Public Comments

Randy Izer reported that most towns are conducting Fall town meetings outdoors. A recommendation will come out of the Unified Command meeting on September 20th.

4. Town Administrator Report

4.1 Town Administrator Report

Carolyn reported that the Lt. Governor is now available on September 30 at 10:00 for the ribbon cutting ceremony. The speakers have been scheduled.

Relative to Town Meeting, there are indoor and outdoor options to be considered during the Unified Command meeting on September 20.

The next Select Board meeting needs to be scheduled for September 29.

An email reflective of Town Counsel feedback regarding the North Hadley Village Hall was sent to the Select Board.



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MassDOT still plans to begin the expansion of Route 9 in the Spring of 2022.

5. Appointments

5.1 Happier Valley Comedy Liquor License -6:30 pm

Scott Braidman from Happier Valley explained that they would like to take over the all-alcohol liquor license previously issued to the Tap Room. Shows will still be limited to Saturdays. Alcoholic beverages will be served only in the space previously occupied by the Tap Room.

Motion: To transfer the Tap Room liquor license to Happier Valley.

Moved: Chunglo Second: Nevinsmith

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

Motion: To issue a Common Victualler permit to Happier Valley.

Moved: Chunglo Second: Nevinsmith\

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

Motion: To pro-rate the cost of the liquor license to Happier Valley through the end of calendar 2021.

Moved: Chunglo Second: Nevinsmith

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

6. New Business

6.1 Melanson Accounting Contract

Carolyn Brennan reported that the Town has a very good working relationship with Melanson. Linda Sanderson provided an additional historical perspective in working with Melanson.

Motion: To renew the contract with Melanson for the remainder of fiscal year 2022.

Moved: Nevinsmith Second: Parsons

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

7. Old Business

7.1 By- Law Committee

Carolyn Brennan recommended that there be representation from Building Inspection, Fire, Police, Planning, Board of Health, Conservation, and the ZBA. The Select Board will look to recruit 2 residents to volunteer to serve on this committee. Parties interested should contact Jennifer Sanders James at info@hadleyma.org.

Action: 7.2 Special Town Meeting Warrant

Recommended Action: Motion to close the warrant.



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Carolyn Brennan and Linda Sanderson shared the Articles within the Warrant. Linda Sanderson walked through the specifics of capital planning recommendations including Cruiser Lease, Debt-Principal, and OPEB.

Carolyn Brennan covered the Capital Articles to be placed in front of Town Meeting and/or possibly postponed until Town Meeting in the Spring if no alternatives are identified.

All Articles within the Warrant will be presented at the Fall Town Meeting if the Warrant is closed by the Select Board.

Motion: Close the Warrant.

Moved: Chunglo Second: Parsons

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

8. Other Items Not Anticipated 48 Hours in Advance

9. Announcements

Amy Parsons acknowledged Hadley participants and exhibitors at the Three County Fair.

Jane Nevinsmith announced that there are now signs at each entrance to the Town and points within asking that residents and visitors keep the Town clean. Signs were created by the 7th grade.

Joyce Chunglo thanked the American Legion for the recent Chicken -To-Go.

10. Executive Session

11. Adjournment

11.1 Adjournment

Motion to adjourn

Moved: Chunglo Second: Parsons

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

Meeting was adjourned at 6:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Lore and Jennifer Sanders James