



**Wednesday, June 22, 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. in the Hadley Council on Aging, 46 Middle Street and as a hybrid meeting via Zoom for the Town of Hadley.

Present were: Jane Nevinsmith, Chair; Joyce Chunglo, Member; Amy Parson, Member; Randy Izer, Member; Molly Keegan, 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; Scott McCarthy, DPW Director; Susan Glowatsky, Town Collector; John Harrison, Hadley Media; Jen Trovato HR Director; Mike Mason, Laurie DellOlio, Melanson Accounting; Michael Mason, Police Chief; Mike Spanknebel, Fire Chief; Patrick Randall, Leadfoot Brewing; Bobbie Kaman, Mosquito Opt-Out Committee.

1. Call to Order - 6:00 pm

1.1 Call to order

The Select Board will convene a hybrid meeting on Wednesday, June 22, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the Hadley Council on Aging—Dining Room at 46 Middle Street, Hadley, MA, 01035 and on Zoom Meeting:863 6309 1568 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/86363091568?pwd=alJaRy9kZGR0a29tQ0VjRm9EQXY2UT092712222616?pwd=SG51ME5QMDdhVnIzeUxYcDFEeVpmdz09>

Meeting ID: 863 6309 1568

Passcode: 710761

2. Consent Agenda

2.1 Consent Agenda

Warrants	AP2251, AP2251S, PR2226
Resignation from the Committee for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion	Kayla Werlin
One Liquor License	Leadfoot Brewing - July 2nd, July 3rd, July 10th, July 30th and July 31st.

Motion: To accept the Consent Agenda except for the liquor licenses for Leadfoot Brewing.

Moved: Keegan

Second: Chunglo

Roll call: Nevinsmith: Aye, Chunglo: Aye, Parsons: Aye, Izer: Aye, Keegan: Aye.

Approved 5-0.



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A representative from Leadfoot Brewing attended to answer any questions. Randy would like these liquor license requests to be considered separately from the Consent Agenda in the future. It was pointed out that the liquor license request had been reviewed by Hadley Police, Fire, and Building Inspection prior to being placed onto the Consent Agenda.

Motion: To keep previously reviewed liquor licenses requests on the Consent Agenda for future Select Board meetings.

Moved: Chunglo

Second: Parsons

Roll call: Nevinsmith: Aye, Chunglo: Aye, Parsons: Aye, Izer: Aye, Keegan: Aye.

Approved 5-0.

Motion: To approve the liquor licenses for Leadfoot Brewing.

Moved: Keegan

Second: Parsons

Roll call: Nevinsmith: Aye, Chunglo: Aye, Parsons: Aye, Izer: Aye, Keegan: Aye.

Approved 5-0.

3. Public Comments

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No public comments.

4. Old Business

4.1 Mosquito Opt-Out

Bobbie Kaman updated everyone on this topic, including a letter from the State indicating approval of opting out of mosquito spraying.

4.2 Gralinski APR

The Gralinski APR was approved on May 22, 2021 at the Annual Town Meeting as Articles 20 and 22.

Motion to approve the co-holder agreement for Gralinski APR.

Moved: Keegan

Second: Izer

Roll call: Nevinsmith: Aye, Chunglo: Aye, Parsons: Aye, Izer: Aye, Keegan: Aye.

Approved 5-0.

4.3 Handrich APR

The Handrich APR was approved on May 22, 2021 at the Annual Town Meeting as Articles 21 and 23.

Motion: To approve the co-holder agreement for the Handrich APR.

Moved: Keegan

Second: Izer

Roll call: Nevinsmith: Aye, Chunglo: Aye, Parsons: Aye, Izer: Aye, Keegan: Aye.



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4.4 West Street Common Parking

The Select Board discussed the ongoing parking concerns on the West Street Common. The Town currently requires a \$500 security deposit plus insurance from parties who have been approved for use of the Common. Any damages beyond the \$500 would be assessed to the permitted parties.

At a recent Project Coordination meeting, it was determined that it was really up to the Select Board in terms of what to do if anything to keep people from parking on the Common.

4.5 Valley Community Development Update on Repurpose of Econolodge

Laura Baker from Valley Community Development discussed the latest long-term plan to use the Econolodge for housing. Laura shared on an online presentation. The presentation highlighted how hotel rooms would be converted to studio and one-bedroom apartments. The primary mission is to provide affordable (Route 9) workforce housing. Some onsite training and services will be made available to residents but participation is not a requirement to live there. Residents would have to pay 30% of total living expenses (rent and utilities) per Federal guidelines.

One of the questions posed by the Select Board was around the potential uptick in 911 calls. Laura Baker related to the Board that in checking with the Hadley Fire and Police Chiefs that there were alarms sounded in anticipation of potentially more 911 calls.

Other affordable housing facilities managed by Valley Community Development already exist in Northampton and Amherst.

Bill Dwyer added that this proposed project at Econolodge will add to the Town's inventory of available affordable units while other locations are transitioning to different models. The project at Econolodge will be a proactive way to provide more supply for the existing or increasing demand.

Laura Baker continued by stating that the appraised value of Econolodge for tax purposes would remain pretty much the same as it is today, but based upon rental revenue. The number of people allowed in each unit will be controlled by the size/type of each unit.

The Select Board will take this topic up again at a future meeting to determine the type and level of support to offer for this project.

5. New Business

5.1 South Maple Street Water Line Replacement



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Carolyn Brennan and Scott McCarthy explained the project, while Linda Sanderson explained the source and use of funds.

Outstanding issues that would be addressed by the South Maple water line replacement/extension of 1320 feet include water quality and adequate water for the Fire Department.

There are upfront cost savings as the design work is being handled by the State and the Route 9 contractor. Total cost if executed in this fashion is under \$500,000.

One of the challenges is securing materials to initiate the project. Scott is coordinating with property owners Goulet and Ideal Movers in the meantime.

Linda Sanderson explained that the borrowing of \$805,000 for this project was approved at the 2021 Annual Town Meeting. There is pending legislation at the State level that would include \$1million being awarded to Hadley for this project, thus eliminating the need to borrow if/when the bill is approved and signed. Because of tight timing, however, creativity in terms of finding the money to initiate this project right away needs to be employed. One possibility is to schedule a Special Town Meeting with one article to request approval for funding in lieu of waiting for the \$1 million which could come from the State later on or maybe not.

The bid to initiate the project is good until July 8.

Any spending from reserves via a Special Town Meeting for this project would have to happen before July 1. There is roughly \$150,000 left in ARPA funds which could be approved for this project by the Select Board. State legislation which would potentially award the Town \$1 million is still without a definitive date.

The decision was made to table this topic until the next scheduled meeting. In the meantime, Select Board members are encouraged to reach out to State legislature members to push the \$1 million legislation through as soon as possible to meet the July 8 deadline.

5.2 Cemetery Mowing Contract Award

Scott McCarthy and Jennifer Sanders James had solicited bids from vendors. The best bid was received from Omasta. The recommendation is that the Town award the contract to Omasta Landscaping.

Motion: To award the cemetery mowing contract to Omasta Landscaping.

Moved: Keegan Second: Parsons

Roll call: Nevinsmith: Aye, Chunglo: Aye, Parsons: Aye, Izer: Aye, Keegan: Aye.

Approved 5-0.



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5.3 IT Managed Services

Jennifer Sanders James described the successful long-term relationship with Northeast IT. Only 2 vendors bid for the new contract. After review by Carolyn Brennan and Jennifer Sanders James, the recommendation is to award the new contract to the incumbent, Northeast IT. The bid from Northeast IT was \$10,000 less than the other vendor.

Motion to award the IT Managed Services contract to Northeast IT.

Moved: Keegan

Second: Izer

Roll call: Nevinsmith: Aye, Chunglo: Aye, Parsons: Aye, Izer: Aye, Keegan: Aye.

Approved 5-0.

5.4 Council on Aging Part-Time Administrative Assistant

Council on Aging has recommended the hiring of Leslie Owen starting July 7.

Motion to hire Leslie Owen as the Part-time Administrative Assistant for the Council on Aging.

Moved: Keegan

Second: Izer

Roll call: Nevinsmith: Aye, Chunglo: Aye, Parsons: Aye, Izer: Aye, Keegan: Aye.

Approved 5-0.

5.5 Board and Committee Reappointments

Jennifer Sanders James reported that responses to her request for input from Boards and Committees were sparse and came in to her in different formats via different channels. The Select Board are requested to renew the appointments as presented.

Motion to approve the list of reappointments for the FY23.

Moved: Chunglo

Second: Parsons

Roll call: Nevinsmith: Aye, Chunglo: Aye, Parsons: Aye, Izer: Aye, Keegan: Aye.

Approved 5-0.

5.6 Select Board Meeting Schedule

The next Select Board meeting is scheduled for July 13.

5.7 Climate Emergency Resolution

A resolution has been drafted declaring a climate emergency. Other towns, cities, and countries have already done so in one form or another. The Climate Committee is applying for a Green Designation which would translate into a grant of \$100,000. This topic has been tabled until the next meeting so that members of the Board can read and understand the Resolution better and any related impacts.



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5.8 Communications/Social Media

This topic was moved to a subsequent meeting.

5.9 Accounting Contract—Melanson

Melanson has somebody onsite at the Town hall monthly in addition to attending Town Meetings and audit discussions.

A vote was delayed on this topic until there is better understanding of how the quote of \$90,000 was derived.

5.10 Legal RFP Bid Results

Bid proposals were received for the General and Labor Counsel.
The Select Board wants to meet with the bidding firms at a future meeting.

6. Other Items Not anticipated 48 Hours in Advance

7. Town Administrator Report

Carolyn Brennan states that there is nothing additional to report than all of the contracts and extensions.

8. Announcements

Joyce Chunglo offers the Select Board Condolences to the family of Greg Mish, a long-term member of the Hadley Board of Health.

9. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn.

Moved: Izer

Second: Parsons

Roll call: Nevinsmith: Aye, Chunglo: Aye, Parsons: Aye, Izer: Aye, Keegan: Aye.

Approved 5-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Lore and Jennifer Sanders James