



**Wednesday, September 21, 2022
Select Board Meeting Agenda**

Present were: Jane Nevinsmith, Chair; Amy Parsons, Member; Randy Izer, Member; Molly Keegan, Member.

Also present were: Carolyn Brennan, Town Administrator; Dan Zdonek, Town Assessor; William Dwyer, Planning Board; Jim Maksimoski, Planning Board; Scott McCarthy, DPW Director; Susan Glowatsky, Town Collector; Mitch Kuc, Police Lieutenant; Megan Healey, Dispatch; Tina Smith, MDAR Tom Quinlan, Building Inspector; Mike Spanknebel, Fire Chief; Mike Richard, Weston & Sampson; Germaine Lee, Weston & Sampson; Daniel Clark, HPD Sharon Stanton, Resident; Jayne Champagne, Interim Administrative Assistant; Courtney Meyer, Russell School Committee; Dan Regish, Russell School Committee

1. Call to Order - 6:00 pm

1.1 Call to order

The Select Board will convene a hybrid meeting on Wednesday, September 21, 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:864 5248 4287 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: September 21 2022 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 862 7375 0083

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Jane Nevinsmith called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and stated in accordance with Mass. General Law Chapter 22 of the Acts of 2022 signed by Governor on February 15, 2022, I announce that this meeting of the Select Board is being recorded by Hadley Media, the Select Board's Office via Zoom and ask if there is anyone present who is also recording this meeting.

No one else is recording the meeting.

2. Executive Session

The Select Board convened executive sessions for the following purposes:

Per MGL c. 30As. 21(a) to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel -DPW Director; per MGL c. 30A s.21 (a) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining UPSEU Local 424-Unit MADIV 124, UPSEU Local 424-Unit MADIV 109; to

Maintenance & Cemetery, and Equipment Maintenance. They walked the Board through the current buildings including temporary trailers that have been on site for more than 20 years and a permanent building constructed in the 1960s. The current facilities do not adequately provide space for the employees as well as some of the DPW equipment. Overhead door clearances do not accommodate all road maintenance equipment, resulting in some very expensive equipment staying outside year-round uncovered. There is no dedicated indoor space for washing vehicles.

Mike Richard continued with some of the benefits of constructing a new DPW site inclusive of employee safety with OSHA compliance as well as adequate and safe space for maintaining and protecting very expensive equipment. With this said Mike shared some photos of what a new proposed facility might look like for Hadley.

Next steps include:

1. Complete the feasibility study and concept design.
2. Form a DPW committee.
3. Begin a public outreach campaign.
4. Secure the next phase of funding at the Town Meeting.

There are a couple of existing sites for new construction that would limit the additional funding that would be required. Funding for this project would have to be approved at Town Meeting. One site for everything is the most efficient model. A DPW committee would need to be assembled with 5 to 7 members who have an active interest in this type of project.

Randy Izer volunteered to be on the DPW committee. Somebody from DPW, Finance, and Capital Planning would be recruiting along with other members bringing the total committee membership to 7.

5.2 Russell School Committee Survey Proposal

The committee conducted a survey. The survey listed 5 options for the future of the Russell School. The survey would be made available electronically and possibly on paper and inserted with the water bills that go out on November 1st. Posters will also be put up at various locations throughout the Town indicating how and where to obtain the survey. All individual survey data will be kept confidential. The survey will be on the Survey Monkey platform and would be available through the end of 2022. The plan would be to hold a public forum to share the results of the survey. The culmination of these efforts will be to have a recommendation on the Town Meeting warrant in the Spring of 2023.

5.3 Hybrid vs. In Person Meeting Discussion and Vote

Motion to continue the hybrid model for Select Board meetings.

Motion: Izer

Second: Keegan

Vote: 4-0-0

5.4 Chmura Trail Head Cul -de- Sac Issue

Sharon Stanton from 100 Chmura Road introduced the issue to the Board. Parking by Trail visitors, mostly mountain bikers, has become an issue for residents on the street. Since the

Town does not actually own the land completely, as there are multiple owners, it is questionable if any limitations can be placed upon it in terms of usage by the Select Board. Chief Spanknebel mentioned a future meeting wherein discussions with several parties around the land and the road would take place relative to land usage and parking as it affects public safety.

Lieutenant Kuc confirmed that the property is multi-jurisdictional. Hadley Police are looking to come to an agreement with Amherst College, one of the property owners, to police the area on the College's behalf when needed.

More discussion and research need to take place before any action is taken.

5.5 Amend Special One-Day Alcohol License for UMASS/TOC Inc.

Motion to amend the hours of the events previously approved in a Consent Agenda.

Motion: Keegan

Second: Parsons

Vote: 4-0-0

5.6 Hadley Police Department-New Hire FT Officer

Lieutenant Kuc introduced Daniel Clark as a new full-time candidate who currently serves the Town of Ware.

Motion to appoint Daniel Clark as a full-time police officer.

Motion: Parsons

Second: Keegan

Vote:4-0-0

5.7 Hadley Police Department- Civilian Traffic Control Officers

Lieutenant Kuc explained that these are civilian positions usually filled by retired police and fire officers.

Motion to appoint Michael Grabiec, William Chapman, David Bertera, Daniel Hart, Thomas Roberts, and Michael Gralenski as Civilian Traffic Control Officers.

Motion: Keegan

Second: Parsons

Vote: 5-0-0

5.8 Promotion of Acting DPW Director to Permanent DPW Director

Jen Trovato asked that the Board appoint Scott McCarthy as the permanent DPW Director.

Motion to appoint Scott McCarthy as permanent DPW Director pending ongoing contract negotiations.

Motion: Parsons

Second: Keegan

Vote: 4-0-0

5.9 Closing the Special Town Meeting Warrant

Not all articles have yet been finalized in terms of content and exact amounts of funding are needed.

Motion to close the warrant.

Motion: Keegan

Second: Parsons

Vote: 5-0-0

6. Old Business

6.1 Valley Bike on Warrant

Earlier in the Summer it was determined that the pad for the bikes would be funded by and possibly placed near Whole Foods. The Select Board at the time decided not to commit \$4500 for annual administrative costs. Rather, the question of \$4500 for annual administrative costs was to become a question on the Warrant of the Special Town Meeting.

Motion to add to the Special Town Meeting Warrant the question of funding for administrative costs only associated with the Valley Bike project pending the identification of the location.

Motion: Keegan

Second: Izer

Vote: 4-0-0

6.2 Klimoski APR

Tina Smith explained the APR to the Board. **Mostly inaudible.**

Motion to approve the Klimoski APR.

Motion: Keegan

Second: Parsons

Vote: 4-0-0

7. Other Items Not Anticipated 48 Hours in Advance

None.

8. Town Administrator Report

Carolyn Brennan offers the Town Administrator report.

Fun Hub has invited Town officials to a ribbon cutting and grand opening at the Hampshire Mall on September 30th from 12:00 to 2:00 PM.

Carolyn Brennan contacted the Charter Cable Review Committee.

Atty. Mead will begin offering office hours on October 24 between 1:00 and 3:00 PM.

There are two events on September 22. One is the Climate Change Resolution forum at the Senior Center. The other is a workshop at the Hadley Young Men's Club for the agricultural community related to the local watershed and water management in the face of the changing climate. Both events are scheduled for 6:00 to 8:00 PM.

9. Select Board Items for Future Discussion

Nothing at this time.

10. Select Board Members Liaison Report

The Housing Production Plan has been finalized and will be a public information session scheduled in October via Zoom.

11. Announcements

Jane Nevinsmith announced that the Hadley Cultural Council has set a deadline of October 17th for organizations to apply for a grant for cultural activities in the Town of Hadley. The sum available this year is \$5000.

12. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn.

Motion: Keegan

Second: Parsons

Vote: 4-0-0

Meeting was adjourned at 7:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Lore and Jennifer Sanders James