



**Wednesday, December 7, 2022
Select Board Meeting Agenda**

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

Also present were Carolyn Brennan, Town Administrator; Jennifer Sanders James, Licensing Coordinator, Alex LaMarche, Hadley Media Director; Dan Zdonek, Town Assessor; William Dwyer, Planning Board; Scott McCarthy, DPW Director; Kim Pieffer, Assistant Town Collector; Tom Quinlan, Building Inspector; Mike Spanknebel, Fire Chief; Paul Burns, PVTA; Jen Trovato, Human Resource Director; John Kinchla, Resident; and Bobbi Kaman, Chairperson of the Mosquito Opt-Out Committee.

1. Call to Order - 6:00 pm

1.1 Call to order

The Select Board convened a hybrid meeting on Wednesday, December 7, 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:821 9940 6401 there and then to act on the following agenda.

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

Topic: Select Board Meeting

Time: December 7, 2022, 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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The Chair has asked that it be noted that no party other than Hadley Media and the Select Board Office are recording this meeting.

2. Executive Session

2.1 Contract Negotiations- Town Treasurer

2.2 Executive Session-Personnel

2.3 Executive Session-Litigation

Motion to enter into executive session as per MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21 (a)(2) 2 and (3). To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel; -- Town Treasurer, Personnel, and Litigation.

Motion: Keegan

Second: Chunglo

Roll Call Vote: Nevinsmith: Aye, Chunglo: Aye, Izer: Aye, Keegan: Aye, Parsons: Aye.

3. Appointment

3.1 Classification Hearing

Dan Zdonek, Town Assessor, shared slides to help explain the Tax Classification recommendation for FY 2023.

The FY2023 tax levy limit is \$13,980,368. If the Board opts for a single tax rate, the actual tax levy is projected to be \$13,970,852.

Residential value increased for FY2023 by 14.2% to \$834,468,600 from \$730,730,500 in FY2022.

The FY2022 CP&I property value was \$323,029,989. CP&I property value increased by 16.5% to \$376,177,000.

The average single-family home in Hadley was assessed for \$366,800 in FY2022. The average tax bill was \$4468. With a single tax rate, it would have been \$4607.

In FY2023, the average single-family home in Hadley will be assessed for \$418,800. The average tax bill will be \$4833 with a single tax rate.

If a single rate is adopted, the estimated tax rate for all properties will be \$11.54.

The Assessors recommended no open space discount, no residential exemption, and no small commercial exemption.

The Assessors recommended a single rate for FY2023.

Dan Zdonek further explained that the Select Board has a few options, including a few exemptions, in addition to the proposed single tax rate for FY2023. He also provided the pros and cons of a single rate vs. a split rate tax scheme for FY2023.

Motion to accept the recommendation made by the Assessors for a single tax rate with no exemptions for FY2023.

Motion: Keegan
Vote: 5-0-0

Second: Chunglo

4. Public Comments

4.1 Public Comments

None.

5. Consent Agenda

5.1 Consent Agenda

Warrants	AP2323Z, AP2322INS, AP2322S, AP2322, PR2309, PR2310, AP2321, AP2321S, AP2320S, AP2320.
Meeting Minutes from November 2 and November 16, 2022	
Declaration of Surplus Property	1984 Case Tractor

Motion to approve the consent agenda.

Motion: Chunglo

Second: Parsons

Vote: 5-0-0

6. Old Business

7. New Business

7.1 Mosquito Opt-Out Committee

Bobbi Kaman, Chair for the Mosquito Opt-Out Committee, shared with the Board the recommendation made by the Board of Health to opt out of the State mosquito spraying program in 2023, consistent with 2022.

Motion to approve that the Town of Hadley, with the recommendation from the Town Board of Health, votes to Opt-Out of the Mosquito Spraying program conducted under the State Reclamation and Control Board (SRMCB) for the calendar year 2023, as authorized under M.G.L. c. 252, Section 2A(b)(2).

Moved: Keegan

Second: Chunglo

Voice vote: Nevinsmith: Aye, Chunglo: Aye, Izer: Aye, Keegan: Aye, Parsons: Aye.

7.2 Wal-Mart Plaza Bus Stop

Paul Burns from Pioneer Valley Transit Authority (PVTa) presented a brief slide presentation regarding the bus stops at the Mountain Farms Mall. Specifically, the short-term relocation of the bus stop near Wal-Mart (during the holiday shopping season) was addressed. Chief Spanknebel spoke to potential fire safety handicapped persons issues. PVTa is willing and able to collaborate with the mall and the Fire personnel and Building Inspector as well as DPW (snowplowing).

7.3 License Renewals 2023

Jennifer Sanders James presented license renewals for 2023 for the Select Board's approval. All renewal applications are complete, and all applicants are in good standing with the Town. A few remain for consideration at the next meeting on December 21st.

Motion to approve the renewal of alcohol licenses as presented.

Motion: Keegan

Second: Chunglo

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion to approve the renewal of Common Victualler licenses as presented (Young Men's Club pending).

Motion: Keegan

Second: Izer

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion to approve the renewal of Class 1 and Class 2 auto licenses as presented.

Motion: Keegan

Second: Chunglo

Vote: 4-1-0

Motion to approve the renewal of entertainment licenses as presented (Young Men's Club pending).

Motion: Keegan

Second: Izer

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion to approve the renewal of automatic amusement licenses as presented.

Motion: Keegan

Second: Izer

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion to approve the renewal of theater and skating rink licenses as presented.

Moved: Keegan

Second: Izer

Vote: 5-0-0

7.4 Water Abatement-200 Bay Road

John Kinchla stated that there are 2 water meters on the property; one for the house and the other for agriculture. During the drought, water was used from the house (meter) to water a pasture for horses that had been seeded in the Spring, driving up that water bill on the incorrect meter.

Scott McCarthy, DPW Director recommends denying the abatement because the Town was in a water restriction period. However, agriculture is exempt from water bans.

Molly Keegan recuses herself from the discussion.

Motion to deny the water abatement as requested.

Motion: Chunglo

Second: Izer

Vote:5-0-0

7.5 UMass-Temporary Student Housing Support Recognition Payment

Carolyn Brennan, Town Administrator explained that a negotiated sum of \$30,000 will be paid to the Town by UMass for the use of Econolodge as a site for temporary student housing. The sum is reflective of lodging tax revenue lost by the Town when Econolodge is not used as a hotel.

8. Topics for Future Discussion

Molly Keegan suggested building a business committee to promote Hadley via the Amherst Chamber of Commerce and other channels.

Jane Nevinsmith wants to look into working with the Police Chief, Fire Chief, and Building Inspector in reaching out to surrounding towns in terms of developing a rental registry for the Town, and identifying where appropriate inspections should be conducted. Registering would be fee-based. Amherst has already implemented such a tool.

9. Town Administrator Report

Carolyn Brennan announced a grant for the design of connecting Hadley and Amherst sewer lines where feasible.

Carolyn Brennan also states that Senator Comerford still wanted to meet onsite to view firsthand and discuss the use of the Hawk pedestrian signal on Route 9 without a Select Board quorum but with Hadley Media. A meeting with the full Select Board would follow.

Tina Smith who is the regional APR coordinator will be facilitating a webinar on December 9 to educate farmers regarding a collaborative dairy farming grant as well as

other topics related to the dairy industry. The webinar will take place at the Hadley Library at 1:00 on December 9.

10. Announcements

Joyce Chunglo offers the condolences of the Select Board to the families of Peter Sadlowski, Philip Day, and Joseph Koczera.

The Fire Department and Park & Rec will be conducting a Santa Tour on December 17th, with times and locations to be announced.

The Police Department will be engaged in the annual toy drive for Shriners Hospital as well as Cram a Cruiser wherein people can donate new and unwrapped toys. The Police Department also continues to facilitate the Holiday Angel program.

2.1 Executive Session-Contract negotiations-Continued

Motion to reconvene back into Executive Session and not to reconvene in Executive Session.

Motion: Chunglo

Second: Izer

Roll Call Vote: Nevinsmith: Aye, Chunglo: Aye, Izer: Aye, Keegan: Aye, Parsons: Aye.

Meeting adjourned to executive session at 8:19 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Lore and Jennifer Sanders James