



Wednesday, January 8, 2020
Select Board Minutes
Town Hall Meeting Room 203 – 6:30 PM

Pursuant to notice duly filed with the Town Clerk, a meeting of the Select Board was held at 6:30 p.m. in the in Room 203, Town Hall, 100 Middle Street, Town of Hadley.

Present were: Christian Stanley, Chair; David J. Fill, II., Clerk; Molly Keegan, Member; Joyce Chunglo, Member; John Waskiewicz, Member;

Also present were: David Nixon, Town Administrator; Jennifer Sanders James, Licensing Coordinator; Stephen Armstrong, Resident, Jeannie Armstrong, Resident; Susan Delmolino, Resident; Chris Okafor, DPW Director; Linda Sanderson, Town Treasurer; Jane Nevinsmith, Resident; Ally Markowski, HA Student; Anne McKenzie, School Superintendent

1. Call to Order

1.1 Call to order

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Christian Stanley, Chair.

2. Consent Agenda

2.1 Consent Agenda

Minutes	August 7, 2019; August 28, 2019, September 4, 2019; September 24, 2019, October 9, 2019; October 16, 2019; October 24, 2019
Warrants	AP2025, AP2025S, AP2026, AP2027, AP2027S
Full time Firefighters	Colin Mick and Dan Mam - Postponed
Police Department Policy # 4.33	Body-Worn/In-Car Cameras
COA Van Driver Appointment	Kim Keegan
Dispatcher Memorandum of Understanding	Select Board Signs
399 River Drive Street light vote.	Affirmation of vote on December 4, 2019



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DPW Water Maintenance/Operator position	Wade Vandaloski
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Motion to approve the consent agenda with removal of 399 River Drive Street light.

Motion: Chunglo

Second: Keegan

Vote: 5-0-0

John Waskiewicz abstains from the DPW Water Maintenance/ Operator position.

Vote: 4-1-0

Sue Delmolino is here to discuss the streetlight on River Drive. The Select Board voted at a previous meeting to keep the streetlight at the location because of liability issue.

Sue Delmolino states that she was not involved in the process having the light up, she does not want a light and she wants it taken down.

Molly Keegan asks if the town has a process for installing lights.

David Nixon states that we don't have a process right now. We do have a practice if there are safety concerns that we bring them to the Select Board.

David Fill states that other towns do have a request process and we should have a process in place.

Motion to retain light at 399 River Drive.

Motion: Chunglo

Second: Fill for discussion

Linda Sanderson states that they pay for the lights in front of their house, and that came about when the town took out all lights in town.

Sue Delmolino states that there are other things that could be done for safety instead of the street light.

Chris Okafor states that we have cleaned some of the brush. We did go and look at this, and the police recommended the light. We also asked Eversource to adjust the lights and they did.

David Nixon states that we spoke to insurance and to counsel. Their response is that if we received a complaint about safety, and we take action for the safety, then remove the light we are leaving ourselves open.

David Fill states that he drove by your house (to Sue Delmolino) last night and I didn't see the light shining on your house.

Vote: 5-0-0

3. Public Comments: 6:30 -6:45 pm

3.1 Public Comments



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Jeannie Armstrong states that she and her husband are interested the climate crisis and they would like to work with the town on what the town's carbon footprint and would like to form a committee.

David Nixon and Christian Stanley will be in touch with Jeannie Armstrong.

4. Town Administrator Report

4.1 Town Administrator Report

David Nixon offers his Town Administrator report.

David Nixon states that Community Development Block Grant (UPDATE): The Town of Hadley is working with the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission to apply for Community Development Block Grant funds to underwrite senior affordable housing rehabilitation. A working team consisting of the Senior Services Director, Senior Center Building Committee member, Building Inspector, Board of Health member, Town Administrator, and a planner from the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission has been assembled and is working. There will also be a presentation at the Senior Center.

5. Appointments

5.1 Hadley Public Schools Cooler Communities Expo

Anne McKenzie introduces Ally Markowski who is presenting the Hadley Public Schools Cooler Communities Expo, who has written a grant to Grindspoon foundation for funding of \$5,000.

Ally Markowski states I am the project Lead and Event Organizer for the first ever Hadley Public Schools Cooler Communities Expo. In collaboration with the Superintendent, teachers, and students, we plan to hold the event in May of 2020. Cooler Communities is a nonprofit advocacy organization that targets the following environmental issues:

1. Reducing Waste
2. Adopting a lower-carbon diet (this includes consuming locally sourced foods)
3. Reducing transportation-related carbon emissions
4. Choosing cleaner energy
5. Educating the community on steps to become more energy-efficient

The Expo will showcase 8-15 mini projects that reflect on the goals listed above. Our goal is to attract 200 people to the Expo, and with that, Cooler Communities will reward the Hadley Schools District with funding students can use to address environmental concerns.

The Expo is tentatively planned for May 21st.

6. New Business



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6.1 Resignation for CPA -- Randy Izer

Christian Stanley states that Randy Izer is stepping down from his position on the CPA to focus on the Moderator. The Select Board appoints this position so please submit letters of interest to the Select Board.

The Select Board thanks Randy for his time.

6.2 Direct Local Technical Aid Grant Solicitations

The Pioneer Valley Planning Commission announces the application period for the next round of Direct Local Technical Aid grant, due on January 17, 2020. The Town has used this grant program successfully in the past.

Christian Stanley asks if we could have a TDR inventory and if we could transfer development rights as an idea.

David Nixon states we should reapply for the Solar By-law again.

Molly Keegan states that maybe infrastructure, permitting for regionalization.

The Select Board will bring more ideas to their next meeting.

6.3 Bay Rd. Bridge 75% complete plans from MASS DOT.

David Nixon states that this is just informational; there are no actions for tonight. We are working on delaying the project so the Bay Rd. Bridge and Rt. 9 happening at the same time. The Select Board states that they need to have our state representatives get involved.

7. Old Business

7.1 Accounting Services

The Town Treasurer and Town Administrator have been working with the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission to join their regional accounting program through Eric Kinsherf. The Select Board asked to sign the agreement for accounting services through the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission. In addition, the Select Board is asked to sign the services agreement for an accounting consultant to provide services in late December, January, and mid-February and beyond.

Finally, the Select Board is asked to dissolve its appointment of Justin Cole of Baystate Municipal Accounting Group as the Town of Hadley's accountant. Baystate Municipal Accounting Group has closed its business.



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David Nixon states that we haven't been able to meet with Erick Kinsherf yet but we are planning on it. In the meantime we are asking that you appoint Mary Erickson who signed an agreement to provide basic accounting services from today to June 30, 2020. We also need to formally dissolve the appointment of Justin Cole as the Town Accountant, and to appoint Mary Erickson as the town accountant.

Motion to that we terminate our relationship with Baystate Municipal Accounting Group as Town Accountant and appoint Mary Erickson as the Acting Town Accountant.

Motion: Keegan

Second: Fill

Vote: 5-0-0

7.2 Public Safety Complex Emergency Generator

This item was postponed until the Fire Chief is able to attend.

7.3 2020 Renewals

Jennifer Sanders James asks the Select Board to approve the final list of renewals. All are current and up to date. The late fee was a major improvement and really motivated everybody to pay on time.

Motion to approve the renewals for 2020.

Motion: Chunglo

Second: Fill

Vote: 5-0-0

7.4 Senior Center, Library, and Fire Substation Updates

Molly Keegan states that the library has begun a large push for the solar project and everything else is moving along.

Jane Nevinsmith states everything is moving along smoothly, we are looking for either late April/ early May. We need to extend our lease at the church for at least one more month.

Joyce Chunglo asks the Select Board to vote on Change Order 9R1 in the amount 11,007.78 for lights at the end of the driveway.

Motion to approve Change Order 9R1.

Motion: Stanley

Second: Fill for discussion

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Motion to approve Change Order 004R1

Motion: Fill

Second: Keegan

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion to approve Change Order 010R2.



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Motion: Stanley Second: Fill
Vote: 5-0-0
Motion to approve Change Order 012R1.
Motion: Fill Second: Stanley
Vote: 5-0-0

8. Other

David Nixon discusses the MVP meeting that took place yesterday.
Molly Keegan states that they suggested we move as soon as possible to form a coalition of departments who are involved in the rules and enforcement of the riverbanks using our existing rules. Where we first meet and agree on what the rules are and then hold informational sessions specifically inviting property owners and other interested parties, then we enforce. This is to protect the town, since it impacts flooding.

Christian Stanley states that we have a liaison with the University of Massachusetts.
Molly Keegan states that is a role that I am happy to fill that role as a liaison to UMASS.

Motion to appoint Molly Keegan as the UMASS Liaison.
Motion: Fill Second: Chunglo
Vote: 5-0-0

9. Announcements

9.1 Request for dedication submissions for 2019 Annual Report and Fred W. Oakley Award.

All Boards' Meeting on January 22nd at 7 PM.

Joyce Chunglo thanks the Hadley Garden Center for the wreaths that they donated for Town Hall doors. Thank you to the American Legion for the treats to the DPW.

Joyce Chunglo offers condolences to John Townsend's family on his passing and to the family of Bruce Morton. Condolences to Jo-Ann Konieczny and family on the passing of her father Joe Hurshel. Also condolences to Joseph Kowal and Judith Kuc-Loebl's families.

10. Adjournment

10.1 Adjournment

Motion to adjourn.
Motion: Chunglo Second: Fill
Vote: 5-0-0

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.



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Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Sanders James

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