

### Wednesday, February 16, 2022 Select Board / Tri- board Meeting Agenda

#### Zoom Meeting at 6:00 pm

#### 1. Call to Order

#### 1.1 Call to order

The Select Board and Tri-Board will convene a meeting on Wednesday, February 16, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. on Zoom Meeting:833 1828 8279 there and then to act on the following agenda.

#### ON-LINE AGENDA

The Select Board agenda is posted on-line at www.hadleyma.org

1. Bring up the Town website using the URL above.

- 2. Select "Select Board" from the drop down menu.
- 3. Select "BoardDocs LT"
- 4. Click on "Meetings" tab.
- 5. Select the appropriate meeting from the dates offered.
- 6. Click "View Meeting" and you can follow the progress of the meeting.

The public may access the meeting remotely by using a computer or telephone and follow the instructions below: Topic: Tri- Board / Select Board Time: Feb 16, 2022 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83318288279?pwd=RllLR0VhODVCdXRoaDg2LzYxVklUdz09

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**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

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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.

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: <u>https://41g41s33vxdd2vc05w415s1e-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/OpenMtgLaw\_ExecOrder\_Mar32020.pdf</u>

# 2. Executive Session

### 2.1 Executive Session - Litigation

The Select Board will enter executive session and then return to open session.

The Select Board will enter into executive session pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A s 21 (a) (3) to discuss litigation regarding the matter of Heronemous, Peter vs. Town of Hadley where discussion in open session would have a detrimental effect on the Town's litigation position and the chair so declares.

#### 2.2 Executive Session -- Sale of Real Estate -- Select Board

The Select Board will enter into Executive Session as per the provisions of MGL Chapter 40A, Section 21(2)(6): "To consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body; "

## 3. Tri-Board Meeting

#### 3.1 FY23 Budget Presentation

Carolyn Brennan, Town Administrator will present the Fiscal Year 2023 budget to the Tri-Board: Select Board, Finance Committee and School Committee.

#### 3.2 Reserve Fund Transfer - Finance Committee

The Town Administrator will request a reserve fund transfer of \$35,000 for a settlement in the Heronemous vs. Town of Hadley- North Hadley Village Hall matter. The Select Board and Finance Committee will vote.

### 4. Consent Agenda

 4.1 Consent Agenda

 WARRANTS

 MINUTES
 March 3, 2021; March 8, 2021

 Pioneer Valley Transit Authority - Joint Transportation Committee - Appointment
 Bill Dwyer, Member

 Pioneer Valley Transit Authority - Joint Transportation Committee - Alternate
 Scott McCarthy, Alternate

 Chapter 90 - Approval
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## TOWN OF HADLEY SELECT BOARD CONSENT AGENDA

Items on a Consent Agenda are exceptions to the general process of the Select Board's Meeting. The Select Board identifies those business items that they believe should generate no controversy and can be properly voted without debate. These items are put on the Consent Agenda to allow motions under these items to be acted upon as one unit and to be passed without debate.

At the call of the Consent Agenda, the Chair of the Select Board will read out the business items, one by one. If one or more Select Board members object to any particular item being included in the Consent Agenda, they say "hold" in a loud voice when the item is called. The item will be removed automatically from the Consent Agenda and voted separately under the usual manner. After the calling of the individual items in the Consent Agenda, the Chair will ask for a motion that the Select Board pass all items remaining <u>AS A UNIT</u> on one vote. Use of the Consent Agenda process makes the Select Board Meeting more efficient by speeding up the handling of non-controversial items.

## **5. Public Comments**

### 5.1 Public Comments

The public comment period is a time for the public to bring their concerns before the Select Board. The Board will hear public comments for 15 minutes. Please limit your comments to 3 minutes so that other members of the public may have an opportunity to speak.

In general, the Board will take all items and issues raised under advisement. Requests that can be addressed administratively will be referred to the appropriate department head for action. Requests for public documents will be handled according to law.

If the Chair of the Select Board calls for public comments, and after all public comments are heard, and if there is still time available, the Chair may close that portion of the meeting agenda and move to other items on the agenda.

## 6. Town Administrator Report

### 6.1 Town Administrator Report

The Town Administrator will report on special projects, departmental functions, and community events.

### 7. Other Items Not Anticipated 48 Hours in Advance

- 8. Announcements
- 9. Adjournment
- 9.1 Adjournment

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