



**Wednesday, May 5, 2021  
Select Board Meeting Agenda**

**Hadley Town Hall -Zoom Meeting at 5:30 pm**

**1. Call to Order**

**1.1 Call to order**

The Select Board and Finance Committee will convene a meeting on Wednesday, May 5, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. on a Zoom Meeting ID: 978 7471 2522 there and then to act on the following agenda.

**ON-LINE AGENDA**

The Select Board agenda is posted on-line at [www.hadleyma.org](http://www.hadleyma.org)

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

Zoom Meeting Information

Topic: Select Board and Finance Committee Meeting

Time: May 5, 2021 05:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/97874712522?pwd=SzNxUHRsSnJlNmIkV09BTFZ2ZUtlZ09>

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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 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: [https://41g41s33vxdd2vc05w415s1e-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/OpenMtgLaw\\_ExecOrder\\_Mar32020.pdf](https://41g41s33vxdd2vc05w415s1e-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/OpenMtgLaw_ExecOrder_Mar32020.pdf)

**\*Following their joint session the Select Board will continue in their meeting and the Finance Committee will separate into their own public meeting to act on the following agenda items:**

- 1- Annual Town Meeting Warrant Article Recommendations**
- 2- Any other item unanticipated 48 hours in advance.**

## **2. Public Comments**

### **2.1 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.

### 3. Consent Agenda

#### 3.1 Consent Agenda

Warrants	
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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 AS A UNIT 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.

### 4. Town Administrator Report

#### 4.1 Town Administrator Report

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

### 5. Appointments

#### 5.1 FY22 Budget Discussion

### 6. New Business

#### 6.1 North Hadley Village Hall RFP Results

The Select Board will review the 2 proposals received for North Hadley Village Hall.

#### 6.2 Select Board Meeting Schedule

The Select Board will set their schedule for the next 6 months.

#### 6.3 Aqua Vitae Road - Speed Limit and Stop Sign Requests

The Select Board and Chief Michael Mason will discuss the need for speed limit signs.

### 7. Old Business

#### 7.1 COVID-19 Update

The Select Board, Emergency Management Director Michael Spanknebel, and the Board of Health will discuss the end of the local State of Emergency.

#### 7.2 Annual Town Meeting Warrant

Carolyn Brennan, Town Administrator will present Annual Town Meeting Warrant and the addition of 2 Conservation Warrant articles for Select Board review.

## **8. Other Items Not Anticipated 48 Hours in Advance**

### **9. Announcements**

### **10. Executive Session**

#### **10.1 Executive Session - Litigation**

The Select Board will enter into Emergency executive session pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A s 21 (a) (3) to discuss litigation regarding the matter of Heronemus, 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.

### **11. Adjournment**

#### **11.1 Adjournment**

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