



Wednesday, April 28, 2021

Select Board Emergency Executive Session Meeting Agenda

Zoom Meeting ID: 932 7354 1419 at 7:00 pm

1. Call to Order

1.1 Call to order

The Select Board and Park and Recreation Commissioners will convene a meeting on Wednesday, April 28, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom Meeting ID: 932 7354 1419 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.

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follows Governor Baker's declaration of a State of Emergency on Wednesday, March 11, and it will remain in place until rescinded or the State of Emergency is terminated.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

2. Executive Session

2.1 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.

3. Adjournment

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Motion to adjourn.

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