

**SELECTBOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, JAN. 7, 2020
MEETING MINUTES
SELECTBOARD MEETING ROOM – 7 P.M.**

Present were Chair Andrea Miles, Vice Chair Jeff Cyr, Clerk Christopher Geraghty, member Sarah Etelman, member Bruce Forcier, and Town Administrator Michael J. Sullivan.

CALL TO ORDER

Miles called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Forcier motioned to approve the draft minutes of Dec. 19, 2019. Cyr seconded. All in favor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Forcier noted Bag The Community will take place over the Jan. 18-20 weekend and the Bike Walk Committee will hold a trek at Ledges Golf Course Jan. 19.

Etelman reminded residents Town Meeting voted to combine the annual town election, normally held in April, with the March 3 Presidential Primary. The last day to register to vote in that election is Feb. 12.

ADOPTION OF URBAN REDEVELOPMENT & RENEWAL PLAN

Etelman moved to approve the South Hadley Falls Urban Redevelopment and Renewal Plan as endorsed by Special Town Meeting on Nov. 20, 2019. Cyr seconded. All in favor.

OPEN SPACE & RECREATION PLAN

Forcier motioned to accept the Open Space and Recreation Plan. Cyr seconded. All in favor.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Sullivan called the updates to the Selectboard Meeting Room a wise investment for a room that receives much use from a plethora of boards and committees. Part of the update was to accommodate boards and committees that have grown larger to nine members. The additional monitors in the room are ADA compliant, as is the new chair layout.

Sullivan met with Ledges General Manager Michael Fontaine, IGM Vice President Steve Gano and Recreation Director Andy Rogers to discuss the past golf season. Fontaine will discuss FY20 golf season rates and improvements at the Selectboard's next meeting on Jan. 21. Rounds of golf were up. It looks like IGM is off in projections due to the town using fiscal years and IGM using calendar years. Sullivan noted the town did not have to pay unemployment costs this year for Ledges employees. He reminded residents Ledges is open for walking in the winter but residents and their pets should stay off the greens.

After a request by the Friends of the South Hadley Dog Park to begin volunteer work, Sullivan said it would be best to wait until all contracts with the construction company, JAM Corp, and the Stanton Foundation, have been signed. Sullivan said he consulted with MIIA and town

counsel to review what is and is not appropriate work for volunteers to take on. He will work with the Friends to ensure someone directs volunteers, and that all volunteers sign forms. JAM Corp was the lowest bidder in the second round of dog park project bids. Once the town receives commitment from The Stanton Foundation it will consider moving forward with executing the project contract.

For the full town administrator's report, see the Jan. 7, 2020 Selectboard Meeting Packet.

ADJOURN / EXECUTIVE SESSION

Etelman moved to enter executive session under MGL Chapter 39 Subsection 32 B for the purpose of bargaining – police union. Cyr second.

Members voted affirmatively by roll call vote as follows:

Forcier – Aye

Etelman – Aye

Miles – Aye

Cyr – Aye

Geraghty – Aye

Miles said the board would not return to open session. The board entered executive session at 7:25 p.m. Executive session minutes will be released at an appropriate time and vote by the board.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
Kristin Maher
Executive Assistant to Administration