

**SELECTBOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY, JAN. 19, 2021  
MEETING MINUTES  
VIRTUAL MEETING ROOM – 7 P.M.**

*Present were Chair Jeff Cyr, Vice Chair Sarah Etelman, Member Chris Geraghty, Member Bruce Forcier, and Town Administrator Michael J. Sullivan. Member Andrea Miles was absent.*

**CALL TO ORDER**

Cyr called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Member Andrea Miles was not present.

**MINUTES**

Etelman motioned to approve the draft minutes of Jan. 5, 2021 and Jan. 6, 2021. Geraghty seconded. All in favor.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

**Etelman – Aye**

**Cyr – Aye**

**Forcier – Aye**

**Geraghty – Aye**

**OPEN FORUM**

Etelman reminded the public that nomination papers for elected positions are available on the website for the annual town election.

**COVID-19 UPDATE**

Emergency Management Director Sharon Hart said in two weeks there are 165 new cases of COVID-19 in residents, including the 64 new confirmed cases this week compared from last week. She said there are also 21 new contact cases and one new probable case.

Loomis Village and Vero are vaccinating staff and residents. No surrounding community has started a vaccine program for the general public. Vaccine information can be found as Mass.Gov.

Cyr said work on the senior center project has shut down due for at least two weeks due to COVID.

**RESIGNATION**

Etelman motioned to accept the resignations of Brian Couture from the Recreation Commission and Nancy Knadler from the Appropriations Committee. Geraghty seconded.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

**Etelman – Aye**

**Cyr – Aye**

**Forcier – Aye**

**Geraghty – Aye**

### **PUBLIC HEARING – H&H Retail Package Store Beer & Wine License Application**

Cyr opened the public hearing at 7:23 p.m. Hamid Habib explained he is planning to open a package store at 460 Amherst Rd, the former Gagne's location. He applied for a Package Store Beer & Wine license. After renovations are complete, he is expecting to open March 1 with 5:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. as the hours of operation. Cyr closed the hearing at 7:32 p.m. Etelman motioned to approve the application. Geraghty seconded. All in favor.

### **ROLL CALL VOTE**

**Etelman – Aye**

**Cyr – Aye**

**Forcier – Aye**

**Geraghty – Aye**

### **MPIC REVIEW**

Master Plan Implementation Committee members Judy Gooch and Nate Therien provided an overview of the Selectboard's tasks in relation to the plan. Selectboard members agreed to review the information and discuss how to move implementation goals forward at a future meeting.

### **TA SEARCH UPDATE**

Cyr said the board has received applications from residents interested in being the resident representative on the Town Administrator Screening Committee, as well as interested Mount Holyoke and business community representatives. At the board's Feb. 2 meeting, members will choose and appoint people to the Town Administrator Screening Committee.

Cyr said board members also received the draft town administrator position statement from Community Paradigm. Etelman would like to see the final draft before releasing it publicly.

### **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Members discussed the pool at the Michael E. Smith Middle School which has severely been in need of repair for many years. Cyr suggested polling residents on the viability of repairing the pool at a time when there are other needs and limited funds.

### **ADJOURN**

Etelman motioned to adjourn. Geraghty seconded. All in favor.

### **ROLL CALL VOTE**

**Etelman – Aye**

**Cyr – Aye**

**Forcier – Aye**

**Geraghty – Aye**

**Miles – Aye (She became present at 7:50 p.m.)**

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED**  
**Kristin Maher**  
**Executive Assistant to Administration**