

HYBRID TRI-BOARD / SELECTBOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, JAN. 24, 2023
MEETING MINUTES
SENIOR CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM
7:30 P.M.

Present in person were Selectboard Chair Jeff Cyr, Selectboard Vice Chair Andrea Miles, Selectboard Clerk Renee Sweeney, Selectboard member Nicole Casolari, and Town Administrator Lisa Wong. Selectboard member Carol Constant was absent.

CALL TO ORDER

Cyr called the Selectboard meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

Tom Terry called the Appropriations Committee meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

Allison Schlachter called the School Committee meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

TRI-BOARD: FACILITIES DEPARTMENT

McCallister (Appropriations) motioned to support the creation of a joint facilities department between the town and schools in the Fiscal Year 2024 budget and to direct the Town Administrator and Superintendent to draft a Memorandum of Agreement. Finkowski seconded. All in favor. Unanimous.

Miles (Selectboard) motioned to support the creation of a joint facilities department between the town and schools in the Fiscal Year 2024 budget and to direct the Town Administrator and Superintendent to draft a Memorandum of Agreement. Sweeney seconded. Three in favor. Casolari abstained. The motion passed.

Friesner (School) motioned to support the creation of a joint facilities department between the town and schools in the Fiscal Year 2024 budget and to direct the Town Administrator and Superintendent to draft a Memorandum of Agreement. Belanger seconded. All in favor. Unanimous.

TRI-BOARD: MOSIER SOI

Sweeney (Selectboard) motioned to support the submission of a Statement of Interest to the Massachusetts School Building Authority for Mosier Elementary School. Miles seconded. Three in favor. Casolari abstained. The motioned passed.

Frisener (School) motioned to support the submission of a Statement of Interest to the Massachusetts School Building Authority for Mosier Elementary School. Belanger seconded. All in favor. Unanimous.

TRI-BOARD ADJOURN

McAllister motioned to adjourn the Appropriations Committee meeting. Finkowski seconded. All in favor. Unanimous.

Belanger motioned to adjourn the School Committee meeting. Cook seconded. All in favor. Unanimous.

The Tri-Board meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m. and the Selectboard meeting continued.

MINUTES

Constant motioned to accept the draft minutes of Dec. 19, 2022 as amended. Casolari seconded. All in favor. Unanimous.

CONSENT AGENDA

Sweeney motioned to approve the consent agenda as presented. Miles seconded. All in favor. The consent agenda consisted of a One Day Beer & Wine License for Robert Adam on Feb. 16 and a One Day Beer & Wine License for Jeff Millard for Feb. 10.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Miles noted nomination papers are available for elected office in the town clerk's office.

RESIGNATION

Sweeney motioned to accept the resignation of Gregory Dubreuil from the Municipal Light Board. Casolari seconded. All in favor.

MID-YEAR FINANCIAL REPORT

Town Accountant William Sutton provided a mid-year financial report.

LAUZIER DISCLOSURE AND WAIVER

Miles read, "In compliance with G. L. c. 7C, Section 37, the Commonwealth Massachusetts, acting by and through its Department of Agricultural Resources (the "Department"), hereby gives notice that it proposes to acquire an agricultural preservation restriction ("APR") on the real property identified herein for the purpose of protecting in perpetuity its superior and productive agricultural resources by preventing their conversion to other uses.

The application received by MDAR indicates that the property is owned by Estate of Yvonne L. Lauzier and consists of parcels) located at 73 Alvord Street in South Hadley as approximately represented on the attached map. The APR may encompass all or parts of the area shown.

The current use of the property is primarily for forage corn, hay and pasture.

Following the recording of the APR, the use of the subject property is limited to agricultural use and more particularly set forth in the APR document, the General Laws [Chapter 184, Sections 31], and the Regulations of the Department [330 CMR 22.00 et seq]."

Miles motioned to reduce the 120-day notice period prescribed for the announcement at a public meeting on the Commonwealth's proposed acquisition of an Agricultural Preservation Restriction referenced above to no less than 60 days. Sweeney second. All in favor.

MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD VACANCY

Sweeney motioned to fill the vacancy on the South Hadley Electric Light Department in conjunction with the April 2023 annual town election. Miles seconded. All in favor.

TA REPORT

For the full town administrator's report, see the Jan. 24, 2023 Selectboard meeting packet.

ADJOURN

Miles motioned to adjourn. Casolari seconded. All in favor. Unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,
Kristin Maher
Executive Assistant to Administration**