

**SELECTBOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, FEB. 2, 2021
MEETING MINUTES
VIRTUAL MEETING ROOM – 7 P.M.**

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

MINUTES

Etelman motioned to approve the draft minutes of Feb. 2, 2021. Miles seconded. All in favor.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Etelman – Aye

Miles - Aye

Cyr – Aye

Forcier – Aye

Geraghty – Aye

ANNOUNCEMENTS / OPEN FORUM

Sullivan informed the public a scammer has been ghosting the town hall phone number and using it to reach residents to ask for their credit card information. He said town hall would not randomly reach out to residents in that way for credit card information.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Emergency Management Director Sharon Hart said new COVID case counts remain relatively the same as in the last week, though they seem to be leveling off. She said the Hampshire County Public Health Coalition is working on plans for a regional vaccination clinic. Amherst and Northampton have been chosen by the state as locations for clinics, as well as UMass Amherst. Although the South Hadley Health Department prepared for and submitted plans to become a vaccination location, it was not chosen as a location.

Hart highlighted COVID mutations which make the virus more transmissible and suggested layering masks, social distancing, and staying home.

RESIGNATION

Miles motioned to accept the resignation of Reisa Alexander from the Zoning Board of Appeals. Etelman seconded. All in favor.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Etelman – Aye

Miles - Aye

Cyr – Aye

Forcier – Aye

Geraghty – Aye

REQUEST FOR DANGEROUS DOG HEARING (Hiza 42 School Street)

The board accepted the request for a dangerous dog hearing for a dog owned by Aisha Hiza of 42 School St. The hearing will be held during the board's next meeting on Feb. 16.

DISCUSSION OF TOWN ELECTION POLLING HOURS

Etelman motioned to set the hours of the April town election as 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. for in-person, day-of voting. Miles seconded. Four in favor, one against.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Etelman – Aye

Miles - Aye

Cyr – Aye

Geraghty – Aye

Forcier – Nay

TA SCREENING COMMITTEE

Selectboard members appointed Dr. Alanna Hoyer-Leitzel to be the resident representative on the Town Administrator Screening Committee, Police Chief Jennifer Gundersen as the employee representative, and member Christopher Geraghty as the Selectboard representative.

VETERAN SERVICE AGENT PROPSAL

Board members agreed to table a request by Veteran Service Agent Michael Slater to bring Granby back into the veteran service district and add a staff member to the veteran service office until Slater consults with Sullivan.

FY22 BUDGET

Sullivan said the budget is still evolving. He also noted there will be a two percent reduction in the health insurance cost. He will have a draft budget for the board's next meeting.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

For the full town administrator's report, see the Feb. 2, 2021 Selectboard packet.

ADJOURN

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

ROLL CALL VOTE

Etelman – Aye

Miles - Aye

Cyr – Aye

Geraghty – Aye

Forcier – Aye

The meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Kristin Maher
Executive Assistant to Administration