

**SELECTBOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 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

Geraghty motioned to approve the draft minutes of Feb. 16, 2021. Miles seconded. All in favor.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Etelman – Aye

Miles - Aye

Cyr – Aye

Forcier – Aye

Geraghty – Aye

COVID-19 UPDATE

Emergency Management Director Sharon Hart said new COVID case counts are down. The vaccine supply for Western Mass is inadequate. She said the City of Chicopee is looking to use the Knights of Columbus location as a corporate-run vaccine center, joined by Holyoke and South Hadley.

Selectboard members asked Sullivan to craft a letter to send to Governor Charles Baker about the vaccine inequity in Western Mass.

Sullivan said he discussed a town hall reopening plan with Hart. Reopening will not happen quickly or immediately. Appointments will remain for the landfill and compost areas - it works better for staffing efficiencies and the municipality can better watch its waste flow ensuring residents aren't dumping what they shouldn't.

MUNICIPAL GIFT POLICY

The Selectboard directed Sullivan to develop two related separate policies for gifting items to the municipality and for naming municipal buildings/facilities/places.

FRIENDS OF THE SOUTH HADLEY SENIORS POOL TABLE OFFER

The Selectboard authorized Sullivan to send a letter The Friends of South Hadley Seniors regarding the acceptance of a gift of one or two pool tables to the senior center at 45 Dayton Street.

SUPPORT LETTER FOR MSBA FOR MOSIER SCHOOL

The Selectboard tabled a vote on the Mosier statement of interest until its next meeting. Cyr asked Sullivan to reach out to school officials to invite them to the next Selectboard meeting.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING DISCUSSION

The Selectboard began discussions for planning the annual town meeting. Sullivan suggested early May. He will reach out to St. Theresa's Church to discuss a drive-in meeting like last year.

TA SEARCH UPDATE

Geraghty said the TASC met that morning to review applicants. Twenty people applied. Six were selected as semi-finalists to be interviewed March 17 - 18. From that group three finalists will be chosen for Selectboard members to interview.

FY22 BUDGET UPDATE

Sullivan gave various updates to the draft FY22 budget.

APRIL ELECTION BALLOT

Etelman motioned to accept the ballot for election of town officers in accordance with the South Hadley bylaws and other applicable Massachusetts General Laws for the Annual Town Elections to be held April 13, 2021 for precincts A,B,C,D and E at South Hadley High School 153 Newton Street South Hadley from 10 AM until 6 PM for all South Hadley registered voters. Miles seconded. All in favor.

ROLL CALL VOTE

- Etelman – Aye**
- Miles - Aye**
- Cyr – Aye**
- Forcier – Aye**
- Geraghty – Aye**

Miles motioned to allow Sullivan to sign on the Selectboard’s behalf. Etelman seconded. All in favor.

ROLL CALL VOTE

- Etelman – Aye**
- Miles - Aye**
- Cyr – Aye**
- Forcier – Aye**
- Geraghty – Aye**

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

For the full town administrator’s report, see the March 2, 2021 Selectboard packet.

ADJOURN

Etelman 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 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristin Maher
Executive Assistant to Administration