

**SELECTBOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2019
MEETING MINUTES
SELECTBOARD MEETING ROOM – 7 P.M.**

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

MINUTES

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Forcier noted the baseball association is having a spaghetti supper as a fundraiser, ValleyBike Share will hold a demonstration April 5 at MHC, a rabies clinic will be held April 13 at FD1, Bike/Walk is leading an April 14 trek at Bynan Conservation Area, and an Arbor Day celebration will be held April 26 at MESMS.

Miles noted the April 7 Tiger Pride Trot. She also recognized Brezinsky, as it is his last meeting since deciding not to seek reelection, and presented him with a plaque on behalf of his dedication and service to the Selectboard, Town of South Hadley and its citizens.

Brezinsky said tickets are on sale for a Dane Kane & Friends performance to benefit the new senior center, and said Music & Arts South Hadley is presenting a craft fair on April 20.

Etelman said April 9 is the annual town election and said Know Your Town will hold candidates' night this Thursday.

Cyr said a water quality forum will be held April 27 at town hall in the auditorium at 10 a.m.

Sullivan said ValleyBikes are back out and available for rent. The town is initializing a new ValleyBike kiosk at Woodlawn Plaza. Before a kiosk is added to the Willamansett Street Big Y plaza, South Hadley will wait until Chicopee becomes a ValleyBike community. Sullivan said he hopes residents consider the bikes as an alternative to vehicles for trips around town.

OPEN FORUM

Maryelizabeth Fahey of 5 Lynch Place urged the Selectboard to remove a tree from conservation land abutting her property she feels is dangerous. She thanked Sullivan and Tree Warden Chris Ryan for their responsiveness in her outreach to them.

TOWN COUNSEL PRESENTATIONS

The Selectboard listened to two firms – Kopleman & Page, and Mead, Talerman & Costa – who provided overviews of their services. Cyr nominated Kopleman & Page. Etelman nominated Mead, Talerman & Costa.

Cyr and Miles voted in favor of Kopleman & Page. Brezinsky, Etelman and Forcier voted in favor of Mead, Talerman & Costa. Miles voted to authorize to engage Mead & Talerman. Cyr seconded. All in favor.

Sullivan said he will send an engagement letter and start talking about next steps.

CONSENT AGENDA

Forcier motioned to approve the consent agenda, which consisted of a request for a Multi-Date One-Day Beer & Wine License for Friends of Gaylord Library on April 5 and May 3; a request for Multi-Date One-Day Beer & Wine License for Tower Theaters on April 25, 26 and 27; and a request for a One-Day Beer & Wine license for Drunken Rabbit on May 18. Cyr seconded. All in favor.

SEWER USE FEE WARRANT

Sullivan said this is really a formality. Forcier motioned to approve the sewer use fee warrant in the amount of \$1,141,620 as proposed by Treasurer/Collector Donna Whiteley. Cyr seconded. All in favor.

The Selectboard will move their discussion about rate changes to May 7.

SNOW/ICE REPORT

Sullivan said the town has spent over and above the snow and ice budget, though he didn't have the exact final figures. The Selectboard no longer needs to take a vote to spend over the snow and ice budget. Sullivan said while there wasn't as much snow as last year, there was an increase in the number of storms.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Etelman said it would be lovely if GZS Reality Management LLC cleaned up the trash overflowing from a dumpster at its School Lane property. Sullivan agreed, and said their trash mismanagement is adversely affecting South Hadley Falls. It is their responsibility to dispose of trash in their dumpster and pick up anything overflowing onto the ground. Sullivan said Gregory Z. Szyluk, who has owned this property or been involved in the LLC since 2000, was given an order yesterday from the Board of Health. The issue will reach housing court eventually if the town doesn't see a satisfactory response from the landlord.

In relation to the upcoming election, Brezinsky said residents will vote twice due to the district elections and annual town election being held in the same location at the same date and time. Residents will vote on two separate ballots.

Regarding the proposed Friends of South Hadley Dog Park, Brezinsky said it was very unfortunate to hear Friends President Bob Berwick voice concerns of the group's ability to fund the park at the last Selectboard meeting. Brezinsky reiterated the town cannot at any point be

obligated to pay for what the Friends of South Hadley Dog Park indicated they would take on annually. Sullivan said it will be a delicate conversation with the Stanton Foundation about where the town is at. He said hopefully the Friends of the South Hadley Dog Park will regroup as it's important to have dog owners running the dog park.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Brezinsky thanked Selectboard members and town residents, adding it was a pleasure to serve as a member of the board. He thanked Sullivan and said he has been masterful in interpreting a new way of doing things and leading the town. Sullivan said he appreciated the kudos and thanked Brezinsky for his leadership and friendship. He said the emphasis should be on the Selectboard and expressed his appreciation for their support. He said it was an honor to serve with Brezinsky.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Forcier motioned to enter executive session under MGL Chapter 39 subsection 32B for purpose of discussing collective bargaining - police union, DPW. Miles seconded.

Members voted affirmatively by roll call vote as follows:

Member Forcier	Aye
Member Etelman	Aye
Chair Brezinsky	Aye
Vice Chair Miles	Aye
Clerk Cyr	Aye

Brezinsky said the board will not return to open session. The meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
Kristin Maher
Executive Assistant to Administration