

**HYBRID SELECTBOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2023  
MEETING MINUTES  
SENIOR CENTER MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM  
7 P.M.**

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**MINUTES**

Constant moved to accept the draft minutes of March 21, 2023. Miles seconded. All in favor. Unanimous.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Sweeney moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Miles seconded. All in favor. Unanimous. The consent agenda consisted of a One-Day Beer & Wine License request from Karen Franz for May 2.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Constant noted the Age & Dementia Friendly kick-off that took place on April 4.

Miles reminded the public of the annual town election happening on April 11 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at South Hadley High School.

**BOATHOUSE SEASONAL LICENSE**

Miles moved to accept the 2023 license renewal of The Boathouse seasonal alcohol license and allow renewal upon completion of the application, submittal of all fees, completing all required inspections, and any other laws, bylaws or regulations required for issuance; and allow the license to include the ability to use a mobile bar. Casolari seconded. All in favor. Unanimous.

**MOSIER STATEMENT OF INTEREST**

Sweeney motioned to authorize the superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest Form dated March 30, 2023 for the Mosier Elementary School located at 101 Mosier Street, South Hadley, MA 01075 which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority category(s) for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future:

- o Replacement, renovation or modernization of school facility systems, such as roofs, windows, boilers, heating and ventilation systems, to increase energy conservation and decrease energy related costs in a school facility
  
- o Replacement of or addition to obsolete buildings in order to provide for a full range of programs consistent with state and approved local requirements

and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest Form, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the South Hadley Public Schools to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority. Miles seconded. Casolari abstained. The motion passed with four in favor and one abstention.

### **ARPA REQUESTS**

Constant moved to fund the school department with \$605,000 in ARPA funding for FY25 and earmark \$293,000 in ARPA funding for FY26. Miles seconded. Casolari abstained. The motion passed with four in favor and one abstention.

### **FACILITIES MOA**

Miles moved to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the South Hadley School Committee and the South Hadley Selectboard to create a shared Facilities Department as presented and authorize the Town Administrator / Superintendent of Schools to execute the Memorandum of Agreement. Sweeney seconded. Casolari abstained. The motion passed with four in favor and one abstention.

### **WASTEWATER RATES**

The board discussed the need to increase the sewer use fee. A hearing on the rate increase will be held at the next Selectboard meeting on April 18. Wong encouraged residents to watch this April 4 meeting for the preliminary information and an upcoming Capital Planning Committee meeting on April 10 for additional information.

### **TA REPORT**

For the full town administrator's report, see the April 4, 2023 Selectboard meeting packet on the town website.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Miles moved to enter into executive session under MGL Ch. 30 §21(a) 3 to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation re: March 19, 2023 Open Meeting Law Complaint from Bob Authier and to not return to open session. Sweeney seconded.

### **ROLL CALL VOTE**

**Miles – Aye**

**Casolari – Aye**

**Sweeney – Aye**

**Constant – Aye**

**Cyr – Aye**

Unanimous. The board entered into executive session at 8:45 p.m.

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