

**SELECTBOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 2021  
MEETING MINUTES  
VIRTUAL MEETING ROOM – 7 P.M.**

*Present were Chair Jeff Cyr, Vice Chair Sarah Etelman, Member Chris Geraghty, Clerk Carol Constant, Member Andrea Miles, and Town Administrator Michael J. Sullivan.*

**CALL TO ORDER**

Cyr called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Cyr acknowledged former member Bruce Forcier's Selectboard service and congratulated new member Carol Constant on her election win.

**REORGANIZATION**

Etelman nominated Cyr as chair. All in favor.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

**Etelman – Aye**

**Miles - Aye**

**Cyr – Aye**

**Geraghty – Aye**

**Constant – Aye**

Miles nominated Etelman as vice chair. All in favor.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

**Etelman – Aye**

**Miles - Aye**

**Cyr – Aye**

**Geraghty – Aye**

**Constant – Aye**

Etelman nominated Constant as clerk. All in favor.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

**Etelman – Aye**

**Miles - Aye**

**Cyr – Aye**

**Geraghty – Aye**

**Constant – Aye**

**MINUTES**

Geraghty motioned to approve the draft meeting minutes of April 6, 2021. Miles seconded. Four in favor, one abstention.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

**Etelman – Aye**

**Miles - Aye**  
**Cyr – Aye**  
**Geraghty – Aye**  
**Constant – Abstain**

### **OPEN FORUM**

Geraghty introduced a Community Engagement Forum with the South Hadley Police Access and Community Engagement Team to be held May 26 at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom. Residents are encouraged to submit questions they have about policing via a Google form on the town website. Geraghty will moderate the forum.

### **COVID UPDATE**

Emergency Management Director Sharon Hart said positive COVID cases are decreasing but the town reached a milestone of the virus infecting 1,000 residents since the start, with the current total at 1,013 infections. She noted breakthrough cases are being identified in some vaccinated people.

Sullivan said the public library had its comprehensive reopening plan approved by the health department. It is slated to open in early May. A reopening plan is being drafted for the senior center. Town hall remains closed and continues to provide all services digitally or outdoors. Sullivan said it would be difficult to adhere to the requirements to reopen town hall which could negatively impact services.

### **7:10 p.m. - Public Hearing: Leena, Inc dba Hadley Mart – Application for Change of Manager, Change of Officers/Directors/LLC Managers, Issuance/Transfer of Stock/New Stockholder, Pledge of Inventory and Pledge of Collateral**

Cyr opened the hearing at 7:32 p.m. and closed it at 7:37 p.m. Etelman motioned to approve the application for Change of Manager, Change of Officers/Directors/LLC Managers, Issuance/Transfer of Stock/New Stockholder, Pledge of Inventory and Pledge of Collateral. Miles seconded. All in favor.

### **ROLL CALL VOTE**

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

### **COMMUNITY PARADIGM TOWN ADMINISTRATOR SEARCH FINALIST PRESENTATION**

Bernard Lynch of Community Paradigm announced Stuart Beckley and Alan Wolf as the two finalists the Town Administrator Screening Committee recommended to move forward to the Selectboard. Originally there were four finalists but two backed out prior to the public announcement.

Board members agreed to interview the two finalists next week on April 27 and 28 at 6 p.m. Lynch will generate some interview questions for the board. Members can email interview question suggestions to Lynch or Executive Assistant Kristin Maher. Board members agreed to meet Thursday, April 29 at 7 p.m. to discuss the finalist interviews held the previous two days.

#### **PRESENTATION OF DRAFT FINANCE POLICIES RECOMMENDATION**

Sullivan said he will clean up any minor issues. Selectboard members can offer any comments to him. Members aim to approve the policies at the next meeting.

#### **PROPOSED FIREWORKS DATE**

Members expressed safety concerns about holding a large event that draws a crowd from across the region on Sept. 4. Sullivan said he would take the concerns back to Recreation Commission to possibly rework and see if they should bring the idea forward again.

#### **ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

Selectboard members agreed to hold the annual town meeting on June 9 at St. Theresa's Church parking lot in the same drive-in style as last year. Sullivan hopes to have hand-held tabulators to use for that meeting.

#### **FY22 BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS**

Sullivan reviewed draft capital recommendations for FY22 budget line by line and small changes to the FY22 summary budget.

#### **ADJOURN / EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Etelman motioned to go into executive session under Chapter 39 section 23B for the purpose of bargaining AFSCME A&B Units and not return to open session. Geraghty seconded. All in favor.

#### **ROLL CALL VOTE**

**Etelman – Aye**

**Miles - Aye**

**Cyr – Aye**

**Geraghty – Aye**

**Constant – Aye**

The meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

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