

**SELECTBOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 4, 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.

MINUTES

Geraghty motioned to approve the draft minutes of April 20 and April 27, 2021. Miles seconded. All in favor.

ROLL CALL

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Geraghty reminded the public of a virtual Q&A forum with members of the South Hadley Police Access and Community Engagement Team (PACE) on May 26, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Cyr highlighted the outdoor Arbor Day celebration at Michael E. Smith Middle School on April 30 and said 100 trees were planted around South Hadley this past weekend.

OPEN FORUM

Linda Young of 15 Westbrook Rd South Hadley asked for the June 9 Town Meeting date be added to the calendar and town clerk's page of the town website.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Sullivan said the latest tally of total COVID positive cases in South Hadley is 1,034. Contact cases rose significantly from last week, with 47 new contact cases, due to an outbreak at the Michael E. Smith Middle School.

Sullivan reviewed the reopening plans for the South Hadley Public Library and Gaylord Memorial Library. He highlighted the complexities of moving toward a hybrid/remote style of municipal meetings. Town hall will continue to offer digital and curbside services while it remains closed to the public.

RESIGNATION

The Selectboard thanked James Canning for his service on the Conservation Commission. Canning will not seek reappointment in June.

UPDATE ON TOWN ADMINISTRATOR DISCUSSION

Board members reevaluated the job posting for town administrator and agreed candidates must have experience as a town administrator or town manager. Bernard Lynch of Community Paradigm said resumes will be received by the first week of June for the screening committee to review and the Selectboard may be able to interview finalists by the second week of June. Sullivan assured the board he is willing to remain as town administrator until a replacement is found.

TRI-ANNUAL INTERVIEW DISCUSSION

The board will interview applicants at both June meetings and appoint at its second June meeting.

DRAFT TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Sullivan reviewed the draft articles on the town meeting warrant. He will have a more concrete document for the board to review at a future meeting.

APPOINT MEMBER TO VETERAN SERVICE DISTRICT COMMITTEE, MHC LIASON

Etelman nominated Miles to serve as the Selectboard representative to the Veteran Service District Committee. Constant seconded. All in favor.

ROLL CALL

Constant – Aye

Cyr – Aye

Etelman – Aye

Geraghty – Aye

Miles – Abstain

Miles nominated Etelman to remain as the liaison to Mount Holyoke College. Geraghty seconded. All in favor.

ROLL CALL

Constant – Aye

Cyr – Aye

Etelman – Abstain

Geraghty – Aye

Miles – Aye

ADJOURN

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

ROLL CALL

Constant – Aye

Cyr – Aye

Etelman – Aye

Geraghty – Aye

Miles – Abstain

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

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