

**SELECTBOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY, MAY 18, 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 7:04 p.m.

**MINUTES**

Geraghty motioned to approve the draft minutes of May 4, 2021. Miles seconded. All in favor.

**ROLL CALL**

**Constant – Aye**

**Cyr – Aye**

**Etelman – Aye**

**Geraghty – Aye**

**Miles - Aye**

**OPEN FORUM**

Geraghty reminded the public of the South Hadley Police PACE team's community forum on May 26.

Sullivan said his Town Administrator review of the town meeting warrant will take place May 25.

Miles said she and Constant are attending a GARE conference and will report back on it at the next Selectboard meeting.

**COVID-19 UPDATE**

Emergency Management Director Sharon Hart said there are 8 new confirmed cases in town. On May 29, business COVID restrictions will be lifted and on June 15 Governor Baker's state of emergency will end. If any resident needs assistance in getting a COVID vaccine they should reach out to Hart or the Council on Aging. There has been a total of 51 deaths of South Hadley residents due to COVID-19.

Miles encouraged families to have their children vaccinated and said the vaccine is not hard to obtain right now.

Sullivan said the public library has reopened to the public without any issues so far. Recreational offerings have been expanded. Town hall is scheduled to reopen in the coming months for six to seven hours a day, three days a week. Masks will need to be worn indoors.

There will be no changes to the compost and transfer station appointment scheduling post-COVID.

Sullivan is working with town counsel about board and committee meeting requirements once the state of emergency ends.

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR SCREENING COMMITTEE RESIDENT APPOINTMENT**

The Selectboard interviewed five applicants and appointed Renee Sweeney as the resident representative to the Town Administrator Screening Committee.

**TOWN MEETING FINAL WARRANT**

In accordance with Section 8 of Chapter 92 of the Acts of 2020, Etelman moved the Selectboard approve the Town Moderator’s request to hold the June 9, 2021 at Saint Theresa’s Church parking lot at East Parkview Drive, South Hadley in a drive-in style using handheld tabulators and issue the required notice for the same which has been drafted in consultation with the Town Moderator. Constant seconded. All in favor.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**FINANCIAL POLICIES DRAFT**

Etelman motioned to accept the financial policies pending town meeting action. Geraghty seconded. All in favor.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**JULY / AUGUST SB SCHEDULE**

The board agreed to meet on July 6. The August schedule is TBD.

**SENIOR CENTER UPDATE**

Sullivan gave a brief update on the status of the senior center construction, which is in the final stages. He praised the grant money obtained by the town for creation of a playground and a recreational trail around the property.

**ADJOURN**

Geraghty motioned to adjourn. Etelman seconded. All in favor.

**ROLL CALL**

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

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