

**SELECTBOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2020  
MEETING MINUTES  
VIRTUAL MEETING ROOM – 6 P.M.**

*Present were Chair Jeff Cyr, Vice Chair Sarah Etelman, member Chris Geraghty, member Bruce Forcier, Member Andrea Miles, and Town Administrator Michael J. Sullivan.*

**CALL TO ORDER**

Cyr called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

**COVID-19 UPDATE**

There are 142 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in South Hadley, 130 contact cases, three probable cases and two suspected cases. There are 20 deaths.

Sullivan said tag sales are now allowed. Guidelines are reflective of what the town received from Governor Baker. Basketball hoops are back up and cautionary signs are installed at playgrounds and parks according to the governor's office.

**CONSERVATION RESTRICTION AT 339 PEARL STREET**

Conservation Administrator Anne Capra explained the owner of land at 339 Pearl Street is interested in granting a conservation restriction. The land is now privately owned and will remain so after the restriction is granted.

Paul Gagnon of Kestrel Trust explained there will be public access for through-hiking, horseback riding, hunting, fishing and the like. All of the land will be conservation land except for a section along the road where a house is located. The conserved land will be part of a larger project within the Mount Holyoke Range. The land remains as taxable private conservation land. The state requires a co-holder, which the South Hadley Conservation Commission will pick up. The Town of South Hadley will be the backup interest holder in the unlikelyhood the Kestrel Trust disbands.

Etelman motioned to accept the conservation restriction as presented at 339 Pearl Street. Miles seconded.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

**Member Geraghty - Aye**

**Member Forcier - Aye**

**Member Miles - Aye**

**Vice Chair Etelman - Aye**

**Chair Cyr – Aye**

All in favor.

## **TRASH FEE FY21**

Miles moved to increase the FY21 trash fee from \$75 to \$125. Geraghty seconded.

### **ROLL CALL VOTE**

**Member Geraghty - Aye**

**Member Forcier - Aye**

**Member Miles - Aye**

**Vice Chair Etelman - Aye**

**Chair Cyr - Aye**

All in favor.

## **TOWN MEETING QUORUM REDUCTION**

Miles moved to accept Chapter 92 of the Acts of 2020, Section 7 to allow reduction of the South Hadley quorum from 60 to 7 for the June 17, 2020 Annual Town Meeting. Cyr seconded.

### **ROLL CALL VOTE**

**Member Geraghty - Aye**

**Member Forcier - Aye**

**Member Miles - Aye**

**Vice Chair Etelman - Aye**

**Chair Cyr - Aye**

All in favor.

## **SUMMER SCHEDULE**

After meeting weekly since March, the Selectboard will meet June 23 and 30, and then resume its twice-a-month schedule for July 7 and 21, and Aug. 4 and 18. Sullivan will resume writing his town administrator's reports.

Miles suggested Police Chief Jennifer Gundersen attend a future Selectboard meeting to give an overview of police policies and an inside view of how the South Hadley department operates. Sullivan said he and Etelman have discussed rekindling the Symposium of Understanding to have a forum at which residents can discuss topics like racism.

Miles is interested in having Recreation Director Andy Rogers attend a future Selectboard meeting to discuss what forms of recreation are offered during the pandemic and how the town is trying to keep youth busy but also safe.

## **ADJOURN**

Geraghty motioned to adjourn. Miles seconded. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED**  
**Kristin Maher**  
**Executive Assistant to Administration**