

**HYBRID SELECTBOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2023  
MEETING MINUTES  
SENIOR CENTER CONFERENCE 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 7:03 p.m.

**MINUTES**

Miles motioned to Draft Minutes of Feb. 21, 2023. Constant seconded. All in favor. Unanimous.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Constant motioned to approve the consent agenda as presented. Miles seconded. All in favor. Unanimous. The consent agenda consisted of a Multi-Date Beer & Wine License request from Jeff Millard for March 10, April 14 & May 12 and a One-Day Beer & Wine License request from David Smith for June 3.

**PUBLIC HEARING: Heavy Commercial Vehicle Exclusion on Spring Street, Hartford Street, Smith Street & Ludlow Road**

Cyr opened the hearing at 7:05 p.m. Closed the hearing at 7:07 p.m. Constant motioned pursuant to Article IX, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, of the Bylaws of the Town of South Hadley, to establish the following rule: The use and operation of heavy commercial vehicles, having a carrying capacity of more than 2 1/2 tons, are hereby restricted on Spring Street, Hartford Street, Smith Street and Ludlow Road. Exemptions: this Section shall not apply to heavy commercial vehicles going to or coming from places upon said streets for the purpose of making deliveries of goods, materials, or merchandise to or similar collections from abutting land or buildings or adjoining streets or ways to which access cannot otherwise be gained; or to vehicles used in connection with the construction, maintenance and repair of said streets or public utilities therein; or to Federal, State, Municipal or public service corporation owned vehicles. Miles seconded. All in favor. Unanimous.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Sweeney noted the Know Your Town election program held March 30 at the public library. Constant said on April 4 there will be a kick-off event for South Hadley's age and dementia friendly initiative at the senior center.

Casolari highlighted the South Hadley High School girl's basketball team who were playing a state sweet 16 game.

**OPEN FORM**

Linda Young, of 15 Westbrook Road, and Michael Lamontagne, of 22 Cypress Drive, expressed concern about town trees and a need for a tree warden.

## **RESIGNATION**

Miles moved to accept the resignation of Jose Vazquez from the Historical Commission. Constant seconded. All in favor. Unanimous.

## **TRI-ANNUAL INTERVIEWS & APPOINTMENTS**

The board interviewed Judy Gooch Dobosh for the Human Rights Commission and Kirsten Britton for the Recreation Commission.

Miles moved to appoint Sheila Pennell to the Council on Aging to a term ending in 2024.

Casolari seconded. All in favor. Unanimous.

Miles moved to appoint Patrick Tracey to the Bike / Walk Committee to a term ending in 2023.

Sweeney seconded. All in favor. Unanimous.

Miles moved to appoint Leo Labonte to the Historical Commission to a term ending in 2025.

Sweeney seconded. All in favor. Unanimous.

Miles moved to appoint Renee Sweeney and Judy Gooch to the Human Rights Commission to terms ending in 2024 and 2025, respectively. Casolari seconded. All in favor. Unanimous.

Miles moved to appoint Kirsten Britton to the Recreation Commission to a term ending in 2025.

Casolari seconded. All in favor. Unanimous.

## **DISABILITIES COMMISSION REAPPOINTMENTS**

Constant motioned to appoint to the Commission on Disabilities Marie Rohan to a term ending in 2023, Larry Dubois to a term ending in 2025, Tay Silveira to a term ending in 2025, and Rick Dunderdale to a term ending in 2024. Miles second. All in favor. Unanimous.

## **DRAFT TOWN MEETING AGENDA**

Wong reviewed the draft town meeting warrant and articles on it thus far.

## **ARPA REQUESTS: MEDICAL TRANSPORT**

Miles moved to expend \$10,000 from the town's American Rescue Plan Act funds for the Senior Center medical transportation program. Constant seconded. All in favor. Unanimous.

## **ARPA REQUEST: AUDIO VISUAL**

Constant moved to expend \$70,000 from the town's American Rescue Plan Act funds for audio visual improvements to the Senior Center Multi-Purpose Room. Miles seconded. All in favor. Unanimous.

## **2023 ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION WARRANT**

Constant motioned to approve the April 11, 2023 annual town election warrant as presented with hours of 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Casolari seconded. All in favor.

## **PRESENTATION OF FY24 BUDGET**

Wong presented the FY24 budget and reviewed various sections and line items.

## **TRASH / RECYCLING CONTRACT**

Miles moved to extend the contract with Republic for one one-year extension. Sweeney seconded. All in favor.

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

For the full town administrator's report, see the March 7, 2023 Selectboard meeting packet on the town website.

**ADJOURN**

Miles motioned to adjourn. Sweeney second. All in favor. Unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

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