

**SELECTBOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2020
VIRTUAL MEETING ROOM – 6 P.M.**

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

MINUTES

Etelman motioned to approve a set of minutes from March 26, April 2, April 7, April 14, April 21 and April 28. Geraghty seconded. All in favor.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Sullivan said there are 137 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in South Hadley, 139 contact cases, three probable cases and two suspect cases. These are not cumulative of everyone who has tested positive – individuals are added and taken off as needed.

There are a total of 14 deaths as a result of the virus. These numbers, he said, are given to the town from hospitals in other communities. Contact tracing can change them. For instance, someone with the virus who resides at a South Hadley nursing home but hails from another community will count as a South Hadley case until their non-nursing home address is confirmed. There is also a delay in reporting to municipalities. The number of positive cases continues to rise.

Sullivan highlighted directives from Governor Baker regarding outdoor dining and public hearings. He said town hall employees have resumed a regular work schedule and some job responsibilities have shifted within existing staff. CARES Grant funding will be used for additional staffing for inspections and enforcement as contract services. He noted the town wants to work with people while also keeping them safe.

ANNUAL REAPPOINTMENT DISCUSSION

Members of boards and committees with expiring June 2020 terms will have those terms extended until September, unless members have resigned or indicated they do not want to renew their terms. The appointment and interview process will be postponed until September when the town has a better handle on how to remotely proceed.

Etelman said the Selectboard needs to consider remote participation and what platform to use. Members agreed.

REPUBLIC CONTRACT

Etelman motioned to accept the contract as presented and allow for electronic signatures. Cyr seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Etelman – Aye

Cyr – Aye
Forcier – Nay
Geraghty – Aye

SOLID WASTE PERMIT FEE FY21

Sullivan said the fee increases to discard certain items at the transfer station are a result of what the town is now charged to discard them itself. The town is not making any money with these fee increases.

The annual curbside collection fee does not cover the cost accrued by the town to dispose of trash and recycling brought directly to the transfer station. It only provides for Republic's garbage trucks to stop at each household. There will now be a fee charged to residents who choose to bring their trash to the transfer station – whether or not they pay the annual fee.

Sullivan said the scheduled yard waste disposal is going successfully. If it continues in this way, it's reasonable to have two people booked for each five-minute increment.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

The annual town meeting will be held in the parking lot of St. Theresa's Church on June 17 at 6 p.m. Town meeting members will parking their vehicles in designated areas by precinct, tune their radios to a certain signal to hear the moderator, and hold paddles to vote out their windows. There are eight articles on the warrant with six of them in a consent style.

Four police officers on duty there will be funded through the CARES Grant. Other town employees are volunteering their time.

ADJOURN

Etelman motioned to adjourn. Cyr seconded. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.