

**HYBRID SELECTBOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 2022
MEETING MINUTES
SENIOR CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM – 7 P.M.**

Present were Chair Jeff Cyr, Clerk Renee Sweeney, Member Carol Constant, and Town Administrator Lisa Wong. Vice Chair Andrea Miles was absent.

CALL TO ORDER

Cyr called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

MINUTES

Constant motioned to accept the draft minutes of June 7, 2022. Sweeney seconded. All in favor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Constant noted the start of the Summer Concert Series on the town common this Thursday. The town's Independence Day celebration takes place July 2 at MESMS.

Sweeney noted the temporary mural on Main Street highlighting Buttery Brook which runs underneath.

ONE-DAY BEER & WINE LICENSES

Sweeney motioned to approve 20 one-day beer and wine license requests for Willits Hallowell for July 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28, 30, Aug, 1, 2, 3, 4. Constant seconded. All in favor. Unanimous.

TRI-ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS

Constant motioned to approve the annual board and committee renewals for 2022 as presented. Sweeney second. All in favor. Unanimous. Those renewed were:

Larry Dubois, Marilyn Gass, Caroline Martin, Ruth Camuse, and Lucia Foley to one-year terms on the Bike Walk Committee; Luke Brunelle to the Channel Marking Committee to a 2024 term; Larry Dubois and Tay Silvera to the Commission on Disabilities to 2025 terms; April Doroski and Tom Dennis to the Conservation Commission to 2025 terms; Robert Pueschel and Jim Bosman to the COA to 2025 terms; Ira Brezinsky and John Anz to the Cultural Council to 2025 terms; Frank DeToma and Gerald Judge to the Historic District Study Committee to 2025 terms; Michelle Theroux and Larry Dixon to MPIC to 2025 terms; David Mendoza, Benjamin Sabbs and Laura Friesner to the Recreation Commission to 2025 terms; Jennifer Deforge and Matthew Roth to the SEC to 2025 terms; Dennis Swartwout and Bobbie Salthouse to the Tree Committee to 2025 terms; Desiree Smelcer, Wayne Gass and Barbara Merchant to the Old Firehouse Museum Trustees to 2025 terms; and Martha Terry and Jacqueline Dupre to the ZBA to 2025 terms.

Constant motioned to appoint Jim Bosman and David King to the Bylaw Review Committee to terms ending in 2025. Sweeney seconded. All in favor. Unanimous.

Constant motioned to appoint Caroline Martin as a full-time member to the Cultural Council to a 2025 term and Pauline Jarne to the Cultural Council to a 2025 term. Sweeney seconded. All in favor. Unanimous.

Constant motioned to appoint Marie Rohan to a 2023 term on the Commission Disabilities. Sweeney seconded. All in favor. Unanimous.

Constant motioned to appoint Robert Judge to a 2024 term on the Historic District Study Committee. Sweeney seconded. All in favor. Unanimous.

Constant motioned to appoint Stephen Frantz to a full-time position on the ZBA with a 2024 term and Rob Watchilla to an associate ZBA position with a 2024 term. Sweeney seconded. All in favor. Unanimous.

BOARD OF REGISTRARS APPOINTMENT

Constant motioned to appoint April Bellafiore to a one-year term on the Board of Registrars. Sweeney seconded. All in favor. Unanimous.

COMCAST AMENDMENT

Wong updated the board about an amendment to the town's Comcast license that enhances the town's Cable Studio service.

SELECTBOARD VACANCY

The board discussed how to move forward with the vacancy created by the death of former member Sarah Etelman. Members agreed to table the item until their next meeting July 12 at which Miles will be present.

ARPA – ELMER BROOK & CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Planning & Conservation Director Anne Capra updated the board about work done to alleviate parking issues at Lithia Springs with construction of a bridge over Elmer Brook on land owned by District 2. The board agreed to postpone awarding ARPA funds at Capra's request until an agreement with District 2 can be reached.

Constant motioned to approve awarding \$50,000 in ARPA funds for the South Hadley & Granby Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber is seeking to create a series of programs targeting South Hadley businesses to build long-term capacity and resources.

TA REPORT

For the full town administrator's report, see the June 12, 2022 Selectboard Meeting Packet on the town website.

Wong noted the town will receive an additional 6,400 COVID-19 test kits and the police department was accredited today as one of four communities in Massachusetts.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

While still in open session, Constant motioned to enter into executive session under MGL Chapter 39 subsection 32B for purpose of discussing collective bargaining. Sweeney seconded.

Members voted affirmatively by roll call vote as follows:

Constant – Aye

Sweeney – Aye

Cyr - Aye

Constant said the board would not return to open session. The meeting adjourned into executive session at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Kristin Maher
Executive Assistant to Administration