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

CALL TO ORDER
Miles called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Cyr motioned to approve the minutes of Oct. 5, 2019. Forcier seconded. All in favor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Forcier noted an Alzheimer’s talk at the senior center Oct. 16; a KYT event about climate change on Thursday; and the South Hadley Police Department’s participation in National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day Oct. 26 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sullivan reminded the public town hall would be closed all day Friday, Oct. 18 for a quarterly professional development day.

OPEN FORUM
Linda Young noted MPIC will hold an open forum for the community Oct. 23, and KYT will hold a program Oct. 24 about the opioid and vaping crisis.

CONSENT AGENDA
Forcier motioned to approve the consent agenda which consisted of a Request for a One-Day Beer & Wine License from Nichole McClellan for Oct. 25, request for a One-Day Beer & Wine License from Raymond Barry for Nov. 2, and a request for a One-Day Beer & Wine License from Nichole McClellan for Nov. 22. Cyr seconded. All in favor.

TRI-ANNUAL INTERVIEWS AND APPOINTMENTS
The Selectboard interviewed Carol Gillis for the Bike Walk Committee, Reisa Alexander for the Zoning Board of Appeals, Karl Hidden for the Sustainability and Energy Committee; Heather Clark Blankenbaker for the COA, Walter Braley for the Golf Commission, Robert Pueschel for the COA and Liane Pueschel for the COA.

Cyr motioned to separate out the COA appointments from the slate of appointments (interviewees from Oct. 3 and 15) and appoint all other candidates to the positions for which they applied to fill the vacant terms. Forcier seconded. All in favor.

The Selectboard began a nomination process to fill the two vacant COA positions as there were more candidates than available vacancies. Cyr nominated Liane Pueschel. Forcier nominated Health Clark Blankenbaker. Etelman nominated Robert Pueschel. The Selectboard took role call
votes and unanimously voted in favor of Liane Pueschel and Heather Clark Blankenbaker to fill the COA vacancies.

Officially appointed to fill the vacant terms during this October installment were:

• Michelle Theroux – MPIC
• Ira Brezinsky – Bylaw Review, Cultural Council
• Carol Gillis – Bike Walk
• Reisa Alexander – ZBA Associate
• Karl Hidden – SEC
• Heather Clark-Blankenbaker – COA - 2020
• Walter Braley – Golf Commission
• Liane Pueschel – COA - 2021

FINALIZE NOV. 20 STM WARRANT
Cyr asked about further development on the earth removal bylaw. Sullivan said the copy in the packet is a working draft. Some concerns from town counsel were that there wasn’t an enforcement clause, which has since been added, as well as a schedule of fines. Counsel made it clear that the bylaw in its present form does not grandfather in any operations, so if a business was to have a special permit from the Planning Board for, say, a rock crushing or gravel removal operation, once that permit expired that business would be unable to apply for another permit. Sullivan said counsel suggested if the Selectboard feels more comfortable having grandfathering language put in, they may do so to allow businesses who have already made investments in such areas the ability to continue to operate. The Selectboard agreed to a grandfather clause. Sullivan will work with counsel to create it.

For other warrant articles, Sullivan said Article 8 is a placeholder for the school department and he is waiting for final language. Article 10 is up in the air for the Health Department to see if it should be a bylaw or a Health Department regulation. Article 15 is new and has to do with the owner of 15 Kimberly Drive looking for a 30-foot-wide easement that requires Town Meeting approval. Article 16 funds a Council on Aging position that was removed in error during the budgeting process.

RECREATION UPDATES
Recreation Department Director Andy Rogers and Recreation Commission Chair Patrick Dawson discussed their work on the creation of subcommittees. Dawson said they narrowed down the scope of the subcommittees to areas they all agree on which they can donate more time. The subcommittees are: a coaching subcommittee to manage coaching selection, a review subcommittee to manage program suggestions and complains, and a special events and fundraising subcommittee to manage the annual fireworks and summer concert events as well as exploring the creation of other activities.

Rogers discussed the potential addition of Pickleball at the Mosier School gym on Friday nights. He said he would like to bring yoga to the new senior center, and said the Recreation Department has added non-sport activities like MadScience and LetsGogh Art.
Etelman said she would like to see more of a collaboration with the library for events like Color Me Calm.

Sullivan reminded the Selectboard he has concerns about the condition of the town hall auditorium as a location for events, as well as the municipality’s ability to monitor the space. There is an exercise class coming back to the auditorium, but Sullivan said he continues to tell Rogers the auditorium is a space with many challenges and issues. “I feel we need to be very cautious,” he said of the auditorium.

**ORCHARDS BEVERAGE CARTS**
Forcier motioned to approve a request from Orchards Golf Course to have an additional beverage cart for Oct. 19 and Oct. 21 events at the facility. Cyr seconded. All in favor.

**RESIGNATION**
Forcier motioned to accept the resignation of Pauline Casey from the Whiting Street Fund. Cyr seconded. All in favor.

**TA REPORT**
Sullivan noted Viv Price is doing well as the Acting Director of Public Works while the municipality searches for a full-time director. If the municipality doesn’t find the right candidate during this search, it makes sense to reopen the search after Jan. 1, 2020.

Sullivan said Medex rates are dropping by $18 a month.

Geraghty said it is discouraging to hear the news about the municipality’s struggle to become a green community due to previous improvements and savings that the DOER is reluctant to consider for credit.

For the full town administrator’s report on the municipal website, click here: [https://www.southhadley.org/Archive.aspx?AMID=38](https://www.southhadley.org/Archive.aspx?AMID=38)

**CHAIR REPORT**
Miles said she recently spent a day at UMass Amherst for a Massachusetts Municipal Association event targeting rural communities and rural development. South Hadley, she said, is on the fringe of those. Miles sat in on a session dedicated to shared services. One suggestion she felt was applicable to South Hadley was formalizing informal agreements with other municipalities regarding shared services.

**ADJOURN**
Forcier motioned to adjourn. Etelman second. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
Kristin Maher
Executive Assistant to Administration