

# Select Board

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June 29, 2021

Remote meeting via telephone conference call

Present:

- Board of Selectmen: Mr. Joseph Fisher (Chair), Mr. Bill Ramsey, and Ms. Liz Klein
- Mr. Tom Mayo, Town Administrator
- Ms. Michelle Monsegur, Assistant Town Administrator

## **7:00 PM: Call to order**

Mr. Fisher called the meeting to order and read the following statement:

“This meeting is being held remotely as an alternate means of public access pursuant to an Order issued by the Governor of Massachusetts dated March 12, 2020 Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law. You are hereby advised that this meeting and all communications during this meeting may be recorded by the Town of Hingham in accordance with the Open Meeting Law. If any participant wishes to record this meeting, please notify the chair at the start of the meeting in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A, § 20(f) so that the chair may inform all other participants of said recording. “

Mr. Fisher asked if any participants were recording the meeting. There were no responses.

Mr. Fisher also noted that the Select Board members who were participating remotely were Bill Ramsey, Liz Klein, and himself.

## **Approval of minutes**

**Vote: Ms. Klein made a motion to approve the minutes dated June 16, 2021. Mr. Fisher seconded**

## **Roll Call Vote:**

**Ms. Klein: yes**

**Mr. Ramsey: abstain**

**Mr. Fisher: yes**

## **To Approve the Issuance of a series of Special (One-Day) Wine and Malt Beverages Licenses to Mike Dyer on behalf of Untold Brewing for “The Green at Derby Street Shops,” to be offered on Friday, Saturday, and Sundays beginning on July 16, 2021**

Mr. Fisher noted that they are meeting to consider the approval of a series of eighteen special one-day liquor licenses to Untold Brewing for a series of events at the Derby Street Shoppes. He said that, when the first series of liquor licenses were approved, Mr. Fisher requested that the applicant come before the Select Board at a future meeting to give an update on how the events were going. Mr. Mike Dyer of Untold Brewing Company said that the events have been going well. He had nothing concerning or negative to report and asked for an opportunity to finish out the season as he had hoped. Mr. Fisher asked if Mr. Dyer had received any comments or concerns from any of the neighboring businesses. Mr. Dyer reported that the General Manager of Burton’s Grill has told him that the events have created some new business opportunities for them with regard to take-out service. Burton’s has also begun to carry beer from Untold Brewing at their restaurant. Mr. Dyer said that he has received similar feedback from Legal C Bar. He said that he has received support from a number of the retail locations as well.

Mr. Dyer also noted that he has not noticed any issues with parking. He has hired a drone photographer to get photography of the parking lot and noted that parking has not been affected in any fashion, either in the front or rear lots. He also noted that they have not had any pedestrian issues either.

Ms. Sherri Shuler of the Derby Street Shoppes echoed Mr. Dyer's comments and said that the events are very family-friendly and have been well-received by the other shops and restaurants. Police Chief Jones also reported that they have had no issues with the events located at The Green at Derby Street. He added that they have had officers checking in on the location as well as detail officers during the events. Mr. Dyer added that the hours of operation are Fridays and Saturdays from 12:00 pm to 9:00 pm and Sundays from 12:00 pm until 7:00 pm.

**Vote: Mr. Ramsey made a motion to approve the issuance of eighteen (18) separate Special (One-Day) Wine and Malt Beverages Licenses to Untold Brewing, LLC (the "Applicant") for a series of events known as "The Green at Derby Street Shops" to be held on the consecutive Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays beginning on Friday, July 16, 2021 and ending on Sunday, August 22, 2021. The hours of the events shall be limited to Fridays and Saturdays from 12 pm to 9 pm and Sundays from 12 pm to 7 pm, and such licenses shall be further subject to the following conditions**

- **The event location is shown as the "The Green" located between REI and Kohls at The Derby Street Shops, which space is approved for use for community events by the Modified Special Permit issued by the Zoning Board of Appeals, dated August 20, 2020, issued to WSM Hingham Properties, LLC, and shown on the Restricted Use Area Plan, dated March 9, 2020 and approved in connection with the Special Permit.**
- **In order to comply with the Special Permit, the event location shall be modified in order to provide a minimum 6'-wide pathway between the rear and main parking fields.**
- **Access shall be maintained to the fire sprinkler connection on the Kohl's building façade.**
- **All applicable permits shall be obtained from the Board of Health.**
- **Any rain dates beyond August 22, 2021 shall be subject to further approval of the Select Board.**

Ms. Klein seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Klein: yes

Mr. Ramsey: yes

Mr. Fisher: yes

**To approve the issuance of three (3) separate Special (One-Day) Wine and Malt Beverages Licenses to Barrel House Z, LLC for Sunset Picnics at Weir River Farm to be held on July 22, July 29, and August 5, 2021 from 5 pm to 9 pm**

Mr. Mayo reported that the application was complete and has been reviewed by Police Chief Jones. Chief Jones explained that this application is for a series of events, running on different weekends. He said that they have held similar events in the past and have never had any issues. He said that the HPD plan to have officers patrol the area during the events, if they are approved. Ms. Klein added that this

series is similar to a series of events approved at the last Select Board meeting. She noted that those events have been operating well.

**Vote: Ms. Klein made a motion to approve the issuance of three (3) separate Special (One-Day) Wine and Malt Beverages Licenses to Barrel House Z, LLC for Sunset Picnics at Weir River Farm to be held on July 22, July 29, and August 5, 2021 from 5 pm to 9 pm. Mr. Ramsey seconded.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Ms. Klein: yes**

**Mr. Ramsey: yes**

**Mr. Fisher: yes**

**To approve the issuance of three (3) separate Special (One-Day) Wine and Malt Beverages Licenses to Vitamin Sea Brewing for Sunset Picnics at Weir River Farm to be held on September 2, September 9, and September 16, 2021 from 5pm to Sunset**

Mr. Dino Funari of Vitamin Sea Brewing explained that the proposed events are very similar to the other picnics that have been previously approved. He stated that the Trustees intend to sell 150 tickets for the events. It was clarified that the series of picnics will run until October 6, 2021, but Vitamin Sea brewery has been contracts for three dates in the series. Police Chief Jones had no concerns regarding the proposed picnics. Mr. Ramsey said that he was familiar with Mr. Funari's business and that it was very well run.

**Vote: Mr. Ramsey made a motion to approve the issuance of three (3) separate Special (One-Day) Wine and Malt Beverages Licenses to Vitamin Sea Brewing for Sunset Picnics at Weir River Farm to be held on September 2, September 9, and September 16, 2021 from 5pm to Sunset. Ms. Klein seconded.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Ms. Klein: yes**

**Mr. Ramsey: yes**

**Mr. Fisher: yes**

**To approve the issuance of three (3) separate Special (One-Day) Wine and Malt Beverages Licenses to WM Brewing Company, Inc. d/b/a Widowmaker Brewing. for Sunset Picnics at Weir River Farm to be held on September 23, September 30, and October 7, 2021 from 5 pm to 8:30 pm**

Mr. Colin Foley of Widowmaker Brewing noted that their request for three special one-day liquor licenses is for the same series of picnics held by the Trustees that were previously approved. Police Chief Jones had no questions or concerns.

**Vote: Ms. Klein made a motion to approve the issuance of three (3) separate Special (One-Day) Wine and Malt Beverages Licenses to WM Brewing Company, Inc. d/b/a Widowmaker Brewing. for Sunset Picnics at Weir River Farm to be held on September 23, September 30, and October 7, 2021 from 5 pm to 8:30 pm. Mr. Ramsey seconded.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Ms. Klein: yes**

**Mr. Ramsey: yes**  
**Mr. Fisher: yes**

**To approve the request of Hingham Downtown Association for the annual Summer Sidewalk Sales on July 22 through 24, 2021 from 9 am to 6 pm.**

Ms. Klein explained that the sidewalk sale is an annual event that takes place at the end of July on a Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm. She said that the merchants place tables and racks with merchandise on the sidewalks, allowing for ample space for ADA compliance. Mr. Fisher stated that this is a wonderful event for downtown Hingham and the community.

**Vote: Mr. Ramsey made a motion to approve the request of Hingham Downtown Association for the annual Summer Sidewalk Sales on July 29 through July 31, 2021 from 9 am to 6 pm. Tables and racks will be placed adjacent to the storefronts and not impede or obstruct the pedestrian pathway. Ms. Klein seconded.**

**Roll Call Vote:**  
**Ms. Klein: yes**  
**Mr. Ramsey: yes**  
**Mr. Fisher: yes**

**Review and approval of inter-department, intra-department, and Reserve Fund transfers for FY 2021**

Mr. Mayo explained that this is an annual effort to true up the Town's budgets at the end of the fiscal year. He added that the Town's Reserve Fund is used to help fund emergency shortages. He noted that, at the Town Meeting in May, the Town voted to extend the Reserve Fund by \$600,000+ and that money would be used for purposes to be outlined tonight.

Town Accountant, Sue Nickerson, walked the Board through Article 11, which would replenish the Reserve Fund. She explained that \$629,100 was the original appropriation by Town Meeting for FY21 Reserve Fund and the \$588,084 was appropriated by Article 11 at the Annual Town Meeting on May 9, 2021 to transfer money from FY22 into the Reserve Fund for FY21, totaling \$1,217,984. On May 4, 2021, the Select Board voted on a transfer of \$252,047 for property and liability on May 4, 2021, which left a balance of \$864,937. The Board discussed and reviewed the following transfers:

**Reserve Fund Transfers**

**Vote: Mr. Ramsey made a motion to recommend a transfer from the Reserve Fund to Selectmen-Legal Services in the amount of \$665,185. Ms. Klein seconded.**

**Roll Call Vote:**  
**Ms. Klein: yes**  
**Mr. Ramsey: yes**  
**Mr. Fisher: yes**

**Vote: Mr. Ramsey made a motion to recommend a transfer from the Reserve Fund to Town Meeting Expenses in the amount of \$45,000. Ms. Klein seconded.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ms. Klein: yes  
Mr. Ramsey: yes  
Mr. Fisher: yes

**Vote:** Mr. Ramsey made a motion to recommend a transfer from the Reserve Fund to DPW-Snow & Ice in the amount of \$11,597. Ms. Klein seconded.

**Roll Call Vote:**  
Ms. Klein: yes  
Mr. Ramsey: yes  
Mr. Fisher: yes

**Vote:** Mr. Ramsey made a motion to recommend a transfer from the Reserve Fund to Emergency Water Service in the amount of \$11,277. Ms. Klein seconded.

**Roll Call Vote:**  
Ms. Klein: yes  
Mr. Ramsey: yes  
Mr. Fisher: yes

**Inter-Department Transfers**

**Vote:** Ms. Klein made a motion to recommend an inter-department transfer to Human Resources Part-Time Salary from Group Insurance for \$1,146. Mr. Ramsey seconded.

**Roll Call Vote:**  
Ms. Klein: yes  
Mr. Ramsey: yes  
Mr. Fisher: yes

**Vote:** Ms. Klein made a motion to recommend an inter-department transfer to Transfer Station-Expenses (Trash) from Public Works-Salaries for \$60,000. Mr. Ramsey seconded.

**Roll Call Vote:**  
Ms. Klein: yes  
Mr. Ramsey: yes  
Mr. Fisher: yes

**Intra-Department Transfers**

**Voted:** Mr. Fisher made a motion to recommend an intra-department transfer from Community Planning-Department Head Salaries to Community Planning-Consultant for \$30,000. Mr. Ramsey seconded.

**Roll Call Vote:**  
Ms. Klein: yes  
Mr. Ramsey: yes  
Mr. Fisher: yes

**Vote:** Mr. Fisher made a motion to recommend an intra-department transfer from Police Salaries to Police R&M Vehicle Expenses for \$16,000. Ms. Klein seconded.

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Ms. Klein:** yes

**Mr. Ramsey:** abstain (As a brother of a Police Officer, Mr. Ramsey chose to abstain from voting.)

**Mr. Fisher:** yes

**Vote:** Mr. Fisher made a motion to recommend an intra-department transfer from Treasurer/Collector Salaries (Part-Time) to Treasurer/Collector Expenses-Postage for \$250. Mr. Ramsey seconded.

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Ms. Klein:** yes

**Mr. Ramsey:** yes

**Mr. Fisher:** yes

**To appoint Detective Scott Tracey as a Liquor Enforcement Officer**

Police Chief Jones explained that Scott Tracey is a newly appointed Detective for the Hingham Police Department. Because all Detectives also serve as Liquor Enforcement Officers in Town and report to the Board of Selectmen, Mr. Tracey would also need to be appointed as a Liquor Enforcement Officer. Mr. Ramsey congratulated Detective Tracey on his new appointment.

**Vote:** Ms. Klein made a motion to appoint Detective Scott Tracey as a Liquor Enforcement Officer. Mr. Ramsey seconded.

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Ms. Klein:** yes

**Mr. Ramsey:** yes

**Mr. Fisher:** yes

**Appointments (for a list of Talent Bank Vacancies, Applicants, and Potential Reappointments, please visit <https://www.hingham-ma.gov/DocumentCenter/View/12343/Talent-Bank-Vacancies-and-Applicants---June-23-2021>)**

Mr. Fisher explained that the Town Moderator and the Select Board have spent several days interviewing a large number of highly qualified candidates for numerous volunteer positions. He said that it was inspiring to see so many talented residents willing to step up and serve the community and to make it a better place. The Board considered the following reappointments and new appointments and noted that they would continue to make more appointments in the near future.

**Reappointments:**

**Vote:** Mr. Fisher made a motion to reappoint Gregory Waxman, Nancy Kerber, and Elizabeth von Pier to the Affordable Housing Trust for a one-year term ending June 30, 2022. Mr. Ramsey seconded.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ms. Klein: yes

Mr. Ramsey: yes

Mr. Fisher: yes

**Vote:** Mr. Fisher made a motion to reappoint Amy Farrell, John Falvey, and Kathleen Amonte to the Affordable Housing Trust for a two-year term ending June 30, 2023. Ms. Klein seconded.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ms. Klein: yes

Mr. Ramsey: yes

Mr. Fisher: yes

**Vote:** Mr. Fisher made a motion to reappoint Joseph Ruccio, Andy Touchette, David Ulrich, Mario Romania, and Michael Mercurio as Associate Members of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a one-year term ending June 30, 2022. Mr. Ramsey seconded.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ms. Klein: yes

Mr. Ramsey: yes

Mr. Fisher: yes

**Vote:** Mr. Fisher made a motion to reappoint Edward Matthews to the Bare Cove Park Committee for a three-year term ending June 30, 2024. Ms. Klein seconded.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ms. Klein: yes

Mr. Ramsey: yes

Mr. Fisher: yes

**Vote:** Mr. Fisher made a motion to reappoint Susan Kiley to the Beautification Commission for a three-year term ending June 30, 2024. Mr. Ramsey seconded.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ms. Klein: yes

Mr. Ramsey: yes

Mr. Fisher: yes

**Vote:** Mr. Fisher made a motion to reappoint Laurie Freeman to the Conservation Commission for a three-year term ending June 30, 2024. Ms. Klein seconded.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ms. Klein: yes

Mr. Ramsey: yes

Mr. Fisher: yes

**Vote:** Ms. Klein made a motion to reappoint Horatio Hemmings and Kathy Peloquin as Constables for the Town of Hingham for a three-year term ending June 30, 2024. Mr. Ramsey seconded.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ms. Klein: yes

Mr. Ramsey: yes

Mr. Fisher: yes

**Vote:** Ms. Klein made a motion to reappoint Karen Johnson and Eleanor Letterie to the Council on Aging for a three-year term ending June 30, 2024. Mr. Ramsey seconded.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ms. Klein: yes

Mr. Ramsey: yes

Mr. Fisher: yes

**Vote:** Ms. Klein made a motion to reappoint Christine Smith and John J. Bailey to the Country Club Management Committee for a three-year term ending June 30, 2024. Mr. Ramsey seconded.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ms. Klein: yes

Mr. Ramsey: yes

Mr. Fisher: yes

**Vote:** Ms. Klein made a motion to reappoint Megan Ward to the Cultural Council for a three-year term ending June 30, 2024. Mr. Ramsey seconded.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ms. Klein: yes

Mr. Ramsey: yes

Mr. Fisher: yes

**Vote:** Ms. Klein made a motion to reappoint Nancy Wiley and Brian Stack to the Development and Industrial Commission for a five-year term ending June 30, 2026. Mr. Ramsey seconded.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ms. Klein: yes

Mr. Ramsey: yes

Mr. Fisher: yes

**Vote:** Ms. Klein made a motion to reappoint Katie Doran Cutler to the Harbor Development Committee for a three-year term ending June 30, 2024. Mr. Ramsey seconded.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ms. Klein: yes

Mr. Ramsey: yes



Mr. Fisher: yes

**Vote:** Mr. Ramsey made a motion to reappoint John Fitzsimons to the Scholarship Fund Committee for a three-year term ending June 30, 2024. Ms. Klein seconded.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ms. Klein: yes

Mr. Ramsey: yes

Mr. Fisher: yes

**Vote:** Mr. Ramsey made a motion to reappoint James R. Huse, Barbara Kardok, and Dorothy Manganaro to the Shade Tree Committee for a three-year term ending June 30, 2024. Ms. Klein seconded.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ms. Klein: yes

Mr. Ramsey: yes

Mr. Fisher: yes

**Vote:** Mr. Ramsey made a motion to reappoint Daniel Miller-Dempsey to the Traffic & Safety Committee for a three-year term ending June 30, 2024. Ms. Klein seconded.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ms. Klein: yes

Mr. Ramsey: yes

Mr. Fisher: yes

**Vote:** Mr. Ramsey made a motion to reappoint Mary Ann Blackmur and James Ippolito to the Veterans Council for a three-year term ending June 30, 2024. Ms. Klein seconded.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ms. Klein: yes

Mr. Ramsey: yes

Mr. Fisher: yes

**Vote:** Mr. Ramsey made a motion to reappoint Chrissy Roberts to the Weir River Water System Citizen's Advisory Board for a three-year term ending June 30, 2024. Ms. Klein seconded.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ms. Klein: yes

Mr. Ramsey: yes

Mr. Fisher: yes

**Appointments:**

**Vote:** Mr. Fisher made a motion to appoint Michelle Paterniti as an Associate Member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a one-year term ending June 30, 2022. Mr. Ramsey seconded.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ms. Klein: yes

Mr. Ramsey: yes

Mr. Fisher: yes

**Vote:** Mr. Fisher made a motion to appoint Isabel Robinson to the Tree Preservation Study Committee. Ms. Klein seconded.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ms. Klein: yes

Mr. Ramsey: yes

Mr. Fisher: yes

*Commission on Disabilities (Town Official)*

**Vote:** Mr. Fisher made a motion to appoint Michael Clancy, Building Commissioner to the Commission on Disabilities for a one-year term ending June 30, 2022. Ms. Klein seconded.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ms. Klein: yes

Mr. Ramsey: yes

Mr. Fisher: yes

*Commission on Disabilities (At-large)*

**Vote:** Mr. Fisher made a motion to appoint Sharon Allen to the Commission on Disabilities for a three-year term ending June 30, 2024. Mr. Ramsey seconded.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ms. Klein: yes

Mr. Ramsey: yes

Mr. Fisher: yes

**Vote:** Ms. Klein made a motion to appoint James Byrne to the Cable TV Advisory Committee for a three-year term ending June 30, 2024. Mr. Ramsey seconded.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ms. Klein: yes

Mr. Ramsey: yes

Mr. Fisher: yes

**Vote:** Ms. Klein made a motion to appoint Katherine Reardon to the Climate Action Planning Committee. Mr. Ramsey seconded.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ms. Klein: yes

Mr. Ramsey: yes

Mr. Fisher: yes

**Vote:** Ms. Klein made a motion to appoint Michael Tesler to the Development & Industrial Commission for a five-year term ending June 30, 2026. Mr. Ramsey seconded.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ms. Klein: yes

Mr. Ramsey: yes

Mr. Fisher: yes

**Vote:** Mr. Ramsey made a motion to appoint Kenneth (Brad) Carr to the Energy Action Committee to fill an unexpired term ending June 30, 2022. Ms. Klein seconded.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ms. Klein: yes

Mr. Ramsey: yes

Mr. Fisher: yes

**Vote:** Mr. Ramsey made a motion to appoint Nick Amder to the Harbor Development Committee for a three-year term ending June 30, 2024. Ms. Klein seconded.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ms. Klein: yes

Mr. Ramsey: yes

Mr. Fisher: yes

**Vote:** Mr. Ramsey made a motion to appoint Amy Cowan to the Harbor Development Committee to fill an unexpired term ending June 30, 2022. Ms. Klein seconded.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ms. Klein: yes

Mr. Ramsey: yes

Mr. Fisher: yes

Mr. Fisher announced that the process of accepting Talen Bank applications is ongoing and encouraged interested residents to submit an application. The applications can be found at <https://www.hingham-ma.gov/formcenter/select-board-15/talen-bank-application-66>.

#### **COVID-19 Update**

Mr. Mayo gave the following update on the Covid-19 crisis:

### “COVID-19 Data

As of today, confirmed COVID-19 cases in Massachusetts totaled 663,644. The 7-day average of new COVID-19 cases in the state has been trending downward since early April. There have been no new cases of COVID-19 in Hingham over the past 14 days, and a total of 1,967 cases in Hingham since the start of the pandemic. The average daily incidence rate for the Town of Hingham dropped to .3 per 100,000 residents, and our percent positivity rate was 0.1% for the previous 14 days.

### Vaccine Rollout

According to DPH’s daily COVID-19 vaccine report, over 4 million people in Massachusetts have been fully vaccinated as of today. Currently, almost 57.54% of Massachusetts residents have been fully vaccinated. As of last week, nearly 66% of Hingham residents have been fully vaccinated. We are continuing to get the word out to ensure that any Hingham residents who still wish to get the vaccine know they can access it locally through several pharmacies (such as CVS, Walgreens, and the Hingham Center Pharmacy) as well as through the state’s mobile vaccine program. Residents looking for help accessing the COVID-19 vaccine should call the state’s Vaccination Central Intake Line at 833-983-0485. They can also contact our Senior Center staff at 781-804-2292.

### Reopening & Public Meetings

On June 16, 2021, Governor Baker signed into law An Act Extending Certain COVID-19 Measures Adopted During the State of Emergency. This Act includes an extension, until April 1, 2022, of the remote meeting provisions of his March 12, 2020, Executive Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law. The new law has two major parts.

- First, the new law allows public bodies to continue providing live “adequate, alternative means” of public access to the deliberations of the public body, instead of holding meetings in a public place that is open and physically accessible to the public. “Adequate, alternative means” may include, without limitation, providing public access through telephone, internet, or satellite enabled audio or video conferencing or any other technology that enables the public to clearly follow the proceedings of the public body in real time.
- Second, the new law authorizes all members of a public body to continue participating in meetings remotely; the Open Meeting Law’s requirement that a quorum of the body and the chair be physically present at the meeting location remains suspended. More information regarding the new legislation can be found at [www.mass.gov](http://www.mass.gov).

In line with CDC and DPH guidance, unvaccinated people are advised to continue wearing face coverings and to practice social distancing when accessing municipal facilities to help protect themselves and others from COVID-19. We have installed plastic barriers at many service counters and hand sanitizing stations throughout our buildings. The safety of our residents and employees is our primary concern.”

### **Public Comment**

“The Hingham Select Board encourages community engagement and welcomes questions and comments as agenda items are discussed at the meeting. In addition, we have set aside up to fifteen minutes for public comment for items that fall under the purview of the Select Board and are not already on tonight’s agenda. If any guests wish to speak, please seek to be recognized. Once recognized, state your name and address and address your comments to the Chair. Comments will be

limited to three minutes per speaker and must relate to topics within the scope of the responsibilities of the Select Board. Speakers are encouraged to present their remarks in a respectful manner and not to indulge in personalities. The Public Comment period is not a time for debate by members of the Select Board. The Select Board is not adopting or endorsing any of the comments made during the Public Comment period.”

There were no comments from the public.

#### **Town Administrator/Select Board Reports**

Mr. Mayo announced that he had the pleasure of attending two retirement ceremonies today. The first was for Laurie Croake, Executive Director of the SSRECC for almost the last 2 years. Laurie also served at a 911 dispatcher for 35 years, as both the Assistant Director and the Executive Director since its inception in 2012. Mr. Mayo reported that he also attended a retirement ceremony and cook-out for long-time DPW employee Dave Nardo and thanked Mr. Nardo for his service to the Town.

Mr. Ramsey said that he was looking forward to seeing everyone at the Fourth of July Road Race and pancake breakfast. He announced that the parade will start at 10 am on the Fourth.

Mr. Fisher announced that Hingham School Superintendent Paul Austin has resigned for personal and family reasons that require him to return to Maine. He said that the School Committee has issued a statement expressing its disappointment that Dr. Austin will be leaving the district as he has accomplished a great deal over the past two years and led the Hingham Public Schools through a very challenging time due to the pandemic. He said that the School Committee intends to provide details about their search for an interim Superintendent after their meeting on July 12, 2021.

**Vote: Mr. Ramsey made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Klein seconded.**

#### **Roll Call Vote:**

**Mr. Ramsey: yes**

**Ms. Klein: yes**

**Mr. Fisher: yes**

**The meeting adjourned at 8:13 PM.**

**Documents:** A complete meeting packet of supporting documentation is on file and available for public review in the Board of Selectmen’s office