

Select Board

July 13, 2021

Remote meeting via telephone conference call

Present:

- Select Board: 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: Mr. Ramsey made a motion to approve the minutes dated June 15, 2021. Ms. Klein seconded

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Klein: yes

Mr. Ramsey: yes

Mr. Fisher: yes

Vote: Ms. Klein made a motion to approve the minutes dated June 29, 2021. 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 said that they were very fortunate to have so many residents willing to serve the Town as volunteers for various boards and committees.

Vote: Mr. Ramsey made a motion to appoint Matt Curran to the Accessory Dwelling Unity (ADU) Study Committee. Ms. Klein seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Klein: yes

Mr. Ramsey: yes

Mr. Fisher: yes

Vote: Mr. Ramsey made a motion to appoint Randy Winters 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. Ramsey made a motion to appoint Katie Puzo to the Bare Cove Park Committee to fill an unexpired term ending June 30, 2023. Ms. Klein seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Klein: yes

Mr. Ramsey: yes

Mr. Fisher: yes

Vote: Ms. Klein made a motion to appoint Nathaniel Stillman to the Cable TV Advisory Committee 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: Ms. Klein made a motion to appoint Joseph Nevins 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 appoint Stephen Jiranek to the Historical 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 appoint Tracy Shriver to the Historic Districts Commission for a three-year term ending June 30, 2024. Mr. Fisher noted that Ms. Shriver is currently an alternate member of the Committee and this vote would make her a full member. Mr. Ramsey seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Klein: yes

Mr. Ramsey: yes

Mr. Fisher: yes

Vote: Mr. Fisher made a motion to appoint Michael Collard as an Alternate Member to the Historic Districts Commission to fill an unexpired term ending June 30, 2023. Mr. Fisher noted that Mr. Collard is currently on the Historic Districts Commission and that this vote would make him an alternate member. Ms. Klein seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Klein: yes

Mr. Ramsey: yes

Mr. Fisher: yes

Vote: Mr. Fisher made a motion to appoint Alyson Hussey as a Trustee of the Hingham Public Library 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 appoint Stephen Spall to the Lincoln Apartment Board of Managers for a three-year term ending June 30, 2024. Ms. Klein seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Klein: yes

Mr. Ramsey: yes

Mr. Fisher: yes

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 would no longer be making regular Covid-19 updates at Select Board meetings but he did offer the following information:

“There were five new reported cases of Covid-19 in Hingham in June and no new cases so far in the month of July, which is great news. There have been no Delta variant cases reported in Hingham thus far and approximately 68% of Hingham residents are fully vaccinated as of last week. Mr. Fisher asked if there had been any outreach to individuals regarding vaccinations. Ms. Monsegur said that a flyer with information on vaccinations had been mailed to residents with the July HMLP bills. Additional information has gone out to residents through Harbor Media, the Senior Center and other channels. Mr. Mayo encouraged seniors in need of vaccines to contact the Senior Center if they have issues with transportation. He also noted that the private group, Hingham Link, could be useful in helping those of any age get transportation to vaccine appointments.

Mr. Mayo acknowledged the anniversary of the death of Weymouth Police Sergeant Michael Chesna with the following statement:

“I want to take a minute this evening to acknowledge a tragedy that occurred three years ago in our neighboring town of Weymouth. On July 15, 2018 Sergeant Michael Chesna of the Weymouth Police Department was murdered in the line of duty. This tragedy was felt throughout Weymouth, the region, and the State of Massachusetts. His loss was deeply personal to many Hingham employees and residents, especially to members of the Hingham Police and Fire Departments who worked so closely with Sergeant Chesna. Our thoughts will continue to be with his family in these difficult days and he will always be remembered.”

Mr. Ramsey reported that, as part of the new Field Maintenance Plan, the Plymouth River School baseball diamond and the South School softball diamond have both been repaired. He said that he was pleased with how the new Field Maintenance Plan is working.

Ms. Klein reported that he has recently had some meetings regarding affordable housing. She said that she has also met with the Commission on Disabilities and sat in on a meeting discussion the South Shore Country Club pool project. She also announced that she has met with the Hingham Unity Council Chair and encouraged people to attend their event on July 19th regarding affordable housing. Ms. Klein also reported that she is meeting with the Executive Director of the Downtown Association on July 15 as well.

Mr. Fisher reported that the efforts to keep the ferry and the Greenbush train running are ongoing. He said that there is currently some work going on at the Shipyard with respect to the ferry terminal. He also noted that Ms. Klein is the new liaison to transportation.

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

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Ramsey: yes

Ms. Klein: yes

Mr. Fisher: yes

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.

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