



Town of Bellingham

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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May 17, 2021

The Selectboard meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Michael Connor. All Board members were in attendance and participating in the Arcand Meeting Room with the exception of Mr. Spencer who was participating via Zoom. Also actively participating in the meeting was Town Administrator Denis Fraine and Administrative Assistant Hilarie Allie. The remote portion of the meeting was being monitored by Jim Kupfer, Town Planner and Zoning Officer. It was determined by Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place that no in-person attendance of any member of the public would be permitted at this meeting. This meeting was accessible to the public via the Zoom online option.

Reorganization

The meeting was turned over to Mrs. Allie who asked the Board for nominations for Chairman. Mr. Martinis made a motion to nominate Mrs. McNulty as Chair, seconded by Mrs. Grant. No other nominations were made and with all members voting in the affirmative, Mrs. McNulty was voted Chairwoman of the Selectboard.

Mrs. McNulty then asked the Board for nominations for Vice Chairman. Mr. Connor made a motion to nominate Mr. Martinis as Vice Chairman, seconded by Mrs. McNulty. No other nominations were made and with all members voting in the affirmative, Mr. Martinis was nominated as Vice Chairman of the Selectboard.

On a Connor/Grant motion the Board unanimously voted 5-0 to approve the Intermunicipal Agreement between the Town of Bellingham and the Town of Franklin and agreed to provide public water service to the resident at 425 Prospect Street in Franklin.

On a Grant/Spencer motion, the Board unanimously voted 5-0 to approve the April Abatements in the amount of \$1,207.89.

On a Grant/Conor motion, the Board unanimously voted 5-0 to accept the following gifts and grants with said expenditures to be under the direction of the parties listed below:

Amount	From	For/Purpose	Spending Authority
\$500	Mass Cultural Council	Bellingham Library Summer Kickoff	Library

On a Martinis/Spencer motion the Board unanimously voted 5-0 to affirm and ratify the actions of the Board of Selectman on October 4, 1995 to convey said land referenced on the attach sheet to Joseph T. Francesconi and Debra J. Francesconi forthwith, for consideration of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) already received by the Town of Bellingham.

On a Connor/Grant motion the Board unanimously voted 5-0 to approve the end of fiscal year 2021 budget transfer in the amount of \$250,000 as presented by Mary MacKinnon, CFO.

Town Administrator's Report

Mr. Fraine reported that the Annual Town Meeting will take place on Wednesday May 26th in the High School Auditorium and that they are asking everyone to wear masks and social distance as best as possible.

Mr. Fraine mentioned there would be no Memorial Day parade this year but that the Memorial Day and Veteran's Day committee would be hosting a ceremony at the Town Common on Sunday May 23rd at 1PM and all were welcome.

Mr. Fraine requested an executive session to discuss contract negotiations. All members of the Board were polled with all voting in the affirmative. Mr. Spencer will be joining via Zoom.

On a Grant/Connor motion, the Board unanimously voted 5-0 to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 PM with no further business to be discussed at the conclusion of the executive session.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hilarie J. Allie', written in a cursive style.

Hilarie J. Allie
Administrative Assistant