

Select Board  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
May 22, 2023, 7:15p.m.

Present: Chair Hazard, Selectman Stock, Selectman Savage, Interim Town Administrator Nutting

Chair Hazard called the meeting to order 7:15 p.m.

**Consent Items**

Review/Approve Meeting Minutes – February 16, 2023, and March 13, 2023

Chair Hazard stated that because Selectman Savage was not present during these meetings, he will not be voting on them.

Selectman Stock motioned to approve the February 16, 2023, and March 13, 2023, meeting minutes.  
Chair Hazard seconded the motion.

Stock – Aye, Hazard – Aye, Savage – Abstain

**Appointments & Resignations: None**

**New Business**

Review/Approve Select Board Policy Re: Public Comment at Board Meetings

Nutting shared some insight to this agenda item, noting that the Select Board should consider amending the public comment policy in response to the recent court ruling in the Southborough case. The Board can impose time limits on public comments, and should not engage in discussion if the topic is not on the agenda. Nutting provided a draft policy which would limit comments to 3 minutes per person.

Selectman Stock motioned to accept the Public Comment Policy presented by Nutting, to be reviewed in six months. Selectman Savage seconded the motion.

Stock – Aye, Savage – Aye, Hazard – Aye

Vote to designate the Town Administrator as Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Coordinator

Nutting stated that as part of the Open Space and Recreation Plan, the Town must evaluate all parks and recreation/conservation areas with respect to their ADA compliance and make recommendations where applicable. In addition, the Town needs to designate an ADA Coordinator and adopt an Equal Access Grievance policy (next item on agenda).

Selectman Stock motioned to designate the Town Administrator as ADA Coordinator. Selectman Savage seconded the motion.

Stock – Aye, Savage – Aye, Hazard – Aye

Review/Approve Equal Access Grievance Policy

Town Administrator Nutting provided a draft policy, included in the meeting packet.

Selectman Stock motioned to approve the Equal Access Grievance Policy. Selectman Savage seconded the motion.

Stock – Aye, Savage – Aye, Hazard – Aye

**Old Business**

Consider and Vote on Proposed Order of Taking for Land at 364 West Street Pursuant to Article 1 of the July 11, 2022 Special Town Meeting

Selectman Stock motioned to approve the Order of Taking. Selectman Savage seconded the motion.

Selectman Stock – Aye, Selectman Savage – Aye, Chair Hazard – Aye

**Requests for Future Agenda Items**

Members requested the following items be included on future agendas:

- Chair Hazard requested the Select Board discuss their summer meeting schedule
- Selectman Savage requested the Board discuss a Hopedale Community Outreach program
- Selectman Stock requested to add a discussion regarding shortening the length of meeting minutes.
- Selectman Savage requested the Board schedule an executive session so he can get caught up with Town legal matters
- Selectman Savage requested future discussion regarding the Blackstone Valley Tech school budget.

**Executive Session(s): None**

Selectman Stock motioned to adjourn the regular meeting. Selectman Savage seconded the motion.

Stock – Aye, Savage – Aye, Hazard – Aye

Chair Hazard dissolved the regular meeting at 7:55p.m.

Submitted By: Lindsay Peterman

Board Approved: \_\_\_\_\_