

# Select Board Meeting

Tuesday, June 1, 2021

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## I. Call to Order

Chairperson Annie Gilbert called the Select Board Meeting of Tuesday, June 1 2021 to order at 5:00 PM. Members in attendance: Laura Gregory, Chris Huntress, Alex Vispoli, Dick Howe.

**Others in Attendance:** Town Manager Andrew Flanagan, Assistant Town Manager Patrick Lawlor, Town Clerk Austin Simko, Town Counsel Tom Urbelis.

## II. Regular Business

### A. Open Meeting Law Complaint

The meeting tonight has only one agenda item which is for the Board to review and possibly delegate responsibility to respond to a complaint of Suzanne Clark Allen, 179 Littleton Road, Harvard, MA of an Open Meeting Law violation on May 17, 2001.

Attorney Urbelis reported that a complaint was filed by Suzanne Clark Allen, 179 Littleton Road, Harvard, MA of an Open Meeting Law violation on May 17, 2001 because of the alleged technological issues that did not permit her to make a comment at the meeting. Under the Open Meeting Law, the Board itself can respond directly or the Board can delegate responsibility to respond to Ms. Allen's complaint to someone else. The last date the Town has to respond is June 9, 2021. Attorney Urbelis suggested that the Board delegate responsibility to respond to the complaint to him.

The members of the Board agreed that it would be reasonable to have Town Counsel respond on behalf of the Select Board. The deadline to respond to the complaint is June 9, 2021. The response will go to Ms. Allen and a copy of Ms. Allen's complaint along with a copy of our response will be sent to the Attorney General.

Laura Gregory moved that the Board delegate to Town Counsel the responsibility to respond to Suzanne Clarke Allen's Open Meeting Law complaint regarding the May 17, 2021 Board meeting. Motion seconded by Alex Vispoli. Roll call: L. Gregory-Y, A. Vispoli-Y, C. Huntress-Y, D. Howe-Y, A. Gilbert-Y. Motion passes: 5-0.

## III. Adjourn

At 5:08 P.M. Alex Vispoli moved to adjourn the meeting of June 1, 2021. The motion was seconded by Chris Huntress. Roll call: A. Vispoli-Y, C. Huntress-Y, D. Howe-Y, L. Gregory-Y, A. Gilbert-Y. Motion passes 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Dee DeLorenzo, Recording Secretary

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