

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

February 16, 2021

Virtual Meeting

Chairman Brett A. Simas; Selectman Maureen Dwinnell; Selectman
Stephen A. Matellian; Town Manager, Derek S. Brindisi; Executive
Assistant, Sandra Hakala

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order concerning imposition on strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, meetings in the Town of Upton are being conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible. No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings as provided for in the Order.

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As a preliminary matter, this is Brett Simas – Chair, Board of Selectmen. Permit me to confirm that all members and persons anticipated on the agenda are present and can hear me.

- Members, when I call your name, please respond in the affirmative. *Stephen Matellian, aye, Maureen Dwinnell, aye,*
- Staff, when I call your name, please respond in the affirmative. Derek Brindisi, Town Manager aye, *State each staff members' name.*
- Anticipated Speakers on the Agenda, please respond in the affirmative. *None*

Public Comment

None

Approval of Meeting Minutes - January 19, February 2

Motion #1: Motion made by Selectman Dwinnell to approve the minutes of January 19, February 2

Second: Selectman Matellian, Unanimous, Chairman Simas
Brett Simas, aye, Maureen Dwinnell, aye, Steve Matellian, aye

Guest Presentations

Public Hearing Class II – [138 Milford Street](#)

M. Matellian recused himself.

Mr. Simas Re-opened the Public Hearing.

Please be advised that under the provision of Chapter 140 of the Mass General Law the Board of Selectmen will be reviewing the application of Wayland Foreign Motors LLC requesting a Class II License at 138 D Milford Street, Upton. The Board will review this application originally submitted by Timothy Cornu, 1 McHugh Lane, Hopkinton, MA for consideration on Tuesday, February 2, 2021 at 7:05pm – Virtual Meeting.

Mr. Cornu was not present.

Through the town manager the board will seek clarification from the ZBA on their role to issue a permit for a Class II license.

Motion #2: Motion made by Selectman Dwinnell to continue the Class II hearing until March 2, 2020.

Second: Selectman Matellian, Majority Action
Brett Simas, aye, Maureen Dwinnell, aye,

Municipal Aggregation – Mark Cappadonna

A contract between the Town and Colonial Power, the purpose of which is to manage the process to go out to bid on the Town's behalf to provide its residents and businesses with an option for purchasing electricity at a cost less than is provided by National Grid. The Town Manager recommends that Colonial Power be retained by the Town. Colonial has represented several communities for this service and would like to do the same for Upton, working with the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Matellian requested the percentage of residents that opted out in the previous offering.

Board Discussion Items

[Budget Review](#) (Code Enforcement, Conservation, COA, DPW, Town Clerk, Veterans')

Pat Roche, Christine Scott, Janice Nowicki, Dennis Westgate, Kelly McElreath, and Derek Brindisi for Pat Morris presented budgets for their respective departments to the Board. Non-salary accounts were kept to level service. Submissions included all negotiated union expenses and wages and a 1.5% COLA non-union increase.

Town Manager's Report

- Kids@Play enrollment 30% higher than 2019 during the same timeframe.
- Fire Department, COA and BOH began 75+ vaccines last Friday at the senior center.
- Hopedale will receive a new dispatch console through a grant applied for by Chief Bradley.

- The Town is in yellow status possibly moving to green this week at Covid cases are declining.
- MVP will start their workshop this week with over 20 participants from the Town signed up.
- Tennessee Gas will begin tree trimming and grass cutting in the right of way in the Spring.

Closing Comments/Unanticipated Discussion Items (Board Members)

Mr. Matellian recently learned through correspondence with the DPW director the price tag for the sewer connection to Brook Street is estimated at 915K.

Adjourn Meeting

Motion #3: At 8:28 Selectman Dwinnell made motion to adjourn.

Brett Simas, aye, Maureen Dwinnell, aye, Steve Matellian, aye

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Hakala, Executive Assistant