

# BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

June 2, 2020

Town Hall

Chairman Stephen A. Matellian; Selectman Brett A. Simas; Selectman  
Maureen Dwinnell, 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 Stephen Matellian – 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. *Brett Simas, aye, Maureen Dwinnell, aye,*
- Staff, when I call your name, please respond in the affirmative. Derek Brindisi, Town Manager aye, Sandra Hakala, Executive Assistant, aye. *State each staff members' name.*
- Anticipated Speakers on the Agenda, please respond in the affirmative. *None*

## **REVIEW MEETING AGENDA/APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES – MAY 19**

**Motion #1:** Motion made by Selectman Simas to accept the Regular Meeting – May 19 minutes.

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

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **Discuss Signage on Robinson Property**

**Motion #2:** Motion made by Selectman Simas to approve the proposed signage for the Robertson property as presented.

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

#### **INVITED GUESTS**

[Pole Public Hearing](#) 7:10 – Mike Frazier

**Motion #3:** Motion made by Selectman Dwinnell to accept the pole petitions as presented.

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

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Discuss ATM – Dave Loeper

The [protocols](#) developed for town meeting were discussed.

#### **Discussion on MVP Planning Grant Application Request**

Like many Massachusetts Towns, Upton is dealing with climate change's impacts first hand. Planning for increased stormwater runoff, flooding, dam failure and preserving land are all necessary in order to combat climate change. As a historically rural community, the town has been intent on guarding its agricultural roots while trying to balance significant residential development and new commercial growth. It is believed now more than ever it is important to plan for a more resilient future of our town.

If the proposed MVP grant is awarded, the Board of Selectmen will be supporting the planning process and community workshops in order to achieve input from a cross section of our community. The quantitative and qualitative data gathered during this process will be instrumental to the final action plan.

**Motion #4:** Motion made by Selectman Simas to file and submit a letter of support.

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

#### **Execute A Request for CARES ACT Funding**

The Town Manager requested the BOS to execute a request for CARES ACT funding. The town is eligible for \$700,000.

**Motion #6:** Motion made by Selectman Simas to authorize the Town Manager to file and accept Cares Act Funding.

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

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81 Execute Annual Town Meeting Warrant

82 **Motion #5:** Motion made by Selectman Simas to execute the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

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

86 Execute Annual Town Election Warrant

87 **Motion #6:** Motion made by Selectman Dwinnell to execute the Annual Town Election Warrant.

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

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92 **ADJOURN MEETING**

93 **Motion #7:** At 8:06pm Selectman Simas made motion to adjourn.

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97 Respectfully submitted,

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99 Sandra Hakala

100 Executive Assistant