

Approved by
the Select Board on:

4/26/2021

SELECT BOARD
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 2021

REMOTE MEETING

8:30 AM

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TOWN CLERK
BELMONT, MA

DATE: May 4, 2021
TIME: 9:50 AM

CALL TO ORDER

Roy Epstein called the meeting to order. Adam Dash and Mark Paolillo were present, as well as Town Administrator Patrice Garvin and Assistant Town Administrator Jon Marshall.

II. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

[NONE.]

IACTION BY CONSENT

Roy Epstein made a motion that Adam Dash become Chair and Epstein become Vice Chair of the Select Board per operational rules. Motion endorsed by vote of (3-0).

- Dash thanked Epstein. He said they have tackled many issues this year, even during remote meeting. He congratulated Mark Paolillo on his new role.
- Paolillo said that he feels they have a lot of work to do now that the override has not passed. We need to come together as a board and a community and help the town move past differences. Engaging on financial issues are most important but he also wants to focus on the community path, community environmental plan, and diversity. He said he looks forward to serving again and wants to thank Tom Caputo for his service.
- Dash commented that he had previously chaired the Select Board during the 2018-19 period, and his meeting rules continue to be the same: no drama, respect, and efficiency.

Select Board re-organization and vote

- Liaison assignments need to be revised to accommodate the departure of Tom Caputo and the arrival of the new member of the Select Board, Mark Paolillo.
- Town policy dictates that the Select Board Vice Chair becomes a liaison to the Capital Budget Committee and the new member of the Select Board becomes a liaison to the Community Preservation Committee. They will need to get sworn in for those liaison appointments.
- Tom Caputo has agreed to remain on Task Force II and the High School/Middle School Building Committee. Dash suggested that since those are voting positions, a Select Board liaison does not need to be added to those committees.
- Epstein said he can see Caputo remaining on as the appointee to the Financial Task Force 2, but he thinks that the Select Board should be represented on that group as well.
- Paolillo suggested that he and Caputo could switch roles on the Financial Task Force II. Paolillo could be appointed as Select Board liaison and Caputo would be citizen representative and remain as chair.

- Epstein said that switching roles could work short term, but he thinks that after the final report, a Task Force III should be created.

Paolillo made motion to appoint Tom Caputo as resident appointee to the Financial Task Force 2. Motion approved by vote of (3-0).

Epstein moved that Mark Paolillo be the Select Board liaison to the Financial Task Force 2 for the remainder of the term of that committee. Motion approved by vote of (3-0).

- Dash said we can leave Tom Caputo on the High School Building Committee without a vote (not really a liaison position).
- Paolillo asked if Caputo could give regular updates to the Select Board on the High School Building Committee meetings. Dash agreed that is a good idea.

Discussion and vote on Select Board Committee/Board/Commission Liaison Assignments

The following liaison assignments were made:

(Permanent) Audit Committee -- Paolillo

Capital Budget Committee – Epstein (requires swearing in)

Capital Endowment Committee – Paolillo

Community Path Project Committee – Paolillo

Community Preservation Committee -- Paolillo (requires swearing in)

Conservation Commission – Epstein

Council on Aging -- Paolillo

Diversity Task Force – Dash

Economic Development Committee – Dash

Energy Committee – Dash

Financial Task Force 2 – Paolillo

Library Trustees – Dash

Light Board Advisory Committee – Dash

Long Range Capital Planning Committee – Epstein (requires swearing in)

MBTA Advisory Board – Epstein

Middle/High School Building Committee – Caputo will remain on as the appointed member

Recreation Committee – Dash

Rink Working Group -- Epstein

School Committee – Epstein

Structural Change Impact Group – Paolillo

Transportation Advisory Committee – Epstein

Warrant Committee – Dash

Motion made to vote approval of the slate of committee appointments as described by the Chair.

Motion approved by vote of (3-0).

- Dash announced that agendas are posted by Thursday for Monday meetings. The Chair reviews the agenda with the Town Administrator and then it goes out to members for input.
- Paolillo said he will work with IT today to get set up on town systems.
- Epstein commented that he has been working to make Select Board meeting materials available to the public via the Select Board website. He would like to make sure the meeting materials get posted after they are distributed to the Board so the public can see what we are discussing. Paolillo said he is in favor of this. He said it may be logistically cumbersome, but it's a good practice to follow. The Town Administrator's office may have to redact a portion of the materials.
- Paolillo suggested tackling budget planning, long term financial planning and structural issues as soon as possible.
- Dash commented that due to the vote against override, resources will be limited, but he is confident allocations can be made fairly and efficiently because we have prepared for both outcomes.

Motion was made to adjourn the Select Board meeting. Motion approved by vote of (3-0).

Next meeting is April 12, 2021 at 7 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



PATRICE GARVIN, Town Administrator

