

Select Board Special Meeting  
Tuesday, March 9, 2021 - 7:00 p.m  
Remote

Arrangements for remote participation by Select Board members and members of the public were made in accordance with Governor Baker's Emergency Order Modifying the State's Open Meeting Law. Participation in this meeting was done remotely via Zoom in Webinar format.

**Select Board Members Present via Zoom:** Chair Thomas Lachiusa, Steven Marantz, and Mark Gold (Absent: Marc Strange and Richard Foster)

**Also Present via Zoom:** Town Manager Lyn Simmons, CFO Paul Pasterczyk, Chief John Dearborn, Chief Rob Stocks, Paul Healy, Mario Mazza, Bari Jarivs, James Leyden, Lena Vellturo, Jean Maziarz.

This meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Lachiusa.

**Departmental Budget Reviews**

Some department heads were asked to attend tonight's meeting to answer questions and explain their requested FY22 budgets.

**General Government-** Town Manager Lyn Simmons spoke of the major changes in the FY22 budget. The addition of the Planning and Community Development Director and Assistant Town Manager position was implemented into the budget.

**Fire Department-** Chief John Dearborn was present to answer questions.

**Police Department-** Chief Rob Stocks was present to answer questions.

**Building Department-** Building Commissioner Paul Healy was present to answer questions.

**Department of Public Works-** Director Mario Mazza was present to answer questions.

**Parks and Recreation-** Director Bari Jarvis was present to answer questions.

**Adult Center/COA-** Director James Leyden was present to answer questions.

**Veterans Services-** Director Lena Vellturo was present to answer questions.

**Library-** Director Jean Maziarz was present to answer questions.

**Discussion on Statement regarding the Hampden County Regional Retirement Board**

Mr. Gold expressed his concerns in regard to the audit conducted by PERAC on the Hampden County Regional Retirement Board. Based on the audit findings and the behavior that appeared

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to be demonstrated by the HCRB, Mr. Gold stated that the Longmeadow Select Board should take a strong stance on this issue.

*Mr. Gold made the motion to write a letter expressing no confidence in the Executive Director and Board of Directors of the Hampden County Retirement Board. Mr. Marantz seconded the motion*

*Roll Call Vote: Mr. Lachiusa- YES, Mr. Gold- YES, Mr. Marantz- YES.*

*Mr. Marantz made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 pm. Mr. Lachiusa seconded the motion.*

*Roll Call Vote: Mr. Lachiusa- YES, Mr. Gold- YES, Mr. Marantz- YES.*

## **Documents**

Agenda- <file:///C:/Users/mbarbieri/Desktop/Departmental%20Budget%20reviews.pdf>

Respectfully submitted,  
Michael Barbieri