

**TOWN OF DEDHAM
450 WASHINGTON STREET
DEDHAM, MASSACHUSETTS**

**MINUTES OF THE SELECT BOARD MEETING
VIA TELECONFERENCE
OCTOBER 29, 2020, 7:00 P.M.**

BOARD MEMBERS:

Dennis Teehan	Chair
Dimitria Sullivan	Vice Chair
James A. MacDonald	Member
Sarah MacDonald	Member
Kevin R. Coughlin	Member

TOWN OF DEDHAM STAFF:

Leon Goodwin	Town Manager, Town of Dedham
Nancy Baker	Assistant Town Manager, Town of Dedham

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Board recited the pledge of allegiance. Chair of the Select Board, Dr. Teehan, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. DEDHAM CITIZENS – OPEN DISCUSSION

Mr. Arthur Freitas inquired whether a letter was sent to UPS about the truck situation. Mr. Goodwin responded that he would confirm and follow up with Mr. Freitas on October 30, 2020.

3. GENERAL DYNAMICS REQUEST FOR WAIVER

The Director of the State program has received the initial application concerning this project and Mr. MacDonald distributed it to the Board.

A motion was made by Mr. MacDonald, that, subject to the successful vote by the Economic Assistance Coordinating Council on the application of General Dynamics Missions Systems at 150 Rustcraft Road in Dedham to:

- **Invest \$8.9 million dollars in its current Dedham facility to build classified space.**
- **Add, at a minimum, 82 software engineering jobs with a salary of approximately \$165,000 by December 31, 2022.**
- **Undertake outreach to the community on available jobs and local resources.**
- **Demonstrate a commitment to work with the Dedham public schools going forward.**
- **A claw back of any fees waived if job growth does not happen, and that amount would be pro-rated based on job creations.**

The Select Board hereby waives the building permit fees of approximately \$135,000 for this specific project as the local buy-in to obtain the State incentives for this project. The motion was seconded by Mr. Coughlin. A roll call vote was taken:

Dennis Teehan	Yes
Dimitria Sullivan	Yes
James A. MacDonald	Yes
Sarah MacDonald	Yes
Kevin R. Coughlin	Yes

Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Mr. MacDonald stated that there is a meeting schedule between the Dedham School Department and General Dynamics, and a Select Board representative should also attend these meetings. Mr. Coughlin volunteered to take part in these meetings.

4. APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUMS OF AGREEMENT

Police Patrolman

A motion was made by Ms. Sullivan to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Town of Dedham and the Dedham Police Patrolman's Association for the period of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. The motion was seconded by Ms. MacDonald. A roll call vote was taken:

Dennis Teehan	Yes
Dimitria Sullivan	Yes
James A. MacDonald	Yes
Sarah MacDonald	Yes
Kevin R. Coughlin	Yes

Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Police Superiors

A motion was made by Mr. Coughlin to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Town of Dedham and the Dedham Police Association Lieutenants and Sergeants for the periods of July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 and July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. The motion was seconded by Ms. MacDonald. A roll call vote was taken:

Dennis Teehan	Yes
Dimitria Sullivan	Yes
James A. MacDonald	Yes
Sarah MacDonald	Yes
Kevin R. Coughlin	Yes

Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Library

A motion was made by Ms. Sullivan to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Town of Dedham and the Dedham Public Library Staff for the periods of July 1, 2019

to June 30, 2020 and July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. The motion was seconded by Ms. MacDonald. A roll call vote was taken:

Dennis Teehan	Yes
Dimitria Sullivan	Yes
James A. MacDonald	Yes
Sarah MacDonald	Yes
Kevin R. Coughlin	Yes

Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Dispatch

A motion was made by Ms. Sullivan to approve the Memorandums of Agreement between the Town of Dedham and the Dedham Civilian Dispatch Employees for the periods of July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 and July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. The motion was seconded by Ms. MacDonald. A roll call vote was taken:

Dennis Teehan	Yes
Dimitria Sullivan	Yes
James A. MacDonald	Yes
Sarah MacDonald	Yes
Kevin R. Coughlin	Yes

Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Town Hall

A motion was made by Mr. MacDonald to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Town of Dedham and the Town Hall Unit for the periods of July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 and July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. The motion was seconded by Ms. MacDonald. A roll call vote was taken:

Dennis Teehan	Yes
Dimitria Sullivan	Abstained
James A. MacDonald	Yes
Sarah MacDonald	Yes
Kevin R. Coughlin	Yes

Motion passed, 4-0.

Fire

A motion was made by Mr. MacDonald to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Town of Dedham and the Dedham Firefighters Local 1735 for the period of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. The motion was seconded by Ms. Sullivan. A roll call vote was taken:

Dennis Teehan	Yes
Dimitria Sullivan	Yes
James A. MacDonald	Yes
Sarah MacDonald	Yes

Kevin R. Coughlin Yes

Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

5. **LICENSING FEES FOR 2021 RENEWALS**

A motion was made by Mr. MacDonald to allow holders of all alcoholic and wine and malt restaurant licenses the option to pay 2021 renewal fees in two installments, one due and payable on or before December 31, 2020, and the remaining half due and payable on or before June 1, 2021. The motion was seconded by Ms. Sullivan. A roll call vote was taken:

Dennis Teehan	Yes
Dimitria Sullivan	Yes
James A. MacDonald	Yes
Sarah MacDonald	Yes
Kevin R. Coughlin	Yes

Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

6. **OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Goodwin stated that on October 8, 2020, Mr. Brian Keaney attended a Town Council meeting and requested minutes from the Library Board of Trustees. Mr. Goodwin was mistaken in saying that these minutes were not received, as they were in the Town Clerk's office. The Library Trustees have also indicated that they hand-delivered a set to Mr. Goodwin and they were misplaced.

As a result, Mr. Goodwin wanted it on record that these minutes were received on September 22, 2020 and another set was received in July 2020. He apologized for any confusion due to a miscommunication in the building. Ms. MacDonald echoed Mr. Goodwin's apology, and stated that former Trustees have recommended that Mr. Goodwin submit a statement for the Dedham Times making it clear that this was not due to the holding back of any documents.

Ms. MacDonald stated that the request from Barrows Street relative to Halloween has been withdrawn. The Board of Health released a statement providing additional guidance on how to safely celebrate the Holiday, which has been included on the Town's website. Mr. MacDonald reminded residents that, if they are driving around Town for the holiday, there are many decorations to view. Individuals should be aware that these will be high traffic areas and wear masks as the Town of Dedham is back in the red zone.

Dr. Teehan stated that a successful meeting was undertaken to present the Public Safety Building's request for additional funds. Other ways to engage people will be undertaken to form a compelling argument that this is the only way forward for the Town.

Dr. Teehan stated that he received a complaint from someone who lives near the Halfway Café and will be reaching out to Mr. Goodwin on this matter.

Dr. Teehan stated that the COVID-19 virus is an act of nature putting everyone in a difficult position. Although the recent request to close a street for a block party was not the right idea, Dr. Teehan believes the request was made with the right intentions to do something nice for children who have been deprived of many activities during the pandemic.

Dr. Teehan stated that, in a recent meeting, a statement was made which was not delivered in the correct context. It was said that there were nine days between a case incident and contract tracing from the Dedham Board of Public Health, with an implication that there was something not being done by the Board of Public Health. Dr. Teehan has been on the COVID-19 taskforce and observed that the Town Hall employees and Board of Health are working hard to try to solve a riddle that no one has solved.

Therefore, Dr. Teehan investigated the situation. There was a confirmed case on October 12, 2020, which was reported to the Board on October 13, 2020. On October 14, 2020, contact tracing was performed and a decision was made based on strict adherence to State protocols that there was no further need for contact tracing as the incident was contained. Through the diligence and dedication of contact tracers, they realized that many cases did tie back to the October 12, 2020 incident and they re-opened the case for further contact tracing.

This was not the result of not doing their job, but of unfortunate circumstance. The protocols are not perfect and are difficult to follow. Dr. Teehan stated that it is dangerous to put forth statements without fully knowing the situation. There are many considerations involved in these decisions, and the people performing this work are working very hard. Dr. Teehan and Mr. Goodwin agreed that additional contract tracers should be hired if there is adequate funding; however, this would not have changed the above situation. Public health employees are overwhelmed.

7. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. MacDonald to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Coughlin. A roll call vote was taken:

Dennis Teehan	Yes
Dimitria Sullivan	Yes
James A. MacDonald	Yes
Sarah MacDonald	Yes
Kevin R. Coughlin	Yes

Motion passed unanimously, 5-0. The meeting was adjourned.

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Date

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