

TOWN OF DEDHAM
450 WASHINGTON STREET
DEDHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

MINUTES OF THE SELECT BOARD MEETING
VIA TELECONFERENCE
OCTOBER 8, 2020, 6:00 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS:

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

TOWN OF DEDHAM STAFF:

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

Minutes prepared by Mary-Margaret Scrimger of Minutes Solutions inc. via an audio recording.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Board recited the pledge of allegiance. The Chairman of the Select Board, Dr. Teehan, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. **OPEN DISCUSSION**

Mr. Brian Keaney noted that a trustee typically takes minutes at the library committee meetings. With the resignation of the Board, there are missing minutes. Ms. Baker sent messages to the former trustees to retrieve the minutes, but this has not been successful. It was suggested that a certified letter be sent to the trustees to confirm receipt of the request for minutes. Mr. Keaney requested additional administrative support to offset these issues in the future.

Mr. Keaney noted that having a trustee take minutes divides their attention and decreases their ability to fully participate. Mr. Goodwin noted that hiring a minute taker would be a budgetary item and financing would need to be discussed. Ms. MacDonald suggested that each meeting have a Board liaison to reduce administrative issues. It was noted that recording meetings should be common practice, especially when they are on Zoom. The Board requested that this be included in the next agenda with possible solutions.

ACTION — Ms. Sullivan will investigate possible solutions to ensure there are appropriate minutes for the committee and Board meetings.

3. **MOMENT OF SILENCE**

The Board had a moment of silence to honor Mr. Russ Poole who recently passed away.

4. DISCUSSION AND PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Richard noted that Stop and Shop has changed officers. Operations and ownership have not changed. The Board has a new President, Gordon Reid, whom will be on the Board of Directors; a new Treasurer, Mark Messier, and has formally created a position of Assistant Secretary, which Maria Silvestri has been filling. Individuals removed from the Board are Mark McGowan, Steven Kienzle, Derek-Jan Terhorst.

A motion was made by Ms. MacDonald, to approve a change in officers, directors, and LLC managers for Packaging Center Inc., doing business as Stop and Shop. The motion was seconded by Ms. Sullivan. A roll call vote was taken:

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

Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

5. BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEE INTERVIEWS

The Board interviewed potential candidates for the library trustee positions.

Mr. David Engdahl: Mr. Engdahl withdrew from consideration.

Ms. Shirin Baradaran: Ms. Baradaran has resided in Dedham since 2018. She is an attorney in Boston and lived in Virginia and Indiana before Massachusetts. She was involved in local government in all locations. She believes she can bring a fresh view and she brings legal expertise to the role. Her favorite part of the library is the electronic offerings. She is not currently on any boards but would need to receive permission from her employer to avoid conflicts.

Ms. Rita Chapdelaine: Ms. Chapdelaine recently moved to Dedham and has two small children. She is the senior director of behavior health, overseeing a large team and division at the Pine Street Inn. She is looking for a way to participate in the community. Her favorite part of libraries is that they are an equalizer, eliminating class and social divisions. She does not serve on any other boards or committees.

Ms. Annette Raphael: Ms. Raphael has lived in Dedham since 1981. She is a retired school administrator, was responsible for libraries and is a frequent library user. She has not served on any boards in Dedham. For five years, she commuted to New York for work. She is looking forward to finding ways for the library to grow and evolve. Her favorite part of the library is the children's room because this is where the love of reading begins. Libraries are the heart of communities.

Ms. Stephanie Toledano: Ms. Toledano has lived in Dedham for five years, teaching in Boston. She is the president of the Greenlodge PTO and is interested in spaces for the community to grow. She teaches ESL. Additionally, her children's lives are deeply ingrained in the library programming. Her favorite part of the library is the feeling and how it builds community. A lot of structures that were used to develop community have not endured while the library's role has increased. She feels the future of the library are significant due to services but also as a sacred place for knowledge and community.

Mr. Bob Desmond: Mr. Desmond moved to Dedham in 1981 and has seven children, 18 grandchildren, and 19 great grandchildren. He was a library trustee for 20 years. His favorite part of the library is the congregation of people and the safety. He is unsure what the future holds for the library and felt listening to the staff would be imperative to understand what it needs.

Mr. Peter Reynolds: He was unavailable for interview. Ms. Baker read a statement outlining that he has four decades of education media and has been dedicated to civic responsibility. He has written over 70 books and is an illustrator. He also owns a bookstore in downtown Dedham. He advocates for literacy locally, nationally, and internationally. He has served on various local boards. He noted libraries influenced his success as an adult.

Ms. Crystal Power: Ms. Power is a lifelong Dedham resident. She has a bachelor's degree in English and psychology, as well as a master's in special education. She works as a teacher in an elementary school and is creating inclusive curriculum. Her favorite part of the library was initially computer access. It is now history and mysteries. She does not serve on any other town committees or boards. She would like to see more people in the library.

Mr. Matthew McGuire: The library has been an integral part of Mr. McGuire's life from his children engaging to currently using it for book and music access. He has been in education technology for 20 years. The library's social infrastructure is important. His favorite part of the library is how it enriches the town. He does not currently serve on any town boards or committees. He believes the future of the library is to identify different shareholders and see what the community needs for the next generation. Mr. McGuire has an undergraduate degree in music and composition.

Mr. Brian Keaney: Mr. Keaney's wife is involved with Harvard's libraries. His objective would be to find a long-term director. His favorite part of the library is the community. He is on two other committees. He sees providing information to be the purpose of libraries. The future may not be about books but will still be about knowledge.

Mr. Anastasios Tsevas: Mr. Tsevas graduated from Northwestern University. He moved to Dedham in 2013, where he works in claims, then investigation, and now risk management. He worked for UNESCO in Greece, focusing on libraries. His favorite part of libraries is that they are safe places. He does not serve on any town board or committees. He sees the future of libraries as the community. Libraries have always been about people and knowledge.

Mr. Tom Turner: Mr. Turner has been engaged with the challenges that the library has been facing. He is a resident of Dedham for 20 years. He is now a stay-at-home parent, previously running a software company in Boston. He would like to give back to the town. With the economic changes, Mr. Turner anticipates that libraries will be more important as individuals have fewer resources. His favorite part of the library is the children's books as it is a foundation for family bonding. Mr. Turner is part of the COVID-19 fundraising efforts. He was on the Dedham School of Music Board and Three Squares New England. He does not know what the future holds for the library. It is hard to find independence and truth in information and the library provides that for those who are interested. Mr. Turner believes he is a good short-term fit for the position.

Mr. Ron Willey: Mr. Willey has always loved libraries and he attributes his success to this love. He is a water commissioner. If he becomes a library trustee, he will resign from the water board. As there are sufficient applications for the library opening, Mr. Willey noted that he could stay on the water Board. His favorite part of libraries is the books. He is actively involved in various

committees for Dedham but not specifically for the town, except for the water board. He is a professor at Northwestern University.

6. ACTION BY SB

Abatement has started on the old Town Hall, dealing with asbestos. No business has been occurring at the old Town Hall and this has been communicated to residents. The team is actively working to accommodate the Senior Center in the new Town Hall. This will also be a polling location. An animal control officer has been hired. An introduction will be provided to residents.

A generous \$10,000 donation was made by the Jack Crowley Fund toward the Manor Playground. The Board sent thanks to the family.

A motion was made by Mr. MacDonald to accept the \$10,000 donation from the Jack Crowley Fund towards the Manor Playground. The motion was seconded by Dr. Teehan. A roll call vote was taken:

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

Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

A motion was made by Mr. MacDonald to move approval of drain layers. The motion was seconded by Mr. Coughlin. A roll call vote was taken:

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

Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

A motion was made by Ms. MacDonald to approve the minutes of June 11, 2020, with amendments. The motion was seconded by Ms. Sullivan. A roll call vote was taken:

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

Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

7. DISCUSSION & VOTE

Request for Common Victualers License, Jersey Mike's, 395 Providence Hwy: A motion was made by Ms. Sullivan to approve a common victualers license for a Five-Star

Franchise LLC d/b/a Jersey Mike's, 395 Providence Hwy. 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.

ZBA Alternate Appointments: There were two candidates, Mr. Andrew Pepoli and Mr. George Panagopoulos, for two spots.

Mr. Pepoli: Mr. Pepoli has been on the ZBA as an alternate member. In this time, he has learned how the Board operates and has been able to provide guidance from a commercial development standpoint. He would like to continue as an alternate member. While not all the items are from a commercial standpoint, there is crossover. He enjoys giving back to the town.

Mr. Panagopoulos: Mr. Panagopoulos was not in attendance.

A motion was made by Ms. MacDonald to appoint Mr. Pepoli and Mr. Panagopoulos to the ZBA alternate seats. 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.

Consent Agenda: Ms. MacDonald explained that a consent agenda essentially batches multiple standing motions, such as minute approval, into one vote. The Board can remove items to have further discussion. The minutes would reflect the motions as individual motions. Items that require a public hearing or the Board wishes public input on would not be included. Mr. MacDonald requested a written policy for consent agendas. Overall, the Board was supportive.

8. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

Mr. MacDonald would like the following addressed on a future agenda: the attorney general abandoned house initiative and all the houses that are on it, education to the community on what can and cannot be done on public property, and more information on the blighted property bylaw.

Ms. Sullivan requested a presentation on double polls. She asked for more information regarding communications going out in Spanish. Mr. Goodwin noted that there are fluent staff, the community is diverse, and there is a high population that speaks Spanish as their first language.

Ms. MacDonald asked for information on the master plan to be included on a future agenda.

9. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. MacDonald to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m. 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. The meeting was adjourned.

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