

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

**MINUTES OF THE SELECT BOARD MEETING
VIA TELECONFERENCE
OCTOBER 21, 2021, 6:30 P.M.**

BOARD MEMBERS:

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

TOWN OF DEDHAM STAFF:

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| Leon Goodwin | Town Manager |
| Nancy Baker | Assistant Town Manager |
| Paul Munchbach | Town Clerk |
| Jason Mammone | Town Engineer |

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Board recited the pledge of allegiance. The Chair, Ms. Sullivan, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. OPEN DISCUSSION

No residents were waiting to speak under open discussion.

3. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Goodwin presented the Town Manager's report. Discussions are ongoing with Eversource to prioritize removing double poles. There are about 140 double poles; 22 are ready to be pulled, six to eight at a time. Meter installation on Eastern Avenue is ongoing, but they are live on Washington and High Streets. The Town recognizes the nuisances to businesses and is mitigating the impact.

Town Meeting has been moved to the Dedham Health and Athletic Complex, and notices will soon go out to residents to this effect. There is the opportunity for the Town to apply for State funds to mitigate traffic on High Street by implementing cameras to improve safety. The Engineering Department is working with GIS to apply for an IT grant which would be used to upgrade the GIS system with a new feature to tie it into the new public safety data systems.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Ms. MacDonald to approve the consent agenda as presented, which included items related to the drainlayers (Dowling Corporation), block party, the

September 3, 2020, meeting minutes, request for East Dedham Jingle Bell Fun Run on December 5, 2021, at 1:30 p.m., and gift acceptance of \$2,500 for a bench at Manor Playground from the Crowley family. The motion was seconded by Mr. Coughlin. A roll call vote was taken:

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

Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Ms. Sullivan thanked the Crowley family for its generous donation of \$2,500 for the bench at Manor Playground.

A motion was made by Mr. Coughlin to take items not on the agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. MacDonald. A roll call vote was taken:

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

Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

5. ONE-DAY LICENSE REQUEST FROM DEDHAM CIVIC PRIDE

A motion was made by Mr. Coughlin to approve the request from Dedham Civic Pride for a one-day license for their Beer and Wine Tasting Fundraiser on November 12, 2021, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Endicott Estate. The motion was seconded by Ms. MacDonald. A roll call vote was taken:

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

Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

6. REQUEST FROM LOCAL FILM CREW

A motion was made by Dr. Teehan to approve the request from a local film crew to film in the area of 4 Prospect Street from October 22, 2021, to October 24, 2021. The motion was seconded by Mr. Coughlin. A roll call vote was taken:

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| Dennis Teehan | Yes |
| Dimitria Sullivan | Yes |

James A. MacDonald Yes
Sarah MacDonald Yes
Kevin R. Coughlin Yes

Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

7. **PUBLIC HEARING – REQUEST FOR CHANGE OF OFFICERS/DIRECTORS/LLC MANAGERS FOR UNO RESTAURANTS LLC, D/B/A UNO CHICAGO GRILL, 270 PROVIDENCE HIGHWAY**

Ms. Anita Dempsey, Licensing Manager for Uno Chicago Grill, was present at the meeting to answer questions; there were none.

A motion was made by Ms. MacDonald to close the public hearing. 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.

A motion was made by Mr. MacDonald to approve the change request for Uno Chicago Grill. 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.

8. **PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING UPDATE**

Ms. Sullivan allowed this agenda item to be taken out of order to provide time for the next presenter to enter the meeting, as the meeting was running ahead of schedule.

Mr. Goodwin presented an update on the Public Safety Building. The project is on schedule and on budget. Framing has begun, and the building is expected to be fully enclosed by the end of December 2021.

Ms. Sullivan asked if there is any information yet on the Veteran's Day ceremony.

Ms. Baker responded that she would investigate this and update the Board later in the meeting.

9. **UPDATED LANGUAGE FOR APPROVAL OF 2020 RE-PRECINCTING FOR DEDHAM**

Mr. Munchbach presented updated language for the 2020 Re-Precincting Map of Dedham as requested by the State. Language on the boundary lines has been made more precise. The GIS

Director and Town Engineer made the language changes, and a review was undertaken by the Secretary of State. There are no changes to the map or the blocks.

A motion was made by Mr. Coughlin to approve the updated language regarding boundary descriptions for the 2020 Re-Precincting Map of Dedham. The motion was seconded by Dr. Teehan. A roll call vote was taken:

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

Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

10. CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS FOR HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Ms. Sullivan stated that only candidate interviews would be undertaken at this meeting, and the vote to select candidates will take place at the next meeting. Some candidates who could not attend this meeting will provide statements at the next meeting.

Ms. Judy Neiswander is a historian who has been on the Commission for three years. She has overseen the Mother Brook survey and oversees the next survey for Dedham Square connected to the Mill District. She is committed to protecting the historic resources of Dedham.

Ms. Sullivan asked Ms. Neiswander if she sits on any other Committees or Boards.

Ms. Neiswander responded that she does not, and the Historic District Commission is her passion.

Ms. Heidi Fieldston has been a Dedham resident for 36 years and cares about restoring the historic fabric of Dedham. She is on the Board of the Dedham Historical Society and Chairs the Website Committee. In addition, she has been undertaking independent research on the history of houses and buildings in Dedham and the registry of deeds.

Mr. Stanton Lyman currently serves as an architectural representative and Chair of the Historic District Commission and has done so for 20 years. His background is in architecture related to historic preservation, and he hopes to continue with the Commission.

Mr. Jim Bride worked on the Old Village Cemetery restoration project, and his work is posted on the Dedham Historic Preservation website. He is a former teacher and present documentarian with interest in history.

Ms. Meg Cabot has been on the Commission for 19 years in the required realtor position and as Secretary. Her credentials were previously submitted to the Select Board for review. She is a member of the Dedham Historical Society.

11. COMMITTEE UPDATES

Open Space and Recreation: Mr. Bob LoPorto, Committee Chair, provided an update on the Open Space and Recreation Committee. Mr. Patrick Hogan is the new assistant conservation

agent for Dedham and has been joining the Committee meetings. There are currently seven members on the Committee, five of which are new over the last eight months.

Short-term projects include: creating a grant calendar for proposed projects, scheduling community cleanups, creating an online GIS map of all open spaces in Town, and creating how-to events for residents, such as "how to grow grass."

12. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Police Department: Police Chief Michael d'Entremont provided an update on the Police Department. The number of violent crimes continues to be low in Dedham, with more instances of property crime. A partnership began with Riverside Community Care in December 2020, and a clinician is with the Department 20 hours per week. In addition, there is now a full-time parking enforcement officer.

There has been a necessary software migration for the police computer-aided dispatch and records management from Pamet Software to Pro Phoenix. The Department looks forward to the completion of the combined public safety building. Several community engagement initiatives were undertaken in 2021. A document on hate crime facts and prevention has been posted on the Town's website.

Fire Department: Fire Chief William Spillane provided an update on the Fire Department. Six new firefighters joined the Department in 2021. Three additional firefighters are scheduled for Fire Academy in the Spring of 2022. A new Deputy Chief and Fire Captain have been sworn in, and three new lieutenants will be sworn in at the end of October 2021. The Department has worked through challenges related to COVID-19, and necessary training and PPE are provided to firefighters.

There have been hundreds of fire prevention inspections at schools, businesses, and residential properties in 2021. There are expected to be 5,000 emergency response service calls by the end of 2021, which is average. The Department hopes to achieve the minimum staffing standard based on a public safety study performed in 2012 and may apply for a SAFER grant to assist with this goal. Injury prevention is a focus of the Department and ensures physical and mental wellness for firefighters overall.

Mr. MacDonald asked if members have been involved with any of the cancer screenings happening across the country and requested information on the use of NARCAN.

Mr. Spillane responded that members are encouraged to undertake yearly physicals as part of the Health and Wellness Program. Cancer screening appointments have not been available for 2021, but this is also usually an annual practice. The distribution of NARCAN comes in waves. More accurate data on NARCAN is being sought through police, fire, and Transformative records.

Mr. d'Entremont added that there looks to have been about 15 distributions of NARCAN in 2021; however, this number could be low. In addition, follow-ups are performed within 24 hours for people who overdose to help assist them in treatment.

Mr. MacDonald stated that it might be beneficial to collect data on the air quality of the old firehouse versus the new firehouse.

Dr. Teehan agreed that cancer screening is essential for firefighters, and the old building puts every firefighter at risk.

13. PROPOSED PAVEMENT MARKINGS AT 450 WASHINGTON STREET

Mr. Goodwin stated that the public is being welcomed into the new Town Hall and Seniors Center. However, parking is an issue due to the construction of the new Public Safety Building in the area. In addition, the roadway on Washington Street is quite broad, and new lines could be added to provide additional parking spaces.

Mr. Mammone presented a map outlining the proposed additional parking spaces between Spruce Street and Bryant Street on Washington Street. The cost to implement the pavement markings would be low. There would be five more parking spaces added immediately and three additional spaces added in 2022. The extra spaces could also lead to lower traffic speeds, improving safety in the area.

Ms. Sullivan asked whether there would be signage indicating that the spaces are only for Town Hall business.

Mr. Goodwin responded that the Select Board could pursue the implementation of specific signage; however, this could be difficult to enforce.

Mr. MacDonald stated that two spaces would be put in front of someone's home for the spaces in 2022, and discussions should be had with the homeowner before these spots are added.

A motion was made by Mr. Coughlin to approve the proposed pavement markings at 450 Washington Street. The motion was seconded by Dr. Teehan. A roll call vote was taken:

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

Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

14. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Sullivan wished Mr. MacDonald and Mr. Goodwin a happy birthday.

Ms. MacDonald stated that the Youth Commission has begun soliciting contributions for their Gift Card Drive. The Commission will be looking to provide \$50 gift cards to several hundred Dedham children this Christmas.

Mr. MacDonald stated that there had been emails from residents expressing their wishes that outdoor dining continues. The ABCC is looking to issue new outdoor seating guidelines, which would not require any legislative changes; however, there will be other county considerations, such as ADA compliance and zoning. The current legislation expires April 1, 2022, and it is hoped there will be an extension to December 31, 2022.

Dr. Teehan stated that he and the Chair met with members of the American Jewish Community regarding their new program to combat antisemitism. In addition, the Dedham Square Committee

is finalizing its report on repurposing the old police station into a park, to be presented to the Select Board at the November 4, 2021 meeting.

Mr. Goodwin stated that the Veteran's Office would be holding a brunch on November 10, 2021, at the VFW at 10:00 a.m. Additionally, there will be a cookout at the Legion's House on November 11, 2021, at 1:00 p.m.

Ms. Sullivan stated that Ms. Stephanie Radner joined the last meeting to discuss her Dedham Cultural Council Grant application. Ms. Radner has since received support from several Dedham entities. Ms. Sullivan asked the Select Board for a vote to endorse the grant concept to add native plants to the landscape to support beneficial pollinators. This support will not bind the Board or future Boards or override the authority of any other Boards. If awarded the grant, all jurisdictional bodies will have to approve the locations of the plants.

A motion was made by Ms. MacDonald to endorse the concept for Ms. Stephanie Radner's grant application to the Dedham Cultural Council. The motion was seconded by Mr. Coughlin. A roll call vote was taken:

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

Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

15. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. MacDonald to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. The motion was seconded by Dr. Teehan. A roll call vote was taken:

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

Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

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The above minutes should be used as a summary of the motions passed and issues discussed at the meeting of the members of the Select Board. This document shall not be considered to be a verbatim copy of every word spoken at the meeting.

Director

Approved 12/2/21
Date

Director

Date