

**Regular Session Minutes – Bedford, MA Select Board Meeting
Hybrid Participation Meeting (Select Board Meeting Room and Zoom)
September 12, 2022**

PRESENT: Town Manager Sarah Stanton, Colleen Doyle Assistant Town Manager for HR and Administration, Chair Emily Mitchell, Clerk Bopha Malone, Shawn Hanegan, Edward Pierce, Margot Fleischman

ALSO PRESENT: Leanne Petto, Administrative Assistant, Town Manager's Office; Joanne Callander from Eversource joined via Zoom. David Manugian and Elizabeth Antanavica from DPW were present. Bedford TV; Mike Rosenberg, *The Bedford Citizen*. You also need to include everyone on Zoom (we can show you how to run that report)

5:17 Ms. Mitchell called the meeting to order, read the virtual meeting disclaimer.

The Select Board members were asked to announce that they were present: Ms. Mitchell, present; Ms. Fleischman, present; Mr. Pierce, present; Mr. Hanegan, present.

22-158 Executive session for the purposes of conducting strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or litigation.

Mr. Pierce moved to adjourn into Executive session for the purposes of conducting strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or litigation to return to open session. Mr. Hanegan seconded.

(Ms. Malone had not arrived yet)

The Select Board was polled individually: Ms. Fleischman aye; Ms. Mitchell aye; Mr. Hanegan aye; Mr. Pierce aye. The motion passed 4-0-0.

Since the public hearing were scheduled for 6:10 p.m. the Select Board decided to open the hearings, take public comment and then proceed to the hearings themselves.

Mr. Pierce moved to open the Public Utility Hearings. Mr. Hanegan seconded.

The Select Board was polled individually: Ms. Fleischman aye; Ms. Mitchell aye; Ms. Malone aye; Mr. Hanegan aye; Mr. Pierce aye. The motion passed 5-0-0.

22-159 - Public Comment

Renu Bostwick of 23 Hartford Street representing Bedford Mothers Out Front presented to the board their support for implementing curbside food waste collection or by

providing drop off sites for food waste composting or implementing composting pilot programs.

Jacinda Barbehenn of 10 Irene Drive commented about Winterberry Way. If the residence is sold, an affordable unit would be taken off the town's inventory.

Karen Willson of 6 Bandera Drive representing Mothers Out Front commented that Bedford should foster the new green industry to help capture carbon to replenish depleted soils. Suggested town-wide curbside food waste pickup and hiring an Energy and Sustainability Manager.

Christina Wilgren of 2 Bedford Village Apt 9 commented that 23 Winterberry Way is a rare gem and if sold, the Town should use the proceeds to buy affordable housing from what would be lost by the sale.

22-160 – Utility Hearings

There were no comments from the public during the hearing.

Mr. Pierce moved that the Town approve the petition to construct the utility as described and shown on the Order and Plans, dated July 14, 2022, for Middlesex Turnpike on behalf of NSTAR Electric Company DBA Eversource Energy. Seconded by Ms. Malone.

The Select Board was polled individually: Ms. Fleischman aye; Ms. Mitchell aye; Ms. Malone aye; Mr. Hanegan aye; Mr. Pierce aye. The motion passed 5-0-0.

Materials: 7635703 – MIDDLESEX TURNPIKE (PLAN), 7635703 – MIDDLESEX TURNPIKE TO DPW (PLAN), 7635703 – MIDDLESEX TURNPIKE – LETTER, 7635703 – MIDDLESEX TURNPIKE – ORDER, 7635703 – MIDDLESEX TURNPIKE – PETITION, DPW Comment – Middlesex Turnpike, Memo to Select Board, Public Meeting Notice Eversource – Middlesex Turnpike

Mr. Pierce moved that the Town approve the petition to construct the utility as described and shown on the Order and Plans, dated August 5, 2022, for South Rd on behalf of NSTAR Electric Company DBA Eversource Energy. Seconded by Ms. Malone.

The Select Board was polled individually: Ms. Fleischman aye; Ms. Mitchell aye; Ms. Malone aye; Mr. Hanegan aye; Mr. Pierce aye. The motion passed 5-0-0.

Materials: 9216045 – SOUTH ROAD (PLAN), 9216045 – SOUTH ROAD TO DPW (PLAN), 9216045 – SOUTH ROAD – LETTER, 9216045 – SOUTH ROAD – ORDER, 9216045 – SOUTH ROAD – PETITION, DPW Comment – South Road, Memo to Select Board, Public Meeting Notice Eversource – South Road

Mr. Pierce moved that the Town approve the petition to construct the utility as described and shown on the Order and Plans, dated August 6, 2022, for South Rd on behalf of NSTAR Electric Company DBA Eversource Energy. Ms. Malone seconded.

The Select Board was polled individually: Ms. Fleischman aye; Ms. Mitchell aye; Ms. Malone aye; Mr. Hanegan aye; Mr. Pierce aye. The motion passed 5-0-0.

Materials: 9216514 – SOUTH ROAD (PLAN), 9216514 – SOUTH ROAD TO DPW (PLAN), 9216514 – SOUTH ROAD – LETTER, 9216514 – SOUTH ROAD – ORDER, 9216514 – SOUTH ROAD – PETITION, DPW Comment – South Road, Memo to Select Board, Public Meeting Notice Eversource – South Road

22-161 Department of Public Works

David Manugian, Director of Public Works and Liz Antanavica, Refuse and Recycling Administrator from the Department of Public Works presented the analysis of recycling based on survey feedback. The greatest growth in recycling was textiles, mattresses and scrap metals which reflected a reduction on regular waste. Ms. Antanavica also noted that the Compost and Recycle Center hours of operation would be on Wednesdays and Saturdays 8-1 weather permitting with increased special collections events and textile drop-offs.

Mr. Hanegan asked how this would work on an economy of scale? How much would be diverted from tipping fees? Ms. Antanavica responded that it would be seven pounds per week per household and that hauling outweighs the tipping fees. Mr. Hanegan asked if the Town can increase the overflow bag fees? Ms. Fleischman commented that there was no distinction between home composting versus outside services. She asked about potential legislative changes. Mr. Manugian responded that

they will do some research, Ms. Antanavica commented that effective November 1, 2022 mattresses will be banned from disposal at the curb.

Mr. Pierce commented that based upon a similar Watertown effort, that it would cost Bedford approximately \$1.3 million, and asked if there would be any savings to offset this cost, and whether neighborhood composting an option. Ms. Fleischman noted that implementing composting captains would help change habits. Ms. Antanavica commented that the composting industry is still young. There should be encouraged action while being mindful of financial impact and as the industry develops the pricing should go down. Ms. Stanton commented that if a pilot program went into effect that it would be absorbed by the current FY23 Budget.

Materials: Food Waste Presentation to the SB Sept 2022 FINAL; FY23 Food Waste Survey MEMO FINAL

Mr. Manugian outlined a request for approval of a design contract for sewer rehabilitations to reduce inflow and infiltration sources with our consultant Weston & Sampson. This contract follows the investigation work and smoke testing, performed by Weston & Sampson this year. They will use the data gathered during the investigation to design a program to address the issues discovered. It is in the amount \$28,500.00.

Mr. Hanegan moved that the Town approve Weston & Sampson Phase #6 Sewer Rehabilitation Design contract in the amount of \$28,500. Mr. Pierce seconded.

The Select Board was polled individually: Ms. Fleischman aye; Ms. Mitchell aye; Ms. Malone aye; Mr. Hanegan aye; Mr. Pierce aye. The motion passed 5-0-0.

Materials: Memo to Select Board Weston and Sampson – Sewer Rehabilitation Design Contract Amendment; Weston and Sampson Engineers, Inc. Phase #6 Sewer Rehabilitation Design Agreement

Ms. Malone moved that the Town approve VHB Contract Amendment 16 revised September 6, 2022 in the amount of \$136,000 as described in the Public Works memo dated September 8, 2022. Mr. Pierce seconded.

The Select Board was polled individually: Ms. Fleischman aye; Ms. Mitchell aye; Ms. Malone aye; Mr. Hanegan aye; Mr. Pierce aye. The motion passed 5-0-0.

Materials: Memo to Select Board VHB Amendment #16 – Middlesex Turnpike Construction Services; Middlesex Turnpike Design Contract Breakdown per Town; VANASSE HANGEN BRUSTLIN, INC. Professional Services Agreement Amendment #16 – Middlesex Turnpike/Crosby Drive Transportation Improvement Project

Mr. Hanegan moved that the Town approve KJS, Inc., Change Order #1 for the 2022 Water Main Improvement Project in the amount of \$218,143.51. Ms. Malone seconded.

The Select Board was polled individually: Ms. Fleischman aye; Ms. Mitchell aye; Ms. Malone aye; Mr. Hanegan aye; Mr. Pierce aye. The motion passed 5-0-0.

Materials: Memo to Select Board KJS, Inc. Change Order #1 – 2022 Water Main Replacement, Environmental Partners – Change Order #1 Form

Ms. Malone moved that the Town approve the request to install the “Burma Shave” style signs as proposed by the Bicycle Advisory Committee as a temporary sign following Section 7 of the Bedford Traffic Rules and Regulations. Mr. Pierce seconded.

The Select Board was polled individually: Ms. Fleischman aye; Ms. Mitchell aye; Ms. Malone aye; Mr. Hanegan aye; Mr. Pierce aye. The motion passed 5-0-0.

Materials: Memo to Select Board for Temporary MM Signs, Courtesy Matters sign image; Tour de France sign image

22-162 Board and Committee Reappointments and Interviews

Ms. Mitchell thanked everyone that applied for appointment. Ms. Mitchell reminded appointees prior to the commencement of their duties, they are required to visit the Town Clerk’s Office to take the oath of office. Appointees may not participate in any votes until you have taken the oath of office. At that time, they will receive your Certificate of Appointment and a copy of Chapter 268A, Section 23, the Conflict of Interest Law, and Chapter 39, Sections 23A-24, the Open Meeting Law. All members are expected to be familiar with and follow the Town’s Civil Discourse Policy while serving. The Select Board suggests that Committees and Board rotate chairs annually.

Materials: Memo to the Select Board re: Committee Reappointment and Interviews

Board and Committee Reappointments:

1. Zoning Board of Appeals – John Hadden:

Ms. Fleischman moved that the Select Board reappoint John Hadden to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term ending June 30, 2025 and authorize the Town Manager to sign the reappointment letter on behalf of the Select Board. Mr. Pierce seconded. The Select Board was polled individually: Ms. Fleischman aye; Ms. Mitchell aye; Ms. Malone aye; Mr. Hanegan aye; Mr. Pierce aye. The motion passed 5-0-0.

Materials: John Hadden reappointment form ZBA

Committee Interviews:

2. Conservation Commission- David Santos:

Mr. Pierce reviewed the general responsibilities of the Conservation Commission.

Mr. Santos commented that he was a boy scout became interested in land conservation and preservation. He wants to preserve Bedford's Open Space.

Mr. Pierce moved that the Select Board appoint David Santos to the Conservation Commission for a term ending June 30, 2024, and authorize the Town manager to sign the appointment letter on behalf of the Select Board. Mr. Hanegan seconded.

The Select Board was polled individually: Ms. Fleischman aye; Ms. Mitchell aye; Ms. Malone aye; Mr. Hanegan aye; Mr. Pierce aye. The motion passed 5-0-0.

Materials: David Santos questionnaire

3. Patriotic Holiday Committee - John Pecora and Peter Ricci

Two applicants (John Pecora and Peter Ricci) have submitted Volunteer Questionnaires to serve on the Patriotic Holiday Committee. Both were recommended for an interview by the Volunteer Coordinating Committee and are available on September 12. There are two vacancies on the Patriotic Holiday Committee, one with a term ending June 30, 2023 and one with a term ending June 30, 2025.

Mr. Percora stated he has been volunteering as honor guard with the rifle squad for three years and has been a town resident for 40 years. Mr. Ricci has been a resident of Bedford for 20 years and boy scout leader for 12 years. Is active in supporting the Veteran's Park and flag retirement ceremony.

Ms. Malone moved that the Select Board appoint John Percora to the Patriotic Holiday Committee for a term ending June 30, 2023, and Peter Ricci to the Patriotic Holiday Committee for a term ending June 30, 2025, and authorize the Town Manager to sign the appointment letters on behalf of the Select Board. Mr. Pierce seconded.

The Select Board was polled individually: Ms. Fleischman aye; Ms. Mitchell aye; Ms. Malone aye; Mr. Hanegan aye; Mr. Pierce aye. The motion passed 5-0-0.

Materials: John Percora questionnaire; Peter Ricci questionnaire

4. Energy and Sustainability Committee – Patricia Fabian

Ms. Fleischman reviewed the general responsibilities of the Energy and Sustainability Committee.

Ms. Fabian has been a resident of Bedford for about 14 years and regularly attends the Energy and Sustainability Committee meetings.

Mr. Pierce moved that the Select Board appoint Patricia Fabian to the Energy and Sustainability Committee for a term ending June 30, 2025 and authorize the Town manager to sign the appointment letter on behalf of the Select Board. Mr. Hanegan seconded.

The Select Board was polled individually: Ms. Fleischman aye; Ms. Mitchell aye; Ms. Malone aye; Mr. Hanegan aye; Mr. Pierce aye. The motion passed 5-0-0.

Materials: Patricia Fabian questionnaire

5. Council on Aging Board -Virginia Wang

Ms. Malone reviewed the general responsibilities of the Council on Aging Board.

Ms. Wang participated via zoom, she has been a full-time elder care giver for the past 4 years. She supports quality of life and advocacy for senior care.

Ms. Malone moved that the Select Board appoint Virginia Wang to the Council on Aging Board for a term ending June 30, 2025 and authorize the Town manager to sign the appointment letter on behalf of the Select Board. Mr. Pierce seconded.

The Select Board was polled individually: Ms. Fleischman aye; Ms. Mitchell aye; Ms. Malone aye; Mr. Hanegan aye; Mr. Pierce aye. The motion passed 5-0-0.

Materials: Virginia Wang questionnaire

6. Cultural Council – Dianne Grattan

Ms. Mitchell reviewed the general responsibilities of the Cultural Council.

Ms. Grattan occupies her time as a screen writer and sees how the Council enriches the arts and brings value to the community through funding projects.

Mr. Hanegan moved that the Select Board appoint Dianne Grattan to the Bedford Cultural Council for a term ending June 30, 2025 and authorize the Town manager to sign the appointment letter on behalf of the Select Board. Ms. Malone seconded.

The Select Board was polled individually: Ms. Fleischman aye; Ms. Mitchell aye; Ms. Malone aye; Mr. Hanegan aye; Mr. Pierce aye. The motion passed 5-0-0.

Materials: Dianne Grattan questionnaire

7. Arbor Resources Committee – Elizabeth Knox

Ms. Knox was not able to attend and her interview will be rescheduled.

Materials: Elizabeth Knox questionnaire

22-163 Determination of Uniqueness and approval of Purchase and Sale Agreement for 33 Shawsheen Road:

Mr. Hanegan raised the question that the Select Board has until September 30, 2022 to decide. Ms. Stanton responded that the Board is demining the uniqueness and vote to authorize the Purchase and Sale Agreement.

Ms. Malone moved at a duly called public meeting of the Bedford Select Board on September 12, 2022, the Board voted as follows with respect to that certain parcel of

land and all improvements commonly known as 33 Shawsheen Road, Bedford, Massachusetts, as described in that certain deed dated June 24, 1981 and recorded with the Middlesex South Registry of Deeds in Book 51776, Page 397 (the "Property"):

- (a) To approve that certain Purchase and Sale Agreement concerning the Town's purchase of the Property, in the form presented to the Board at its September 12, 2022 meeting;
- (b) To authorize the Town Manager to execute the Purchase and Sale Agreement and to take all actions on behalf of the Town that are reasonably necessary, in the judgment of the Town Manager, to complete the purchase of the Property in accordance with the Purchase and Sale Agreement and the applicable Town Meeting vote, including without limitation delivering closing funds and signing deeds, closing forms, closing documents, and settlement statements; and
- (c) That advertising under General Laws Chapter 30B for the Town's acquisition of the Property will not benefit the governmental body's interest due to the unique qualities of the Property. Specifically, the Property is uniquely situated adjacent to the Shawsheen Cemetery, and acquiring this Property will support a future expansion of the cemetery.

Mr. Pierce seconded.

The Select Board was polled individually: Ms. Fleischman aye; Ms. Mitchell aye; Ms. Malone aye; Mr. Hanegan aye; Mr. Pierce aye. The motion passed 5-0-0.

Materials: Shawsheen Road P&S; Shawsheen Road Record of Vote

22-164 Facilities Department

The Old Town Hall agenda item will be moved to the September 26th agenda.

Owner's Project Manager (OPM) services for the new Fire Station. Mr. Pierce commented that he hopes there will be public open forums. Ms. Stanton responded that there will be public meetings with stakeholders, committees and firefighters. Ms. Mitchell commented that this process cannot be rushed and appreciates that there is going to be a full-time on-site representative.

Mr. Hanegan moved that the Select Board vote to approve PMA Consultants of Braintree Mass as the OPM for the Fire Station project. He further moved that the Select Board authorize Town Manager, Sarah Stanton, or her appointee(s) to enter into negotiation with PMA for the services fee from the funding as voted by the 2022 Annual Town Meeting - Article 9. Mr. Pierce seconded.

The Select Board was polled individually: Ms. Fleischman aye; Ms. Mitchell aye; Ms. Malone aye; Mr. Hanegan aye; Mr. Pierce aye. The motion passed 5-0-0.

Materials: Facilities Recommendation Letter to Select Board; PMA Consultants RFQ – Fire - OPM Services

22-165 Special Town Meeting

Mr. Pierce moved to call a Special Town Meeting for the November 14 2022 at Bedford High School Auditorium (9 Mudge Way) at 7:00 PM. Seconded by Ms. Malone.

The Select Board was polled individually: Ms. Fleischman aye; Ms. Mitchell aye; Ms. Malone aye; Mr. Hanegan aye; Mr. Pierce aye. The motion passed 5-0-0.

Ms. Stanton commented that the warrant is now closed for new articles. The deadline to submit petitioners' articles is September 26th.

Ms. Fleischman suggested 10 minutes for presenters and 5 minutes for speakers as part of the debate rules for Special Town Meeting. Mr. Hanegan agreed and also noted that 11p.m. is too late to present a new article and requested the cut off time be set at 10:15. Ms. Fleischman requested confirmation of the debate rules categories from the previous Annual Town Meeting. Ms. Stanton clarified the debate rules of prior Town Meetings. Ms. Fleischman compromised that no article shall be presented after 10:30 p.m. Mr. Hanegan agreed.

Mr. Hanegan moved to recommend Article #1 Debate Rules as amended. Mr. Pierce seconded.

The Select Board was polled individually: Ms. Fleischman aye; Ms. Mitchell aye; Ms. Malone aye; Mr. Hanegan aye; Mr. Pierce aye. The motion passed 5-0-0.

Mr. Hanegan moved to recommend Article #2 Community Preservation Budget. Ms. Malone seconded.

The Select Board was polled individually: Ms. Fleischman aye; Ms. Mitchell aye; Ms. Malone aye; Mr. Hanegan aye; Mr. Pierce aye. The motion passed 5-0-0.

Mr. Hanegan moved to recommend Article #3 Amended FY2023 Community Preservation Budget. Mr. Pierce seconded.

The Select Board was polled individually: Ms. Fleischman aye; Ms. Mitchell aye; Ms. Malone aye; Mr. Hanegan aye; Mr. Pierce aye. The motion passed 5-0-0.

Mr. Pierce moved to recommend Article #4 Appropriate Funds for Collective Bargaining Agreements. Mr. Hanegan seconded.

The Select Board was polled individually: Ms. Fleischman aye; Ms. Mitchell aye; Ms. Malone aye; Mr. Hanegan aye; Mr. Pierce aye. The motion passed 5-0-0.

Mr. Pierce moved to recommend Article #5 Appropriate Funds for Minuteman High School Assessment – FY2023. Ms. Malone seconded.

The Select Board was polled individually: Ms. Fleischman aye; Ms. Mitchell aye; Ms. Malone aye; Mr. Hanegan aye; Mr. Pierce aye. The motion passed 5-0-0.

Mr. Hanegan moved to recommend Article #6 Home Rule Petition – Legal Notice Media Requirements. Mr. Pierce seconded.

The Select Board was polled individually: Ms. Fleischman aye; Ms. Mitchell aye; Ms. Malone aye; Mr. Hanegan aye; Mr. Pierce aye. The motion passed 5-0-0.

Mr. Pierce moved to recommend Article #7 Minuteman Bikeway Extension. Ms. Malone seconded.

The Select Board was polled individually: Ms. Fleischman aye; Ms. Mitchell aye; Ms. Malone aye; Mr. Hanegan aye; Mr. Pierce aye. The motion passed 5-0-0.

Materials: Special Town Meeting 2022.11.14 Warrant Draft

22-166 Consent Agenda

8:06 Regular Session Meeting Minutes: July 11, July 25, Goals Setting August 15th.

Mr. Pierce moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Hanegan seconded.

The Select Board was polled individually: Ms. Fleischman aye; Ms. Mitchell aye; Ms. Malone aye; Mr. Hanegan aye; Mr. Pierce aye. The motion passed 5-0-0.

Materials: 07112022 Select Board Minutes Draft, 07252022 Select Board Minutes Draft, FY23 Goals Setting

22-167 Town Manager's Report

23 Winterberry Way

Ms. Stanton presented the findings from site visits. Liz Rust, Director of the Regional Housing Services, was present to explain courses of action. The property was valued at \$271,000 and estimates that it will need \$150,000 in renovations. Ms. Rust explained two options pertaining to the property.

1. The Town purchases the property and makes repairs to keep it on the affordable Housing inventory.
2. The Town releases the deed restriction and windfall profits would come back to Bedford's Affordable Housing Trust Funds.

Ms. Fleischman commented that she is in support of the acquisition but is there a way to partner with an organization to alleviate the burden to the Town staff. Ms. Rust responded that it may be possible but action must be taken to acquire the property first since there is a September 30th deadline. Mr. Pierce commented if the \$675,000 appraisal by the owners seemed inflated and that the Town would have to pay an additional \$150,000 for it to remain in the affordable housing inventory. Ms. Malone commented that there is concern regarding the additional construction costs that could be incurred by the Municipal Affordable Housing Trust Fund. Ms. Mitchell commented that a \$300,000 windfall would not be enough to find a comparable replacement. Ms. Fleischman asked how quickly can the Town get an answer for a partner? Ms. Stanton responded that staff could reach out within a week and hear back for the September 26th meeting conditional that the board act on the acquisition of the property this evening.

Ms. Fleischman moved to exercise right of first refusal to acquire the property. Mr. Pierce seconded.

The Select Board was polled individually: Ms. Fleischman aye; Ms. Mitchell aye; Ms. Malone aye; Mr. Hanegan aye; Mr. Pierce aye. The motion passed 5-0-0.

Materials: Letter from Regional Housing Services Office to the Town Manager; Letter from Facilities Department 23 Winterberry Way site conditions

22-168 Open Discussion and Liaison Reports

Ms. Fleischman reported on the Zoning Board of Appeals and requested that the Select Board should submit a letter of support regarding the Zoning Board of Appeals LIP at 330 South Road.

Ms. Fleischman moved. Mr. Hanegan seconded.

The Select Board was polled individually: Ms. Fleischman aye; Ms. Mitchell aye; Ms. Malone aye; Mr. Hanegan aye; Mr. Pierce aye. The motion passed 5-0-0.

Mr. Hanegan reported that the Planning Board met regarding the comprehensive permit for 330 South Road LIP, two family housing, preparing for the Annual Town Meeting Warrant and the impact from the MBTA busses no longer being part of the criteria makes Bedford an adjacent town. Bedford Housing Partnership focused on Carlisle Road Development and what Town contributions will be needed. The Volunteer Coordinating Committee discussed whether individuals should attend and engage in a meeting versus watch a pre-recording.

Ms. Malone reported on Recreation and staffing challenges over the Summer. Kid's Club Fall attendance is up 30%. BARC wants to know the number of trees removed from private properties. Ms. Stanton commented that there is a concern of overstepping regulation of private property and tracking. However, a proposed tree master plan would indicate public tree inventory. The Patriotic Holiday Committee was in support of the Rotary Club's request of a natural pollination garden at the West End of Veteran Memorial Park. 300th Task Force Committee is concerned about fundraising strategies and conflict of interest concerns.

Mr. Pierce wanted to make sure that various committees, are included in the process regarding the Minuteman Bikeway. Mr. Pierce also wanted to make sure the School Committee is involved as well. Ms. Stanton responded that the Select Board are welcome to reach out and collaborate and be mindful that discussions must be posted on the respective agendas.

Ms. Mitchell reported on the Bedford Community Partnership discussion about Bedford Day. The Historic District Commission also met and discussed the plantings at the Police Station. The Community Media Committee met regarding agreements that are up for renewal. The Finance Committee welcomed two new members. Ms. Mitchell

attended a site visit with BARC and noted that some of the markers of trees on Lavender Lane had been tampered from what was originally laid out from the proposed design.

Mr. Hanegan moved to adjourn to executive session for the purposes of conducting strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or litigation. Mr. Pierce seconded.

The Select Board was polled individually: Ms. Fleischman aye; Ms. Mitchell aye; Ms. Malone aye; Mr. Hanegan aye; Mr. Pierce aye. The motion passed 5-0-0.

Regular Session adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Leanne Petto