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SELECT BOARD AGENDA Tuesday, July 7, 2020 6:30pm

The Select Board Regular Meeting is being held virtually in accordance with the Governor's Executive Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L.c.30A. S.20. Interested individuals can listen in and participate by phone and/or online by following the link and phone # below.

Topic: Select Board Time: June 7, 2020 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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Agenda Items

- 1) Executive Session as per MGL C 30A, Section 21 (a) (4) to discuss the deployment of security personnel or devices, or strategies with respect thereto. The Board will reconvene into open session only to adjourn (6:30)
- 2) National Grid Pole Petition for the HES project Mass Ave & Pond Rd (7:00)
- 3) New appointments: (7:10)
 - a) Historical Commission Mathew McRae
 - b) Commission on Disabilities Toni Spacciapoli
- 4) Public Communication (7:20)
- 5) Approve minutes of 6/9 & 6/16 (7:25)
- 6) Town Administrator Report miscellaneous issues & discussion items (7:30)
- 7) Action/Discussion items: (7:45)
 - a) Discuss formation of an Insurance Advisory Committee
 - b) Discuss and vote on Ayer Road project
 - c) Finalize Conservation Commission appointments
- 8) Select Board Reports

Strategic Planning Session Thursday, July 9, 2020 9:00am - Hildreth House porch

> Next Regular Meeting (TBD) Tuesday, July 21, 2020 7:00pm

nationalgrid

May 28, 2020

Town of Harvard

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Please notify National Grid's Vincent LoGuidice of the hearing date / time. If this petition meets with your approval, please return an executed copy to each of the above named Companies.

National Grid Contact: Vincent LoGuidice; 1101 Turnpike Street; North Andover, MA 01845. Phone 978-725-1392.

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Enclosures

Questions contact – Javier Morales 508-860-6270

PETITION FOR JOINT OR IDENTICAL POLE LOCATIONS

North Andover, Massachusetts

To the Board of Selectmen Of Harvard, Massachusetts

Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc requests permission to locate poles, wires, and fixtures, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures, along and across the following public way:

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Location approximately as shown on plan attached

Wherefore it prays that after due notice and hearing as provided by law, it be granted a location for and permission to erect and maintain poles and wires, together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as it may find necessary, said poles to be erected substantially in accordance with the plan filed herewith marked – Mass Ave - Harvard - Massachusetts.

No. 29031071 April 29, 2020

Also for permission to lay and maintain underground laterals, cables, and wires in the above or intersecting public ways for the purpose of making connections with such poles and buildings as each of said petitioners may desire for distributing purposes.

Your petitioner agrees to reserve space for one cross-arm at a suitable point on each of said poles for the fire, police, telephone, and telegraph signal wires belonging to the municipality and used by it exclusively for municipal purposes.

Massachusetts Electric Co	ompany	d/b/a	National	Grid
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VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC. BY Manager / Right of Way

Harvard

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Board or Council of Town or City, Massachusetts

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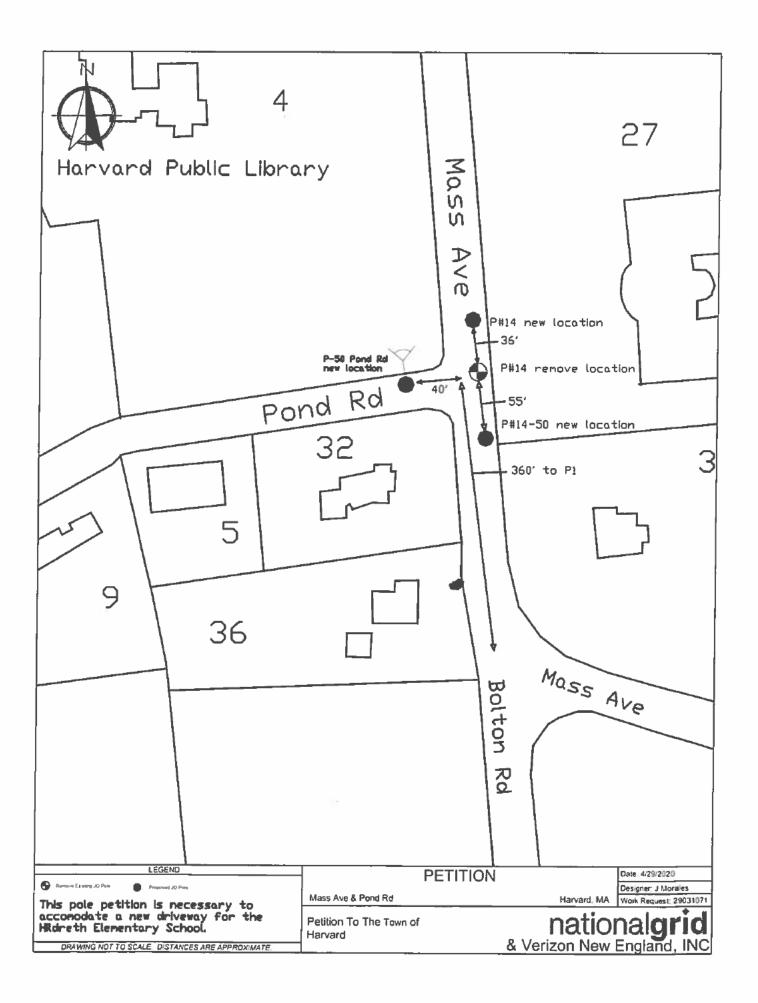
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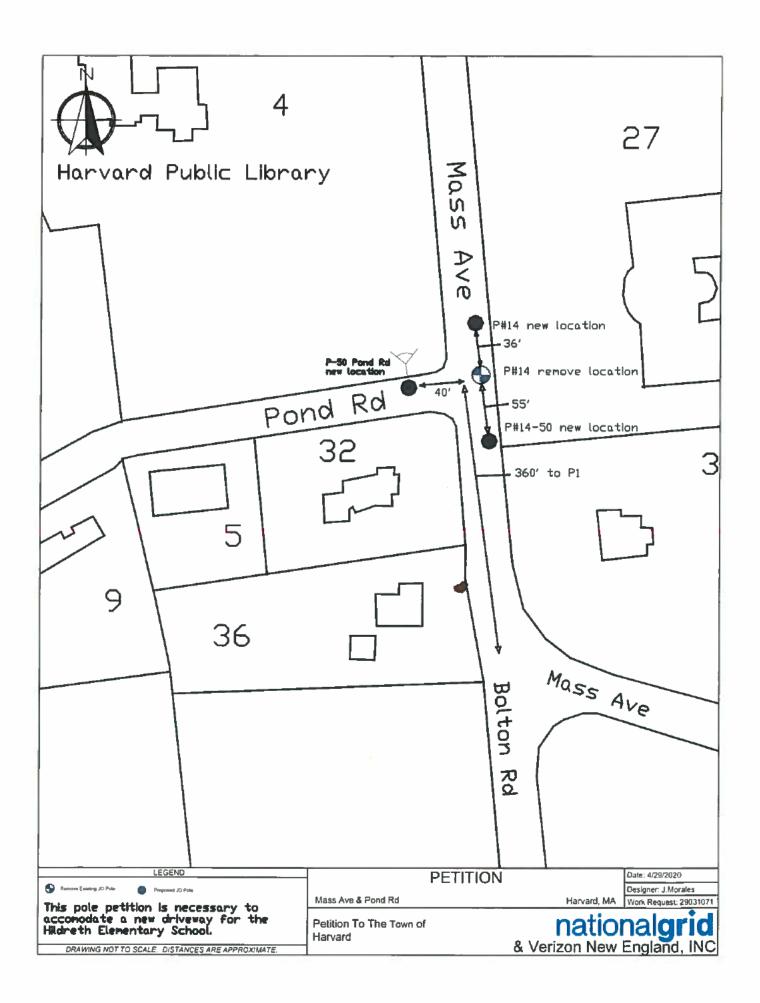
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TOWN OF HARVARD

VOLUNTEER APPLICATION (12/02/2008)

Thank you for your interest in serving the town of Harvard. Please complete this application to be kept informed of volunteer opportunities and/or to apply for a specific position or fill a vacancy when one occurs. You may be also be contacted based on your stated energy of its section.

based on your stated areas of interest for other opportunities to volunteer. Your application will be kept on file for 3 years.

Date of Application: 6/5/20 Applicant Information: Applicant Information: Name: <u>Matthew</u> McRae Address: 20 Fairbank St. Home/Work Phone # ______ Mobile Phone# Email Address: MTMCZAE2005 C GM AJL. COM Indicate below which Board(s) or Committee(s) are of interest to you: Historical Commission Have you previously been a member of a Board, Committee or Commission (either in Harvard or elsewhere)? If so, please list the Board name and your approximate dates of service: NO Do you have any time restrictions? YES NO Are you a registered voter? Please list your present occupation and employer (you may also attach your résumé or CV) Biotechnology Product hive Manager Nova Biomedical Do you, your spouse, or your employer have any current or potential business relationship with the Town of Harvard that could create a conflict of interest? (If YES, please describe the possible conflict) NO Please outline any education, special training or other areas of interest you have that may be relevant to There been a preservationist (hobby not career) of colonial and early us artifacts and relics as well as having a passion for early architecture and culture

Received by Town of Harvard Processed by on Return to: Town Of Harvard, 13 Ayer Road, Harvard MA 01451 or email jdoucet@harvard.ma.us



Town of Harvard



13 Ayer Road

Phone: (978) 456-4100

Volunteer Form

Good Government Starts with You

Date Submitted:	June 15, 2020
Name:	Toni Spacciapoli
Home Address:	143 Ayer Rd
	HARVARD, MA 01451
Mailing Address:	143 Ayer Rd
	Tspacciapoli@gmail.com
	HARVARD, MA 01451
Phone Number(s):	
Email Address:	Tspacciapoli@gmail.com

Current Occupation/Employer: School Psychologist/Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical High School

Have you previously been a member of a Board, Committee or Commission (either in the Town of Harvard or elsewhere)?No If yes, please list the Board name and your approximate dates of service:

Are you a registered voter? Yes

Do you, your spouse, or your employer have any current or potential business relationship with the Town of Harvard that could create a conflict of interest?No

If YES, please describe the possible conflict:

Narrative: As I enter the retirement phase of my life, I desire to give back to the community of Harvard, a place I have called home for the last 23 years. Although I continue to work part-time 3 days/week, I am open to dedicating a day/week, at the minimum, to as much time as needed to fulfill the task at hand, to serving on the Commission on Disabilities.

I come to this Commission with a unique set of experiences acquired while working in private and public sectors. I hold a Bachelor and advanced degrees in Psychology and School Psychology. In the private sector, I began my career as a human resources professional and advanced my career to Corporate Manager of EEO and Affirmative Action for a large defense contractor. In this capacity I ensured the corporation was in compliance with state and federal laws for employing disabled individuals. I also identified, developed and implemented accommodations that were not barriers to employment. I worked with local organizations to identify positions for on-the-job training for individuals with multiple impairments and to promote hiring of disabled individuals throughout the state of New Hampshire. As a school psychologist, I have worked directly and in varying capacities with children, parents, and educational colleagues who have unique abilities. These responsibilities have included assessment of student capabilities and development of interventions and accommodations to assure their access to the curriculum, as well as extra-curricular activities and social emotional development. In my time as a school psychologist, I have learned a great deal regarding disabilities that are not only visible, but invisible as well. I entered my profession with the goal to become an advocate for others and to inform. Assuring that all individuals have access to the

Town of Harvard



13 Ayer Road

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Volunteer Form

Good Government Starts with You

ability to actualize their dreams and potential has been my life's work.

Board(s) / Committee(s): ____COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

Select Board Minutes Tuesday, June 9, 2020 2:00pm

The Select Board Regular Meeting was held virtually in accordance with the Governor's Executive Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L.c.30A. S.20.

Select Board participants:

Chair Alice von Loesecke, Rich Maiore, Kara Minar, Stu Sklar, Lucy Wallace

Town Staff participants:

Town Administrator Tim Bragan, Assistant Town Administrator Marie Sobalvarro, Executive Assistant Julie Doucet

Annual Town Meeting Warrant

By a roll call vote, Wallace – aye, Maiore – aye, von Loesecke – aye, Sklar – aye, Minar – aye, the board voted unanimously to endorse changes of the meeting time to 10:00am and location to the field hockey field in front of the library and Bromfield School. The Lions Club has offered to donate seven smaller tents for use and the moderator will organize volunteers to help set them up.

Discussion and vote regarding changes to health insurance for retirees and active employees

Von Loesecke expressed the subcommittee's desire for all town employees and retirees to pay an increased amount of 30% of their health insurance premium. This is an increase from 20% or 25%. By a roll call vote, Wallace – aye, Sklar – aye, Minar – aye, Maiore – aye, von Loesecke, the board voted unanimously to increase health insurance contributions for all employees and retirees to 30% or 35% if necessary leaving retirees at 30% effective July 1, 2020. They are asking all union contracts to be opened to accomplish the savings necessary. The sentiment is to have all employees paying the same percentage to be fair and equitable. The school department will be expected to absorb the dollar amount necessary if the teachers' contract is not amended to reflect this change.

Von Loesecke outlined where funds will come from if the \$320,000 override does not pass.

Town \$96,000: 60,000 police Dept, 26,000 merit pay increase for employees, 10,000 from the Tree Warden.

School \$224,000: 3 positions will be eliminated (drama and two other teacher positions)

The health insurance premium increase for FY21 should provide \$283,000 in savings. The subcommittee is discussing other areas within the budget that can help cover reductions in state aid. The Select Board will need to vote on recommendations from the subcommittee.

Unemployment cost are sustainable for this fiscal year however next fiscal year will be an issue.

The board members agreed a handout must be provided to clearly and simply explain the budget scenario to voters. Von Loesekce will work on a Consider this piece for the Harvard Press.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00pm.

Select Board Minutes Tuesday, June 16, 2020 7:00pm

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Town Staff participants:

Town Administrator Tim Bragan, Assistant Town Administrator Marie Sobalvarro, Executive Assistant Julie Doucet, DPW Director Tim Kilhart

Additional participants:

Harvard General Store owner Scott Hayward, School Committee member SusanMary Reddinger, Planning Board Chair Erin McBee

Ayer Rd Construction project

DPW Director Tim Kilhart came with feedback he received from the Department of Transportation (DOT) on why they are not recommending a roundabout for traffic calming as part of this project. In their opinion the area does not have enough volume therefore the high cost to install a roundabout is not justified. DOT does support installation of a crosswalk with crossing lights. Select Board members Kara Minar and Stu Sklar were very disappointed and surprised considering when they began this endeavor DOT was very supportive of the roundabout. Von Loesecke expects narrower driving lanes will also help to slow traffic. Kilhart understands their frustration but reminded the members this project would be impossible to complete without state funding through the TIP program and it is a very competitive process. He reported the 10% design meeting is being held on Monday, June 22nd with TEC Engineering giving a presentation.

Annual Appointments

Executive Assistant Julie Doucet noted two updated to the master reappointment list of Megan Glew continuing on the Bare Hill Pond Watershed Committee and Mario Cardenas on the Elm Commission.

New appointments

By a roll call vote, Wallace – aye, Minar – aye, Maioree – aye, Sklar – aye, von Loesecke – aye, the board voted unanimously to appoint David Henderson to the Cable Committee.

Council on Aging

By a roll call vote, Wallace – aye, Minar – aye, Maiore – aye, Sklar – aye, von Loesecke – aye, the board voted unanimously to appoint Kim Schwarz to the Council on Aging.

By a roll call vote, Wallace – aye, Minar – aye, Maiore – aye, Sklar – aye, von Loesecke – aye, the board voted unanimously to appoint Jane Biering, Gwendolyn Leonard and Rebecca Kelley as associate to the Planning Board.

The Board of Health has a current member who wishes to continue and a new volunteer interested in serving on the board. The Select Board decided to invite them both to a meeting when they can speak with both of them prior to making any decisions. The same was true for the Conservation Commission with three current members interested in continuing and three new volunteers stepping forward. The Select Board decided to invite them to a meeting when they can speak with all those interested in serving prior to making any decisions. They decided on June 30th prior to their special meeting at 7pm. By a roll call vote, Wallace – aye, Minar – aye, Maiore – aye, Sklar – aye, von Loesecke – aye, the board voted unanimously to appoint all those seeking reappointment but the Board of Health and the Conservation Commission.

Public Communication

Erin McBee, Planning Board Chair, offered to speak with Sklar and Minar about what she learned through the process with DOT. She too was confused at first about the removal of the roundabout from the plan but has a better understanding of why.

Minutes

By a roll call vote, Wallace – aye, Minar – aye, Maiore – aye, Sklar – aye, von Loesecke – aye, the board voted unanimously to approve minutes of 5/19 and 6/2, as presented.

Special Meeting Announcement

The Select Board will hold a special meeting on June 30th with Apple Guy Flowers LLC, an adult marijuana cultivation establishment, which is seeking approval to operate in Harvard. They will introduce their team and describe their plans.

Update from the Budget Working Group subcommittee

Von Loesecke outlined actions if the override does not pass. She explained the working group agreed to cover the \$320,000 by keeping a police officer position vacant, skipping this year's merit increases for town employees, reducing the tree warden's budget, and not filling three vacant teaching positions (two at HES and one at Bromfield). Facing at least an \$820,000 deficit, the group then agreed that the \$320,000 cuts originally intended to occur only if the override failed would be the first cuts to be made. To address the remaining \$500,000, the group proposed to use \$200,000 from the town's Stabilization Fund, increase employee and retiree health insurance contributions from the current 20 or 25% to 30% (at least \$125,000 in savings), reduce the contribution to the Town's OPEB (Other Post Employment Benefits) fund by \$75,000 for one year, and use \$100,000 from the the school's Devens fund for one year. In order to revise health insurance contributions with the school teachers reopening of their contract is required. Wallace and Minar asked about that process. School Committee member SusanMary Reddinger admitted reopening the contract is a difficult to reopen and is not an expeditious process. Maiore asked for assurance if the contract is not opened the school department will be required to find those equivalent savings elsewhere. Minar asked about the Police & DPW contracts. Bragan expects those contract changes to be settled within the next 30 days. He reported the state budget is set for release in July. Minar and Sklar expressed their interest in utilizing additional OPEB funds however von Loesecke said they must be cautious when utilizing one time funds. Von Loesecke and Reddinger are working on a Consider This piece for publishing in the Harvard Press prior to the ATM.

Harvard General Store - outdoor dining request

Owner Scott Hayward provided the board with a narrative and design plan for offering outdoor dining. (Appendix A). He will offer breakfast, lunch and dinner on the patio. His current on-premise license includes the outdoor area next to the store. He is requesting an expansion of this area so he can accommodate the necessary space to comply with Covid guidelines. Hayward asked if he would be able to offer all alcohol instead of only beer and wine. He would like to have the area leveled out if possible utilizing funds from the Little Women movie production. Bragan explained the ABCC is allowing changes to license premises however he would still be limited to only beer and wine as the license was initially issued. Next, they discussed hours of operation.

By a roll call vote, Wallace – aye, Minar – aye, Maiore – aye, Sklar – aye, von Loesecke – aye, the board voted unanimously to provide the Harvard General store operating hours outside during the pandemic from 8:00am to 11:00pm daily per diagram and narrative submitted with wine and beer allowed to be served from 10:00am to 10:00pm.

By a roll call vote, Maiore – aye, Sklar – aye, Wallace – aye, Minar – aye, von Loesecke – aye, the board voted unanimously to allow the general store to direct grading of area next to the general store per diagram and cover with stone dust.

Annual Town Meeting (ATM)

Bragan reported all preparations are underway. He shared a document outlining Covid precautions that will be taken to ensure the ATM is safe for all who attend. He expects the budget article to be longer than usual.

The board decided which member will speak to which articles: 1 & 2 AV, 4-8 SS, 10 LW, 14, 15, 16 KM, 18 SS, 20 & 21 RM

The board decided to allow the Moderator to resolve when the Citizen of Note award will be given.

Review of the Warrant

By a roll call vote, Maiore – aye, Sklar – aye, Wallace – aye, Minar – aye, von Loesecke – aye, the board voted unanimously in favor of page one articles.

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By a roll call vote, Maiore – aye, Sklar – aye, Wallace – aye, Minar – aye, von Loesecke – aye, the board voted unanimously in support of articles 5,6,7,8.

By a roll call vote, Maiore – aye, Sklar – aye, Wallace – aye, Minar – aye, von Loesecke – aye, the board voted unanimously to support article 9 (capital items).

By a roll call vote, Maiore – aye, Sklar – aye, Wallace – aye, Minar – aye, von Loesecke – aye, the board voted unanimously to continue the meeting after 10:00pm.

By a roll call vote, Wallace – aye, Sklar – aye, , Minar – aye, Maiore – nay, von Loesecke – nay, the board voted by majority to support article 10 for replacement of the old library roof.

By a roll call vote, Maiore – aye, Sklar – aye, Wallace – aye, Minar – aye, von Loesecke – aye, the board voted unanimously to support the Hildreth House expansion.

By a roll call vote, Minar – aye, Sklar – aye, Wallace – aye, Maiore – aye, von Loesecke – aye, the board voted unanimously to support replacement of the middle school ramp.

Covid

Bragan reported there is one new case in town. He said playing field safety signs have been installed.

Summer Schedule

The board will hold their Strategic Planning Session on July 9th. Regular meetings will be held on July 7, 21st and August 11th.

1/12th Budget

By a roll call vote, Minar – aye, Sklar – aye, Wallace – aye, Maiore – aye, von Loesecke – aye, the board voted unanimously to approve a 1/ 12th budget for FY2021 for a minimum of \$3,000,000 with \$1,373,934 projected education costs.

There was no executive session.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40pm.

Documents referenced:

Ayer Rd design issues with roundabout – dated 6.16.2020

Annual appointment lists – FY21

Volunteer forms: Henderson – dated June 2020, Schwar dated 3.16.2020, Biering dated 3.11.2020, Leonard dated 5.22.2020, Kelley dated 5.26.2020

Select Board Minutes

Harvard General Store information – dated 6.10.2020

Insurance Advisory Committee" (IAC) described in Ch. 32B, Section 3:

- Prior to the purchase of said insurance, and execution of all such agreements or contracts within the limits established by said sections, the appropriate public authority shall consult with an advisory committee for the purpose of securing the written recommendations of a majority of the membership of said committee.
- Said committee shall consist of eight members as follows: seven persons to be duly elected or appointed to membership on such committee by organizations of the employees affected, and <u>one person who shall be a retiree of a governmental unit</u> who shall be duly appointed to membership on said committee by the appropriate public authority.
- If the appropriate public authority finds that the committee's recommendations in whole or in part cannot be included within the aforementioned agreements or contracts, at the written request of any member of said committee within thirty days from the effective date of the agreements or contracts, the appropriate public authority shall submit to said member, in writing, the reasons for the rejection of any or all of the recommendations and a copy shall be filed with the commission.
- The appropriate public authority may execute said agreements or contracts for a period not exceeding five years; provided, however, that the portion of the cost of the premium per month to be borne by the governmental unit shall not exceed the estimated monthly cost for which funds have been appropriated for the then current fiscal year.