

Selectmen's Meeting
Room 34, Town Hall

February 24th, 2022
Meeting is Recorded

Under Governor Baker's emergency "Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law G.L. C. 30A, Section 20", issued March 12, 2020 and in effect until termination of the State of Emergency: This meeting of the Board of Selectmen will be conducted hybrid model with Board meeting in person in the Selectmen's Chambers in Town Hall, and all other participants joining remotely. The Meeting will be called to order by the Chairman at 6:30 P.M. Please see meeting information below:

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In Attendance: Selectman Thomas Maloney, Selectman William Plasko, Selectman Helen Abdallah Donohue, , General Manager Tony Mazzucco, Town Clerk Marylou Folan, Administrative Assistant Christine Woodward, Steve Trovato, Ashley Cornell

Attending remotely: Selectman Matthew Lane, Selectman Allan Howard, Katie Button

Chairman Maloney called the meeting to order, and began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent prayer or reflection.

Chairman Maloney explained the background of this issue, that after the previous Board of Selectmen's meeting, the Board received a petition for a non-binding referendum ballot question be added to the upcoming town election ballot. The Board needs to make a decision on if they would like to make a recommendation to add it to the ballot at a date prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting, and therefore this meeting was called.

There were 22 certified signatures on the petition.

Mr. Trovato read a prepared statement regarding the petition, stating that the parents of the town should have input on the start times, and feel the School Committee did not take citizen input into account when making their decision to revise school start times for the 2022-2023 school year and beyond.

The Board members each spoke about their opinions on the topic.

After some deliberation the Board thanked Mr. Trovato for his respectful process.

On motion of Selectman Donohue, seconded by Selectman Howard, the Board voted to put the question on the ballot. The motion failed, 2 in favor, with Selectmen Lane, Plasko, and Maloney opposed.

On motion of Selectman Plasko, seconded by Selectman Donohue, the Board voted unanimously by roll to adjourn.

A True Record

ATTEST: _____
Assistant