



Town of Hopkinton

Office of Select Board

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SELECT BOARD PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES Friday, January 8, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

Select Board Chair Sabrina Dunlap called this appropriately posted special meeting of the Select Board to order at 10:31 a.m. on Friday, January 8, 2021, via Zoom. Chair Dunlap introduced the members of the Board.

Members Present: Sabrina Dunlap, Ken Traum, Steven Whitley, Anna Wells and Jeffrey Donohoe

Conservation Commission

Members Present: Bonnie Christie, Molly Hardenbergh, Ron Klemarczyk, Rob Knight, Bob LaPree

Staff Present: Neal Cass, Town Administrator,

Others Present: Dijit Taylor (Open Space Committee), Chip and Cathy Chesley

DECLARATION OF CHAIR: Chair Dunlap read the Right to Know Law Meeting Checklist as follows:

As Chair of the Hopkinton Select Board, due to the COVID-19/Coronavirus crisis and in accordance with Governor Sununu's Emergency Order #12, pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, this Board is authorized to meet electronically.

Please note that there is no physical location to observe and listen contemporaneously to the meeting, which was authorized pursuant to the Governor's Emergency Order. However, in accordance with the Emergency Order, this is to confirm that we are:

a) Providing public access to the meeting by telephone, with additional access possibilities by video or other electronic means.

We are utilizing the Zoom platform for this electronic meeting. All members of the Board have the ability to communicate contemporaneously during this meeting through the Zoom platform, and the public has access to contemporaneously listen and, if necessary, participate in this meeting through dialing the following phone # 1-646-558-8656 and meeting ID: 340 316 049, or by clicking on the following website address: <https://zoom.us/j/340316049%C2%A0>.

b) Providing public notice of the necessary information for accessing the meeting.

We previously gave notice to the public of how to access the meeting using Zoom, and instructions are provided on Town of Hopkinton's website: www.hopkinton-nh.gov.

c) Providing a mechanism for the public to alert the public body during the meeting if there are problems with access.

If anyone has a problem, call (603) 746-8242 or email: townadmin@hopkinton-nh.gov.

d) Adjourning the meeting if the public is unable to access the meeting.

In the event the public is unable to access the meeting, we will adjourn the meeting and have it rescheduled.

Please note that all votes that are taken during this meeting shall be done by Roll Call vote.

Let us start the meeting by taking a Roll Call attendance. When each member states their presence, also please state whether there is anyone in the room with you during this meeting, which is required under the Right-to-Know law.

Sabrina Dunlap	alone
Ken Traum	alone
Anna Wells	alone with children present intermittently
Steven Whitley	alone
Jeffrey Donohoe	alone

The Select Board reviewed the information received from Town Counsel and from Primex concerning the purchase of land by the Conservation Commission currently owned by the Chesley's.

Town Counsel has said that the Conservation Commission does have the authority under RSA 36-A:4 to *acquire in the name of the city or town, subject to the approval of the local governing body, by purchase, the fee in such land or water rights within the boundaries of the municipality, or any lesser interest, development right, easement, covenant, or other contractual right including conveyances with conditions, limitations, or reversions, as may be necessary to acquire, maintain, improve, protect, or limit the future use of or otherwise conserve and properly utilize open spaces and other land and water areas within their city or town, and shall manage and control the same...* so they can purchase the property with Select Board approval with the condition that the farmers currently farming a small portion of the property may continue to do so for up to 5 years. This is not a lease, but a condition of sale.

Discussion took place as to the requirement of liability insurance for the farmers. It was noted that all people who are given exclusive use for a period of time of town property are required to have liability insurance naming the Town as additional insured. After further discussion, it was agreed that the Conservation Commission will assure that appropriate liability insurance is in place as part of their responsibility to manage the property.

Mr. Whitley moved that the Select Board approve the purchase of property by the Conservation Commission from Cathy and Earle Chesley subject to the conditions of sale that the farmers currently farmer the land can continue for up to 5 years, and Bohanan Farm will be allowed to continue haying the property at the discretion of the Conservation Commission. Ms. Wells seconded the motion

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Sabrina Dunlap	Yes
Ken Traum	Yes
Steven Whitley	Yes
Anna Wells	Yes
Jeffrey Donohoe	Yes

MOTION PASSED 5-0.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ms. Dunlap made a motion, seconded by Mr. Whitley to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Neal A. Cass

Neal A. Cass, Town Administrator