

SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES – Final
Public Health Emergency Response Update Virtual Meeting
Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order
Suspending Certain Provisions of
Open Meeting Law.
Zoom Meeting ID# 938 4860 9485
Thursday August 12, 2021
7:00 P.M.

PARTICIPANTS: Jonathan Dwyer, Select Board Chair
(Virtually) Jennifer Glass, Select Board Member
James Craig, Select Board Member
Tim Higgins – Town Administrator
Peggy Elder – Administrative Assistant

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS:

Mr. Dwyer opened the meeting at 7:00 pm and noted that this meeting is being held remotely in a way that is consistent with Virtual Meeting Pursuant to Governor Baker’s March 12, 2020 Order, as Extended on June 15, 2021, with the Governor’s signing of Senate Bill # 2475, Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law. He noted that this meeting is being recorded and that attendees are participating via video conference.

APPOINTMENTS:

- School Committee Candidate Interview – After bringing the School Committee meeting to order, School Committee Chair, Tara Mitchell, and School Committee members Adam Hogue, John McLachlan, Susan Taylor, METCO Representative Kim Mack, and Hanscom Educational Liaison Laurel Wironen joined the discussion, as did candidates Chris Pace, Emma Melton, Jason Packineau, Jen James, and Thornton Ring.
- Mr. Dwyer explained that there is a vacancy on the School Committee which is an elected Committee. He added that when there is a vacancy on elected board, Mass General law chapter 41 section section 109 stipulates a process in which the Select Board meets with the remaining members of the board that has the vacancy to jointly interview and appoint a candidate to fulfill the remainder of the term until the next Town election. In this case, the Select Board and the School Committee are looking to appoint a candidate to complete the remainder of the term for the seat previously held by Trintje Gnazzo.

Chris Pace, 80 Davison Road, introduced himself and thanked everyone for their time. He noted that he is a Navy Veteran and business owner. While he has been on committees over the years, he has a soft spot for kids and has been active in Big Brother, was a Baseball coach, and volunteered for Habitat for Humanity. He is driven by the question “What can we do for the kids?”

Emma Melton, 20 Hillside Road, introduced herself and noted that she moved to Lincoln in 2020 and is very excited to join the Lincoln community. She has a background in education

and law. She was a history teacher in Boston Public Schools. She then went to Law School and is now a labor relations lawyer at Mass General/Brigham & Women's hospitals. In addition to her public school experience, she has experience in education in the private sector.

Jason Packineau, 200 Sandy Pond Road, introduced himself and noted that he has a background education as a K-6 teacher in the Washington D.C public schools. In addition, he held an administrative role in the Computer Lab/Tech, worked at the University of New Mexico, and is currently at Harvard University.

Jen James, 79 Tower Road, introduced herself and noted that her kids are now older and she has more capacity to take on the role. She has had three children go through the Lincoln Public Schools and Lincoln-Sudbury. She previously served on the School Committee and has experience dealing with both the Ballfield Rd. campus in Lincoln and the Hanscom campus.

Thornton Ring, 180 Weston Road, introduced himself and noted that in the last year he has become more interested in stepping up and has been attending School Committee meetings. His professional life allows him to be more active in the Town. He has experience working with people of a variety of backgrounds and working in a cohesive manner.

Committee Chair Tara Mitchell thanked all the candidates for stepping up to fill this vacancy and noted how fortunate the town is to have so many residents interested in serving in local government. The boards asked each candidate a series of questions. After some discussion, John McLachlan made a motion to appoint Jen James to fill the vacant seat on the School Committee previously held by Trintje Gnazzo. Tara Mitchell seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion was passed with a roll call vote: Ms. Taylor: Aye; Mr. Hogue: Abstain; Mr. McLachlan: Aye; Ms. Mitchell: aye; Mr. Craig: Abstain; Ms. Glass: Aye; Mr. Dwyer: Aye; Ms. Wironen: Concur; Ms. Mack: Concur.

Ms. Mitchell made a motion to adjourn the School Committee meeting at approximately 9:21pm. Ms. Taylor seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion was approved with a roll call vote: Ms. Taylor: Aye; Mr. Hogue: Aye; Mr. McLachlan: Aye; Ms. Mitchell: Aye; Ms. Wironen: Concur; Ms. Mack: Concur.

COVID UPDATE:

- Mr. Higgins reported that the CDC had updated the risk in Middlesex County to "substantial." There were ten new cases in Lincoln, seven of which are break through cases (fully vaccinated individuals).

Mr. Higgins reported that the Board of Health (BOH) met last night and considered the updated data. They looked to guidance from the CDC and The Commonwealth. Mr. Higgins reported that the BOH is issuing an indoor mask mandate for all public buildings in the Town, which will be effective Friday August 20, 2021.

Mr. Higgins stated that the BOH has also recommends issuing an order to require staff and students who are eligible to be vaccinated. More information and an announcement will be coming from the School Superintendent.

Ms. Glass asked if the vaccination requirement would extend to all town employees. Mr. Higgins said that this conversation has not yet happened.

Ms. Glass made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Craig seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion was approved unanimously with a roll call vote: Craig: Aye; Dwyer: Aye; Glass: Aye.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:34 P.M.

Submitted by Peggy Elder
Approved 09/13/21