

PRESENT: Select Board Members Margaret Scarsdale, Tony Beattie and Mark Mathews; Town Administrator, Andrew MacLean; Executive Assistant, Tracie Looney

2.1 M.G.L. C. 30 A, Sec. 21 (A) 1. To Discuss The Reputation, Character, Physical Condition Or Mental Health, Rather Than Professional Competence, Of An Individual, Or To Discuss The Discipline Or Dismissal Of, Or Complaints Or Charges Brought Against, A Public Officer, Employee, Staff Member Or Individual

On a motion made by Mr. Beattie and seconded by Mr. Mathews, it was unanimously voted that the Select Board go into Executive Session at 3:30 PM to be able to discuss the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of an individual, or to discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual.

Further, the Chair declares that the Select Board will not reconvene in open session.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Margaret Scarsdale	Aye
Tony Beattie	Aye
Mark Mathews	Aye

The purpose of this meeting was to review a document submitted by Chuck Walkovich and discuss the content with Select Board member Beattie. Select Board member Beattie acknowledged that his efforts were intended to support the farming community in general and not himself personally. The Board expressed concerns that the members need to act as one voice. Members should not be taking public positions where their role as a Selectperson is implied unless the Board has previously endorsed the position.

On a motion made by Mr. Mathews and seconded by Ms. Scarsdale, the following motion was made:

That Select Board member Beattie:

- *Write to State Senator Ed Kennedy to clarify that Beattie's involvement in legislation was not on behalf of the Town of Pepperell, letter to be copied to the Select Board.*
- *Complete the on-line Massachusetts Conflict of Interest training module.*
- *View the Massachusetts Municipal Association Conflict of Interest webinar.*
- *Make a public statement regarding his understanding of his role as a Select Board member and the public perception of Board member actions.*

The motion was passed 2 - 0 - 1 with Select Board member Beattie abstaining.

2.2 Acceptance of Minutes

On a motion made by Mr. Beattie and seconded by Mr. Mathews, it was unanimously voted to approve and release the Executive Session Select Board meeting minutes from January 4, 2021 as amended.

On a motion made by Mr. Mathews and seconded by Mr. Beattie, it was unanimously voted to approve and release the Executive Session Select Board meeting minutes from January 25, 2021 as amended.

The Board tabled the April 5, 2021 Executive Session Select Board meeting minutes until a further meeting.

3. ADJOURNMENT

At 4:30 PM, on a motion made by Mr. Beattie and seconded by Mr. Mathews, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the Executive Session. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Margaret Scarsdale	Aye
Tony Beattie	Aye
Mark Mathews	Aye

Respectfully submitted,

Tracie Looney, Executive Assistant

APPROVED:

Margaret Scarsdale, Chair

Tony Beattie, Clerk

Mark Mathews, Member

Date Approved on: October 25, 2021

Date Released on: October 25, 2021