

AGENDA
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
May 25, 2021
7:00 p.m.
Town Building & Zoom

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place. This meeting of the Board of Selectmen will take place without any public present, but we will make every effort to ensure the public can adequately access the non-executive session proceedings in real time via Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/98211600722?pwd=T0JlL3VIYXVoTy9hRzQ3aWoraWZ2dz09>

Meeting ID: 982 1160 0722

Passcode: 895574

1. Annual Board reorganization – vote for Chair and Clerk
2. Certificate of Appreciation for Eric S.Kraus D.D.S
3. Appointments:
 - Annual June 1 Appointments – Inspectors, Building Commissioner, Assistant Facilities Manager/Local Inspector, Forest Warden
4. Discussion and Possible Vote:
 - Remote Participation Policy
 - Execute Notice of Exercise for Hallock Point (pending Town Meeting vote)
5. Correspondence
6. Adjournment

Posted Friday 5/21/2021



10:35 a.m.

Annual Board Reorganization
Vote for Chair and Clerk

Certificate of Appreciation
for
Eric S Kraus, DDS

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF STOW**

A Certificate of Appreciation to Dr. Eric S. Kraus, D.D.S.

On this 25th day of May 2021, the Stow Select Board hereby expresses its sincere appreciation to Dr. Eric S. Kraus, D.D.S. on his retirement after 42 years of conducting his dental practice in Stow.

Dr. Kraus established his practice in Stow in 1979 and has been the family dentist for many Stow residents over the years. Having a genuine concern for his patients, he has responded after hours and on weekends for emergencies, even opening his office for special cases if necessary. His honesty, discernment, and dedication have endeared him to the many patients who will miss him after his retirement.

On behalf of the entire town, the Select Board offers thanks to Dr. Kraus for his many years of service and wishes him happiness and health in his retirement.

Megan Birch-McMichael

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James H. Salvie

Ellen Sturgis

APPOINTMENTS

Annual June 1 Appointments:

- Forest Warden
- Building Commissioner
- Inspectors



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On the recommendation of Building Commissioner Craig Martin, these are the annual appointments that expire on June 1, 2021, and will need reappointment for one-year terms ending May 31, 2022.

- Assistant Facilities Manager/Local Inspector: Douglas Hyde
- Electrical Inspector: Robert W. Norton
- Deputy Electrical Inspector: Dennis Monteiro
- Deputy Electrical Inspector: Michael A. Norton
- Gas Inspector: Adam Sahlberg
- Deputy Gas Inspector: Robert Smith
- Plumbing Inspector: Adam Sahlberg
- Deputy Plumbing Inspector: Robert Smith

DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE VOTE

Remote Participation Policy



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Town of Stow

Remote Participation Policy

The Select Board authorizes remote participation for all appointed and elected Town Boards, Committees, and Commissions in accordance with the requirements of Massachusetts Open Meeting Law, M.G.L. c. 30A, §§ 20(d) and 940 CMR 29.00, section 29.10: Remote Participation, in the following manner. The Select Board emphasize that pursuant to the requirements of the Remote Participation provisions of the Regulations issued by the Attorney General, a quorum of the public body, including the chair, or in the chair's absence the person authorized to chair the meeting, must be physically present at the meeting location, as required by M.G.L. c. 30A, § 20(d); and members of the public bodies who participate remotely may vote and shall not be deemed absent for the purposes of M.G.L. c. 39, § 23D.

Reasons for Remote Participation:

- Personal illness
- Personal disability
- Emergency
- Military service
- Geographic distance

Approved Technology for Remote Participation

The following media are acceptable methods for remote participation. Remote participation by any other means is not permitted. (Accommodation shall be made for any public body member who requires TTY service, video relay service, or other forms of adaptive telecommunications).

- Telephone, internet, or satellite enabled audio or video conference (Zoom, Google Meet, Microsoft Teams, etc).
- Any technology that enables the remote participant and all persons present at the meeting location to be clearly audible to one another.
 - When video technology is in use, the remote participation shall be clearly visible to all persons present in the meeting location.
 - The Chair, or in the chair's absence, the person chairing the meeting, may decide how to address technical difficulties that arise as a result of utilizing remote participation, but is encouraged, wherever possible, to suspend discussion while reasonable efforts are made to correct any problem that

interferes with a remote participant's ability to hear or be heard clearly by all persons present at the meeting location. If technical difficulties result in a remote participant being disconnected from the meeting, that fact and the time at which the disconnection occurred shall be noted in the meeting minutes.

The public body using remote participation may determine which of the foregoing acceptable methods will be used by its members.

Procedure for Utilizing Remote Participation:

- Step 1:** Any member of a public body who wishes to participate remotely shall, as soon as reasonably possible prior to a meeting, notify the chair, or in the chair's absence, the person chairing the meeting, of his or her desire to do so and the reason for and facts supporting his or her request.
- Step 2:** At the start of the meeting, the chair shall announce the name of any member who will be participating remotely and the reason under 940 CMR 20.10(5) for his or her remote participation. The chair's statement does not need to contain any detail about the reason for the member's remote participation. This information shall also be recorded in the minutes.
- Step 3:** All votes taken during any meeting in which a member participates remotely shall be by roll call vote.
- Step 4:** A member participating remotely may participate in an executive session, but shall state at the start of any such session that no other person is present and/or able to hear the discussion at the remote location, unless the presence of that person is approved by a simple majority vote of the public body.
- Step 5:** When feasible, the chair or, in the chair's absence the person chairing the meeting, shall distribute to remote participants, in advance of the meeting, copies of any documents or exhibits that he or she reasonably anticipates will be used during the meeting. If used during the meeting, such documents shall be part of the official record of the meeting, and shall be listed in the meeting minutes and retained in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A, § 22.

The Select Board reserves the right to revoke Town Board remote participation at any time under 940 CMR 20.10(13).

EFFECTIVE DATE:

This policy shall become effective on June 8, 2021.

Execute Notice of Exercise for Hallock Point

Notice of Exercise of Right

On April 27, 2021, the Board took a vote to exercise its right to Chapter 61 on Hallock Point, contingent upon an affirmative vote for the funding at Town Meeting.

Should the article pass, the Board will need to formally execute the Notice to be filed at the Registry of Deeds. Counsel is working on the paperwork with the expectation that we will have it for Tuesday's meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE



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May 21, 2021

Chief Michael Sallese
Stow Police Department
305 Great Road
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Dear Chief Sallese,

As you know I recently completed the 2021 Stow Police Citizens Academy on April 21, 2021.

As a resident, Chair of the Stow Board of Selectmen and Board of Selectmen liaison to the Stow Police department I wanted to let you know how much I appreciated and enjoyed the 10 weeks I participated in the program as well as the additional insight I gained into the difficult and rewarding nature of police work.

I would like to specifically mention the wonderful job Detective Scott did in coordinating and running the program, as well as the enthusiastic participation and great information provided by Dispatcher Lopez, Prosecutor DeZago, Officer Butler, Officer Fitzpatrick, and Officer Kush during the various segments on the program.

You, Detective Scott, and the entire Stow Police Department should be very proud to have put together such a great program for the residents of Stow and I certainly hope you continue this in the future. I feel the program is a credit to you as Chief, the entire Stow Police Department and the Town of Stow.

I would appreciate it if you could thank, for me, all of your staff that participated in this program and place a copy of this letter in their personnel files.

Keep up the good work!

Regards,

Thomas Ryan – Chair Stow Board of Selectmen

CC: Denise Dembkoski – Town Administrator
Board of Selectmen Correspondence



**You
are Invited!**

Maynard Historical Commission

TOWN OF MAYNARD
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
195 MAIN STREET
MAYNARD, MASSACHUSETTS 01754

**The Maynard Historical Commission
and
The Maynard Sesquicentennial Committee**

Cordially Invite You

**To the Dedication of the Historical Marker for the
Maynard Mill**

Olsen Plaza at the corner of Main and Walnut Streets

Saturday, June 5 at 10:15 a.m.

(Rain date Sunday, June 6 at 10:15am)

For the Commission,
Jack MacKeen, Chair

For the Committee
Lindsay McConchie, Chair

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**Denise M. Dembkoski
Town Administrator**

Joyce Sampson

From: esturgis
Sent: Friday, May 14, 2021 6:45 PM
To: Joyce Sampson; townadministrator
Subject: State funding for PFAS

Can we distribute to Selectboard in next packet (no rush)

<https://www.mma.org/2m-in-grants-announced-for-public-water-system-pfas-response/>

Ellen Sturgis, Stow Selectboard
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\$2M in grants announced for public water system PFAS response

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The Baker-Polito administration today announced \$2 million in new grant funding to help public water systems address elevated levels of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in their drinking water.

The new Interim PFAS6 Response Grant Program, to be administered by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, will provide funding to help offset the cost of initial responses implemented by water suppliers when "PFAS6" (the sum of six per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances) exceeds the state standard of 20 parts-per-trillion (ppt).

"PFAS contamination poses a significant risk to public health, so it is imperative that public water suppliers address elevated PFAS levels in a timely manner," said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Kathleen Theoharides.

Large public water supplies, those serving a population of 50,000 or more, were required to begin a PFAS6 testing program as of Jan. 1, 2021. Public water supplies serving populations between 10,000 and 50,000 began initial tests on April 1, and those serving a population of less than 10,000 will begin testing on Oct. 1.

"When [PFAS] are found, the Commonwealth is working closely with them to quickly assess the threat and address it," said MassDEP Commissioner Martin Suuberg. "I urge our public water systems to apply for these funds, which can cover costs for critical short-term measures in the event of PFAS6 contamination."

The MassDEP anticipates offering three rounds of funding through the program. Applications for the first round are due on July 8.

Public water supply systems can apply for funds to purchase and distribute bottled water, install water vending machines, purchase water and/or establish interconnections to alternative water sources, or take any other immediate action to provide safe drinking water to water users affected by PFAS.

To assist communities that have already expended funds to address elevated levels of PFAS, reimbursement will be available for eligible costs.

This funding is in addition to the \$28.4 million secured by the administration in two supplemental budgets for water infrastructure and PFAS testing. Through the supplemental budget, \$20 million was appropriated to the Commonwealth's Clean Water Trust, providing financing that can be used by communities to address contamination issues.

More than \$8.4 million of this funding supports a statewide sampling program for public water supplies and private wells, including a grant program to support design of PFAS treatment. Statewide testing of drinking water for PFAS is providing the data to support the MassDEP's strategy for treatment and mitigation of this emerging contaminant.

In September 2020, the administration announced the [first round of grants](#) to support design of PFAS treatment, awarding \$1.9 million to 10 public water supply systems. The administration announced a [second round](#) in March 2021, awarding \$3 million to 17 public water supply systems.

PFAS compounds are a family of chemicals widely used since the 1950s to manufacture common consumer products and in some legacy fire-fighting foams. Drinking water may become contaminated if PFAS deposited onto the soil seeps into groundwater or surface water.

Last October, the administration established a [protective standard](#) of 20 ppt for PFAS in drinking water and required water systems to regularly test for the contaminants. There are currently no federal PFAS standards for drinking water.

The [Water Resources Grants & Financial Assistance web page](#) has additional information on the Interim PFAS6 Response Grant Program.

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Additional correspondence on file in the office:

- Building Department
 - March 2021 Building Permits
 - April 2021 Building Permits

- Board of Appeals Notice of Public Hearing
 - June 7, 2021 at 8:50 p.m. – 313 Red Acre Point

- Xfinity
 - Programming Advisory - Newsy