



## OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Veronica Kell, *Chairman*

Chaz Sexton-Diranian, *Vice Chairman*

Theresa A. Morse, *Clerk*

R. Eric Slagle, Town Administrator

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Topic: Board of Selectmen Joint Meeting Board of Water Commissioner  
and Board of Health

Time: July 13, 2022 18:00 Eastern Time (US and Canada)

### I. Preliminaries:

1.1 Call the meeting to  
order and roll call

Board of Selectmen meeting called to order at 6:01 p.m. with Chaz Sexton-Diranian, Veronica Kell, Theresa Morse present.

Board of Health meeting called to order at 6:02 p.m. Chris Nocella James Le'Cuyer, Gavin Byars, Rick Metcalf present.

Board of Water Commissioners meeting called to order at 6:02 p.m. Todd Melanson, Nathan Mattila present.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

1.3 Announce the  
meeting is being tape  
recorded

Veronica Kell announced that meeting is being recorded, is not live on channel 9 and will be posted on the Town's YouTube channel afterwards.

1.4 Chairman's  
Additions or deletions

Additions: None

Deletions: None

### II. Appointments and Hearings:

2.1 (6 - 6:30 p.m.) Joint  
Meeting with Board of  
Health and Board of  
Water Commissioners  
to discuss PFAS

Veronica Kell informed this meeting is to ensure that everyone in town is on the same page regarding PFAS. Todd Melanson provided an explanation and overview of PFAS sources in general, household sources and how harbor trace is affected and what causes it to be the highest ranked PFAS well in town.

Todd Melanson explained that the sources of PFAS can be found in a large number of household items leading to every person having high levels in their blood, for example:

- water resistant, stain resistant, fire resistant and non-stick items
- pet food containers
- cosmetics
- carpets
- bedding

In addition, Todd Melanson mentioned that microwave popcorn, delivery pizza and Chinese food are a point of exposure because all the containers are non-stick.

Todd Melanson further informed that Harbor Trace is a great producer of quantity of water and the pump runs right under Timberlee Park. When the

III. Meeting Business:  
3.1 Discuss Municipal  
Relief Transfers

Water Department stopped pumping Harbor Trace, the well in Witches Brook went up. The river was tested and had the highest concentration at the fault line. The PFAS contaminated water was run through the wastewater with DEP approval so the Witches Brook wells do not build up.

The Board of Health thanked Todd Melanson for his explanations.

Chaz Sexton-Diranian pointed out that communication with the various Boards to stay on the same page is important.

Veronica Kell screenshared the Municipal Relief Transfers (7):

1. Motion was made by Theresa Morse and seconded by Chaz Sexton-Diranian to approve the transfer of \$540.53 from Board of Assessors (BOA) Professional Services to BOA Wages. Motion was passed with all in favor.
2. Motion was made by Theresa Morse and seconded by Chaz Sexton-Diranian to approve the transfer of \$20,000.00 from Health Insurance to Board of Selectmen (BOS) Professional Services. Motion was passed with all in favor.
3. Motion was made by Theresa Morse and seconded by Chaz Sexton-Diranian to approve the transfer of \$60.00 from Highway Wages to Cemetery and Parks Wages. Motion was passed with all in favor.
4. Motion was made by Theresa Morse and seconded by Chaz Sexton-Diranian to approve the transfer of \$20,000.00 from Interest of Short-Term Loans and Unemployment to Facilities Electricity. Motion was passed with all in favor.
5. Motion was made by Theresa Morse and seconded by Chaz Sexton-Diranian to approve the transfer of \$4,000.00 from Highway Wages to Highway Public Works supplies. Motion was passed with all in favor.
6. Motion was made by Theresa Morse and seconded by Chaz Sexton-Diranian to approve the transfer of \$488.64 from Planning Professional Services to Planning Wages. Motion was passed with all in favor.
7. Motion was made by Theresa Morse and seconded by Chaz Sexton-Diranian to approve the transfer of \$700.00 from Recreation Department Supplies and Memorial Day Supplies to Recreation Department Supplies. Motion was passed with all in favor.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Theresa Morse and seconded Chaz Sexton-Diranian to adjourn at 6:48 p.m. Motion passed with all in favor.

Recording of meeting found

at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EHfDYy1oHzU&list=PLQpCwUSpXeCa-inxdlzK0jQMgEx3wCFBbE&index=12>

Minutes submitted by Sabrina Moore on 12/06/2022.