

**TOWN OF WINCHESTER
SELECT BOARD MEETING
Thursday, March 26, 2020
Record**

OPENING

Chair Michael Bettencourt called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM via Zoom remote participation due to the State of Emergency COVID-19. Present were Select Board members Vice Chair Susan Verdicchio, Jacqueline A. Welch, Mariano Goluboff and Amy Shapiro. Also present was Town Manager Lisa Wong, Town Counsel Mina Makarious and Christina Marshall, Town Clerk Mary Ellen Lannon and Town Moderator Peter Haley. (Note - due to the remote participation all Select Board votes are roll call votes.)

BUSINESS

- 1. March 31st Election** - Mary Ellen Lannon, Town Clerk, summarized her memo that she had sent to the Board of the different options for their consideration concerning the Annual Town Election. She recommends holding the election on Saturday, June 20th, as all of the polling places are in schools and a Saturday would allow for no interaction between the youth and adults. With printing/postage and staff overtime, the cost of this is not prohibitive and should be not more than \$8,200. She also recommends that Town Meeting be held before the Town Election.

*Motion That the Select Board move the 2020 Town Election to June 20th with the polling locations being 1-2 Muraco, 3-4 McCall Middle School, 5-6 Vinson-Owens School and 7-8 Lynch School.

Bettencourt - Welch

Roll Call: Verdicchio, Welch, Shapiro, Goluboff, Bettencourt

VOTED

- 2. Spring Town Meeting** - Mr. Makarious informed the Board that there is draft legislation currently pending in the State House that would ease some of the current restrictions on Town Meeting timing. Ms. Marshall, a colleague from Belmont and he have drafted additional language for this bill that Belmont's state delegation is considering proposing to also explicitly allow for representative Town Meetings by remote participation. Mr. Haley stated that we could definitely shorten the process for Town Meeting but they need to review the Warrant to see what can be moved to the Fall. Chair Bettencourt inquired about the impact of the budget as to when Town Meeting is held. Ms. Wong indicated that it would only complicate matters if there is no vote before the end of the fiscal year.

*Motion That the Select Board move to set the date for Spring 2020 Town Meeting to June 8, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in the Winchester High School.

Verdicchio - Welch

Roll Call: Verdicchio, Welch, Shapiro, Goluboff, Bettencourt

VOTED

ADJOURNMENT : 9:20 AM

*Motion: That the Select Board adjourn for the day.

Verdicchio - Shapiro

Roll Call: Verdicchio, Welch, Shapiro, Goluboff, Bettencourt

VOTED

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Wong, Town Manager