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Minutes

Select Board

Monday, April 27, 2026

Cotter Room

6:00 p.m.

Members present: Paul Bunker, Chairman, Nicole Emery, Ken Coyle, Dan Eddy, Bill Cormier, Michael Maresco, Town Manager

The meeting opened with the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

Moment of Silence for Charles Whitman, who passed away unexpectedly on April 12, a retired Abington Firefighter for many years and Army veteran. He was a lifelong resident of Abington and a proud member of the community.

Swearing in of New Select Board Members –

Town Clerk Leanne Adams attended the meeting to swear in new members Bill Cormier, Dan Eddy and Ken Coyle.

Mr. Bunker thanked Roger Woods, Kevin Donovan and Suzanne Djusberg for their years of service, not just to this board, but in all the other places they have helped the town. This board doesn't work without members like them sharing their experience and leading by example. He learned a lot from the three of them over the past two years he has served on this board.

He also wanted to congratulate elected and re-elected members of other boards who won their seats at this past Saturday's town election and welcomed the three new Select Board members.

Re-organization of the Select Board

Mr. Maresco opened the floor for nominations of Chair. Ms. Emery nominated Mr. Bunker for Chair, seconded by Mr. Cormier. There were no other nominations. The vote was unanimous. The Board congratulated Mr. Bunker. Motion to open the floor for nominations for Vice Chair by Mr. Cormier for Mr. Coyle; Mr. Coyle declined and motioned Ms. Emery for Vice Chair. Mr. Eddy seconded the

motion, unanimous. Nominations were opened up for Clerk. The Board has not had one, nominations were not made.

Public Hearings:

6:20 p.m. Request to transfer the Class 11 and Commercial Garage licenses from AM Auto Collision Center & Sales Corp, 933 Brockton Avenue, Aracelly Vieira Dos Anjos, owner, to Platinum Automotive Sales Corp for the Class 11 license, and Whitman Transmission & Repair for the Commercial Garage, 933 Brockton Avenue, Abington, Collin Emerson, Manager. Motion by Ms. Emery to open the public hearing, seconded by Mr. Eddy, unanimous.

Collin Emerson, 35 Macrae Drive, East Bridgewater, and Alex Bezanson, owner of the property, attended. The property is not closing until July 15th, but they are requesting the license effective July 1st. Because the tenant is still in there, and he's moving out over the next couple of months, they don't want to put him out of business. Ms. Emery made the motion to transfer the Class 11 license to Platinum Automotive Sales Corp and the Commercial Garage license to Whitman Transmission & Repair, Collin Emerson, Manager, effective July 1, 2026, seconded by Mr. Eddy, unanimous.

Items:

1. **Request from the Old Colony Elder Services for a nomination for its FY2027 Board of Directors.** Motion by Mr. Coyle to nominate Ann Welch, seconded by Mr. Cormier, unanimous.
2. **Discussion and vote on potential modification to "Use of Outdoor Space for Food and Alcohol Service."** Mr. Maresco – during COVID there was special legislation that allowed the board to approve outside dining which was a lot safer for folks. Normally in Abington you have to get site plan approval through the Planning Board. With the summer coming up very quickly, the board can approve a temporary license because it's important they follow the procedures that are there and that's going to the Planning Board. The Board could grant the license for the 2026 season. After that, it could be granted going through site plan approval with the Planning Board.
We received an inquiry from Giardino's to do that. The requirements would be they would have to supply a description of the designated area, a sketch with dimensions, include the number of tables and chairs, barricades, some semi-permanent barriers (jersey barriers, or cement ones), or ones you fill with water, area would have to be roped off. They would have to have signoffs from the Building Commissioner, Board of Health, Police and Fire. The final piece – under the Town's Zoning regulations, outdoor open air restaurants are not allowed to have entertainment. Mr. Maresco suggested Memorial Day through Columbus Day. Mr. Coyle didn't have a problem adjusting the Board's procedures. We should be pro business. Mr. Coyle made the motion that with a recommendation by town counsel, they make the changes on the policy and procedures, seconded by Ms. Emery, unanimous.

Mr. Coyle suggested the abutters be notified when Giardino's comes before the Board requesting the outdoor dining. There is an afterhours food truck behind the building from 10-midnight or 10-1 a.m. How would that come into play? They advertise that they have music and they have outdoor seating already for that. Is that a separate area? They will look into that.

3. **Request for Pledge of License, Maritime Services LLC dba Abington Depot.** Matthew O'Connor, 754 Plymouth Street – he and his wife Michelle have owned the Depot for three years and have recently had the opportunity to buy the building and would like to request a pledge of license for their mortgage company. This just puts his liquor license as collateral with the mortgage company. Mr. Coyle pointed out that an address needed to be corrected on the ABCC application. Motion by Ms. Emery to approve the Pledge of License for Maritime Services LLC dba Abington Depot, seconded by Mr. Eddy, unanimous.
4. **Board discussion on meeting weeks, dates and times.** Mr. Coyle suggested meeting for a while every Monday for the three new members to get up to speed. There are a lot of things he'd like to see put on the agenda, through May at least. Mr. Cormier suggested 6:30 p.m. Six p.m. was mentioned and put executive session before the meeting if it looks like it will be a long meeting. The first and third Mondays in June at 6 p.m. was the consensus, with more discussion to follow.

Mr. Bunker recognized Mr. Bezanson's time on the Conservation Commission. He spent 25 years on the Conservation Commission, and six years on the Board of Selectmen, three with Kenny. He was happy to have served.

Announcements:

Mr. Coyle requested to Announcements go back on the agenda at the beginning of the meeting. Town Meeting is on Monday, May 4th at 7 p.m.

May 9th is the Annual Letter Carriers Postal Food Drive

May 9th the Little League parents are having a Comedy Night at the Rockland golf Course at 6 pm

May 16th, Override Ballot Election, Beaverbrook Elementary School, 8 a.m.- 6 p.m.

The board will meet prior to town meeting at the High School on May 4th at 6 pm.

Motion by Mr. Eddy to adjourn at 6:27 p.m., seconded by Mr. Coyle, unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,


Nancy Hurst