

**Minutes
Select Board
January 29, 2026
Cotter Room
10 a.m.**

Members Present: Roger Woods, Chairman, Suzanne Djusberg, Kevin Donovan, Paul Bunker, Nicole Emery, Michael Maresco, Town Manager

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Mr. Donovan to go into Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Bunker, roll call vote: Ms. Emery, yes; Mr. Bunker, yes; Mr. Donovan, yes; Ms. Djusberg, yes; Mr. Woods, yes.

1. Pursuant to the provisions of MGL chapter 30A, section 21(a) 2. To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with non-union personnel – Town Manager.
2. Return to Open Session to Vote on Contract Between the Town of Abington and the Town Manager. Motion by Mr. Donovan to approve the agreement by and between Michael Maresco as Town Manager and the Town of Abington for a period of five years for the purposes of stability and the salaries are delineated in the contract. We need the stability because of our financial times. Seconded by Mr. Bunker. They have done a five year contract with the Police and Fire Chiefs as well to build stability for the town. The vote was unanimous. The Board welcomed Mr. Maresco.

Announcements:

- Mr. Woods read a letter of resignation from the Select Board effective April 24th, 12 p.m., leaving a one-year unexpired term.
- Ms. Djusberg announced she would not be seeking re-election. She thanked Mr. Donovan and Mr. Woods for their guidance and for the Town for its support.

- Mr. Donovan announced he will not be running for re-election. His goal was to build a new fire headquarters and DPW facility, which was approved by the voters and should be occupied in early 2027.

All three members felt confident that the Town is good hands with Mr. Maresco and that he is qualified to perform the duties of a strong Town Manager.

Motion by Mr. Donovan to notify the Town Clerk of the one-year unexpired term of Mr. Woods to be placed on the official ballot for the April 2026 election and the two openings for three-year terms, seconded by Ms. Emery, unanimous. The people in Town will now have the opportunity to step forward to volunteer their time.

Motion by Mr. Donovan to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Emery, unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Hurst