

**Minutes
Select Board
Monday, June 22, 2026
Cotter Room
6:00 p.m.**

Members Present: Paul Bunker, Chairman, Nicole Emery, Ken Coyle, Daniel Eddy, William Cormier, Michael Maresco, Town Manager

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

Announcements:

- **Mr. Coyle** – listed the Abington Summer Concert Schedule (attached) which is held at the Nisby Bandstand, starting July 12 through August 30th.
- **Recipient of 2026 Emergency Medical Service Award** – Firefighter/Paramedic Justin Silva in recognition for professionalism and extraordinary service provided to our community. Chief Jack Glynn – Every year they do training at Brockton Hospital and are asked for nominees for this Award. He nominated Justin for his dedication and life-saving methods. He sets the EMS standards for the team and is the key to this department. Mr. Bunker read a Citation from the Board.

Chief Glynn spoke about a drowning incident that required the Plymouth County Tech Rescue Team, the dive team, to be activated. The outcome was not what they hoped for, but the members of the team from Abington, Captain Cotti, team leader, Justin Silva, Mike Concannon, Kyle Gerrior, all did what they had to do under very difficult diving conditions. His guys stand out and strive for excellence, and he is extremely proud of them. They care about our community.

- **Sara Gainey, School Department, and Melanie Whitney, Chairperson, School Committee, attended and explained the criteria behind each of the following awards. Ms. Emery presented the recipients with a Citation from the Select Board.**
 - **Recipient of the 2026 Deirdre Volunteer Service Award** – Katrina Rice
 - **Recipients of the 2026 Excellence in Special Education Award:**
 - Support Staff Award Recipient – Jess Creighton (BBES)
 - Certified Staff Award Recipient – Amy Grimmett (BBES)
 - **Recipients of the 2026 Chester J. Millett, Jr. Award:**
 - Outstanding Certified Support Staff Award Recipient – Deb Buresh (BBES Paraprofessional)
 - Outstanding Certified Staff Award Recipient – Erin Miner (BBES Special Educator)

Items:

1. **Deborah Grimmett with update on Library's Summer Reading Programs:**

Summer Reading programs were invented to fill the gap between school closing and reopening in the fall. The program will sponsor an elephant and a giraffe and the Friends of the Library provide the funding for that. She outlined all the activities for the different age group that are conducted throughout the week. She is very proud of her staff.

2. **Melissa Cook and Melanie Whitney, Teen Center Initiative Committee, with update.** They reviewed the attached information, “Investing in Our Teens.” There is a need, they just need help. Mr. Coyle suggested one member of the Board be a liaison to this committee. The Board is supportive of what they are doing. Mr. Eddy would like to be the Board liaison. Mr. Coyle mentioned the Lions trying to come up with a centralized calendar of youth events as a goal. Motion by Mr. Cormier to nominate Mr. Eddy as liaison to the Teen Center Initiative Committee, seconded by Ms. Emery, unanimous.

Mr. Coyle suggested going forward, Executive Session is either scheduled at 5 pm, prior to the regular meeting, or at the end of the meeting.

1. **Vote on Minutes:** June 8, 2026, motion by Mr. Coyle, seconded by Mr. Cormier, unanimous.
2. **Status of COA van regarding repairs and insurance.** Town Manager – Marcus is going to look it over, put a new battery in it, check the brakes, working with MIIA on getting coverage for non town employees. As long as the van doesn’t need anything major, the van will be parked here and will be able to be used to shuttle people from the Middle/High School to the parking lot. Hopefully, it will be ready for July 12th and because it is a town vehicle they won’t have to pay for gas.
3. **Vote on Board and Committee Appointments and Annual Reappointments.** Motion to appoint as per the attached list made by Mr. Coyle, seconded by Ms. Emery, unanimous. A separate motion was made on the Conservation Commission appointments as listed, made by Mr. Coyle, seconded by Ms. Emery, unanimous.
4. **Vote on Annual Commercial Garage License Renewals.** Motion by Mr. Coyle to approve pending completed paperwork, inspections, and up-to-date taxes, effective July 1, 2026, seconded by Mr. Cormier, unanimous.
5. **Vote to approve the sale of a \$2,000,000 4.00 percent General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes (the “Notes”) of the Town dated June 26, 2026, and payable April 22, 2027, to Fidelity Capital Markets, a division of National Financial Services LLC at par and accrued interest plus a premium of \$16,220.00.** Both Water Boards want to make some improvements in the facility. This involves renovation of the existing automatic backwash filter known as ABW at Hannigan Waste Treatment Plant in Rockland and replacement of existing four water pressure vessels at Myers Avenue in Abington. These are original to the plant being built in 1974. \$2M is the Town of Abington’s share. This is a major investment in the water system itself. This will improve efficiency and will be state of the art equipment.

Vote of the Select Board

I, the Clerk of the Select Board of the Town of Abington, Massachusetts, certify that at a meeting of the board held June 22, 2026, of which meeting all members of the board were duly notified and at which a quorum was present, the following votes were unanimously passed, all of which appear upon the official record of the board in my custody:

Voted: to approve the sale of a \$2,000,000 4.00 percent General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes (the “Notes”) of the Town dated June 26, 2026, and payable April 22, 2027, to Fidelity Capital Markets, a division of National Financial Services LLC at par and accrued interest plus a premium of \$16,220.00.

Further Voted: that in connection with the marketing and sale of the Notes, the preparation and distribution of a Notice of Sale and Preliminary Official Statement dated June 3, 2026, and a final Official Statement dated June 10, 2026, each in such form as may be approved by the Acting Town Treasurer, be and hereby are ratified, confirmed, approved and adopted.

Further Voted: that the Acting Town Treasurer and the Select Board be, and hereby are, authorized to execute and deliver a significant events disclosure undertaking in compliance with SEC Rule 15c2-12 in such form as may be approved by bond counsel to the Town, which undertaking shall be incorporated by reference in the Notes for the benefit of the holders of the Notes from time to time.

Further Voted: that we authorize and direct the Acting Town Treasurer to establish post issuance federal tax compliance procedures and continuing disclosure procedures in such forms as the Acting Town Treasurer and bond counsel deem sufficient, or if such procedures are currently in place, to review and update said procedures, in order to monitor and maintain the tax-exempt status of the Notes and to comply with relevant securities laws.

Further Voted: that any certificates or documents relating to the Notes (collectively, the “Documents”, may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be regarded as an original and all of which shall constitute one and the same document; delivery of an executed counterpart of a signature page to a Document by electronic mail in a “.pdf” file or by other electronic transmission shall be as effective as delivery of a manually executed counter part signature page to such Document; and electronic signatures on any of the Documents shall be deemed original signatures for the purposes of the Documents and all matters relating there to, having the same legal effect as original signatures.

Further Voted: that each member of the Select Board, the Town Clerk and the Acting Town Treasurer be and hereby are, authorized to take any and all such actions, and execute and deliver such certificates, receipts or other documents as may be determined by them, or any of them, to be necessary or convenient to carry into effect the provisions of the foregoing votes.

I further certify that the votes were taken at a meeting open to the public, that no vote was taken by secret ballot, that a notice stating the place, date, time and agenda for the meeting (which agenda included the adoption of the above votes) was filed with the Town Clerk and a copy thereof posted in a manner conspicuously visible to the public at all hours in or on the municipal building that the office of the Town Clerk is located, or if applicable, in accordance with an alternative method of notice prescribed or approved

by the Attorney General as set forth in 940 CMR 29.03(2)(b), at least 48 hours, not including Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays, prior to the time of the meeting and remained so posted at the time of the meeting, that no deliberations or decision in connection with the sale of the Notes were taken in executive session, all in accordance with G. L. c.30A. §§18-25 as amended. Dated: June 22, 2026, signed Paul Bunker, Clerk of the Select Board. Motion by Ms. Emery to approve, seconded by Mr. Cormier, unanimous.

6. **Discussion on Trash Advisory Committee.** Mr. Coyle would like to be on this Committee. He would like to see more items going to the Compost Site – cardboard, Styrofoam, scrap metal. Plymouth County Mosquito will pick up tires for free in the spring. He would like to see a seven member committee and brainstorm ideas – from Select Board, Finance Committee, Board of Health and four members at large. Mr. Eddy would like to get the trash off the BOH and on to the Advisory Committee. Mr. Cormier would volunteer for that Committee. It will be on the agenda for the July 13th meeting. Mr. Coyle made the motion that a Trash Advisory Committee be formed made up of four members at large, a member of the Select Board, a member of the Finance Committee and a member of the Board of Health, meeting in a public place with agendas and minutes, seconded by Mr. Cormier, unanimous.

7. **Town Manager's Report:**

- We signed a contract with CLA who is going to come in and do a reconciliation of the accounts for '25 and '26. FY'24 was closed out. We've got to close out '25 and '26. We're going into '27.
- He is working with labor counsel on a new contract for the Library.
- We got three bids in on the schools, and he's very excited. He's got to check out some of the material, but it will be very positive for the town.
- He had a meeting with the Police Chief on potential issues with aggressive dogs and working with town counsel.
- Working with the construction company on the removal of dirt piles on the construction site. They hope to get DPW into their facility by November.
- He is working with the Preliminary Search Committee for the Health Agent. Jodie and Michele downstairs have spearheaded the calls that come in on trash. They will definitely have to have at least a part time nurse for MAVEN.
- The deadline for applications for Treasurer/Collector is July 20th. It is up on the MMA and Mass Treasurer's Association website.
- John and John from the compost site are doing a phenomenal job. They have a roll off bin for the aluminum stuff, He just got the metals taken out, mattresses emptied again. He's having the Christmas trees moved out. He's trying to get some gravel put down where it's very muddy. He ordered 150 more trash barrels and 50 yellow covers; they are down to eight barrels.
- Had lunch with the South Shore Chamber of Commerce Luncheon on Development in Braintree.
- Working with the Water Board to fill the two vacancies. We have that potentially scheduled for July 13th.
- He is working with All State on the transition from Boston Carting to All State. Cards will be going in the mail. Jodie helped with that to make sure the information going out was correct. Information will be at the Senior Center, Town Hall and the Library.
- He is working with the Town Clerk to get the updated Charter that was voted on in '24 and special election in '25. We need to get this codified and up on the website.

Executive Session: To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares.

- Abington Public Schools, Student Transportation Bid #2026-01, Bid Protest from First Student, Inc.
- 219 North Avenue Sewer Enforcement, Lekkass v. 219 North Ave. Abington LLC, Plymouth Sup. Ct., C.A. No. 2683CV00523.
- Jane A. Matiyosus v. Abington Zoning Board of Appeals, Plymouth Superior Court, C.A.No. 2683CV00466.
- Town of Abington v. Pro Realty, LLC and Victor and Holly Cimino, Plymouth Superior Court, C.A. No. 2583CV00870.
- Victor Cimino v. Town of Abington, Plymouth Superior Court, C.A.No. 2683CV00109.
- Town of Abington v. GDG Realty Holdings, LLC, Plymouth Superior Court, C.A.No. 2583CV00911.
- Town of Abington v. Vincent J. D’Andrea, Plymouth Superior Court, C.A. No. 2583CV00723.
- Marcelino Montrond v. Town of Abington, Plymouth Superior Court, C.A.No. 2483CV00128.

The Board will not be returning to open session. Motion by Mr. Bunker, seconded by Ms. Emery. Roll call vote: Mr. Cormier, aye; Mr. Eddy, aye; Mr. Coyle, aye; Ms. Emery, aye; Mr. Bunker, aye. Mr. Coyle stated this sounds worse than it is. Atty. Corbo – in most of these cases, the town is the plaintiff bringing an enforcement action to someone else to comply with the town’s bylaws and regulations. (7:22 p.m.)

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Hurst