

**Minutes
Select Board
Monday, March 30, 2026
Cotter Room
10 a.m.**

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

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Items:

1. Recognition of Sgt. Stephen Marquardt

- The meeting was turned over to Police Chief Bonney in recognition of Sgt. Marquardt's heroic actions on March 6th, saving the life of a young lady trying to commit suicide on the train tracks on Plymouth Street. The train was approaching and Sgt. Marquardt had to physically remove her from the tracks against her will. He called for an ambulance and Officers Hulak and Walsh assisted, as well as AFD. He shared this video to show that police officers are always there to help. Sgt. Marquardt was there in this woman's darkest moment.

The life-saving Medal of Valor at Abington Police Department is awarded to employees with total disregard for their personal safety to save the life of another. Sgt. Marquardt's actions on March 6th are exactly what this medal is designed for. The medal has been ordered but is not in yet. Chief Bonney presented Sgt. Marquardt with a citation recognizing his courage, his leadership and setting the bar so high for all of them.

- State Rep. Alyson Sullivan-Almeida – presented Sgt. Marquardt with a citation from the House of Representatives in recognition of his bravery, and his life-saving measures that saved the life of someone else. He was also presented with a flag flown over the State House in Boston for his bravery and heroism and a citation from the Governor's office in recognition of his brave work and dedication to the Police Department of Abington and setting an example for all law enforcement across the Commonwealth.
- Senator John Keenan – the citizens in the Town of Abington know that the police officers will do the right thing in times of crisis or emergency. Sgt. Marquardt promised to serve and protect and that's what he has done. Senator Keenan presented him with a citation from the Senate in recognition of his service.

- Town Manager Michael Maresco and members of the Select Board presented a citation for his heroic service, going above and beyond the call of duty. Mr. Woods – this isn't just one time that Stephen has done something heroic in his career. It's a career that he has built, and the Board wanted him to know that he does this on a regular basis, as do his fellow police officers, but they know it is a culmination that has brought him to this and what he has done for the town. They congratulated and thanked him on behalf of the town.

2. **Pinning Ceremony for new Firefighter**

Fire Chief Jack Glynn – seconded everything that everybody has said about Stephen Marquardt. He's had the good fortune to work with him for thirty years and congratulated him.

They recently had a hazardous material incident at Stop & Shop, a freon leak. They were able to mitigate it quickly because one of the State Hazmat Team members is our Deputy Chief.

The little boy that was lost in Marshfield – Captain Chris Cotti was recently promoted as the Deputy Director of the Plymouth County Tech Rescue Team, and many other members of their department are members of that team, and helped with the search looking for the little boy.

Chief Glynn wanted to thank Chairman Woods for allowing them to recognize their people and the things they are doing. It's such a great opportunity for Police and Fire to be able to talk about their departments.

- Firefighter/Paramedic Adam Levine decided to retire from the department after twelve years of service. He served 29 years in Fire/EMS. He started his career with Boston EMS, and finished his career with Abington Fire, effective this week. They wanted to thank him for his service. He's made a difference to a lot of people in the Town of Abington. It created an opening that they had to fill quickly. One of the people they had ride with them in the past as a paramedic intern is Matt Disciullo, who connected with everybody for his work ethic, his personality, intelligence. He will be starting the academy in September. They will start him on the truck right away, do some on the job training. His mother pinned him. Rep. Alyson Sullivan-Almeida welcomed Matt to the department and presented him with a citation from the House of Representatives. Senator John Keenan welcomed Matt, congratulated him on joining the Abington Fire Department and presented him with a citation from the Senate. Town Clerk Leanne Adams swore in Matt Disciullo.

3. **Vote on Minutes:** 02/26/2026 – Motion to approve made by Mr. Donovan, seconded by Ms. Djusberg, unanimous.
4. **Vote to approve Used Article Annual License Renewals** – The Designer Diva, 171 Brockton Avenue and Whitman Estate Furniture, 800 Brockton Avenue. Motion to approve made by Mr. Donovan, seconded by Ms. Djusberg, unanimous.

5. **Vote on polling hours for April 25th and May 16th Elections – 8 a.m.-6 p.m.** Motion to approve made by Mr. Donovan, seconded by Ms. Djusberg. Roll call vote: Mr. Bunker, yes; Ms. Emery, yes; Mr. Donovan, yes; Ms. Djusberg, yes; Mr. Woods, yes.
6. **Discussion and vote for a new RFP for the sale of North and Center Schools.** Motion to approve made by Mr. Donovan, seconded by Ms. Emery. Roll call vote: Mr. Bunker, yes; Ms. Emery, yes; Mr. Donovan, yes; Ms. Djusberg, yes; Mr. Woods, yes.
7. **Renewal of Class 11 license, ABC Tech Squad, 201 N. Quincy Street** – letter received from Building Commissioner approving the parking plan. Motion by Mr. Donovan to approve the renewal, seconded by Mr. Bunker. Roll call vote: Mr. Bunker, yes; Ms. Emery, yes; Mr. Donovan, yes; Ms. Djusberg, yes; Mr. Woods, yes.
8. **Vote to accept donation of enclosed trailer to the Police Department from Seoane Garden Center.** Motion to accept the donation made by Ms. Djusberg, seconded by Ms. Emery. Roll call vote: Ms. Emery, yes; Mr. Bunker, yes; Mr. Donovan, yes; Ms. Djusberg, yes; Mr. Woods, yes.
9. **Vote on Hanock Street Eminent Domain Takings** – Mr. Maresco conducted a public hearing and thanked John Stone and his staff. Mr. Maresco's memorandum of the meeting is attached. Motion to approve the takings made by Ms. Emery, seconded by Mr. Donovan. Roll call vote: Mr. Bunker, yes; Ms. Emery, yes; Mr. Donovan, yes; Ms. Djusberg, yes; Mr. Woods, yes.
10. **Vote on Gordon Circle Roadway Acceptance pending Planning Board recommendation.**
 - Mr. Maresco's memorandum of the meeting with the residents from Gordon Circle is attached. Mr. Woods explained that a developer puts up a bond when you build a road. When you finish the road, you apply to the town to get your bond back. This is 20 years ago. He doesn't know why the developer didn't ask for his bond back. He wants to vote on the Town Manager's recommendation first. This is not the fault of the homeowners. He would recommend they send a letter recommending to the Planning Board that they scoop the bond. This has fallen through the cracks. Motion by Ms. Emery to approve the Town Manager's recommendation of the bylaw to the Planning Board, seconded by Ms. Djusberg. Roll call vote: Mr. Bunker, yes; Ms. Emery, yes; Mr. Donovan, yes; Ms. Djusberg, yes; Mr. Woods, yes.
 - Motion by Mr. Donovan to have the town accept the street at Town Meeting after the Planning Board recommendation, seconded by Ms. Djusberg. Roll call vote: Mr. Bunker, yes; Ms. Emery, yes; Mr. Donovan, yes; Ms. Djusberg, yes; Mr. Woods, yes.
 - Mr. Woods would like to send a recommendation to the Planning Board that the bond on the road should not be returned. Mr. Donovan made that motion, seconded by Ms.

Djusberg. Roll call vote: Mr. Bunker, yes; Ms. Emery, questioned the legality; Mr. Woods – the money has sat there for 20 years. Mr. Maresco – it is symbolic; it will send a message to future developers that are looking to come to Abington to do developments to finish their projects and get them approved because it's not fair to those residents that were unaware when they bought their houses that their streets weren't approved. We do plow streets unless they're posted not to plow. They have to be safe for our police and fire. Ms. Emery – we're just making a recommendation, and the Planning Board is making the ultimate decision? That's right. Ms. Emery, yes; Mr. Donovan, yes; Ms. Djusberg, yes; Mr. Woods, yes.

11. **Vote to approve the abatement of taxes on the Trufant donated land, including Assessor's Parcels 09-021, 09-025, and 09-046.** This was a very generous thing for Mr. Trufant to do for the Town. Mr. Donovan made the motion to approve the abatement of taxes on the Trufant donated land, seconded by Ms. Djusberg. Roll call vote: Mr. Bunker, yes; Ms. Emery, yes; Mr. Donovan, yes; Ms. Djusberg, yes; Mr. Woods, yes. The Board thanked Mr. Trufant for his generous donation.

Motion by Mr. Donovan to adjourn at 10:41 a.m., seconded by Ms. Djusberg. Roll call vote: Mr. Bunker, yes; Ms. Emery, yes; Mr. Donovan, yes; Ms. Djusberg, yes; Mr. Woods, yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Hurst