

**Minutes
Select Board
Monday, July 13, 2026
Cotter Room
5:00 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.

Mr. Bunker pointed out the framed copy of the Declaration of Independence from our State Representative Alyson Sullivan Almeida

5:05 p.m. Executive Session pursuant to M.G.L. 30A §21 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.

- Superior Court – 2683CV00305 – Cutter v. Abington, et al.
- Superior Court – 2683CV00194 – Sayers v. Abington, et al.
- Department of Labor Relations – MUP-24-10537 – Abington v. MCOP Local 476

Motion by Mr. Cormier, to enter into Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Eddy. Roll call vote: Mr. Cormier, aye; Mr. Eddy, aye; Mr. Coyle, aye; Ms. Emery, aye; Mr. Bunker, aye.

5:53 p.m. Return to Open Session

Announcements:

- Mr. Bunker: Thanked Mr. Maresco for driving the shuttle van for the first Summer Concert. Mr. Maresco thanked Marcus for getting it in shape for them.
- Mr. Coyle – there is a new group in town called Abington Poppies for spouses of Abington veterans and female veterans.

Public Hearing:

- **6:05 p.m. Request to transfer an all alcohol common victualer license from Mia Regazza, LLC, 268 Washington Street, to Mia Regazza Marshfield, Inc., dba Mia Regazza, 268 Washington Street, and pledge of license, Anne Perry, Manager.** Motion to open the public hearing made by Mr. Eddy, seconded by Ms. Emery, unanimous.

Atty. Frederick Glosser attended representing Mia Regazza Marshfield Inc. Patrick Coelho is the sole officer of the corporation and also his LLC is purchasing the real estate. Attached to the application is the purchase agreement for the restaurant and purchase and sale of the real estate. Financial information is also attached. He and his wife have been operating restaurants for over ten years. They feel they meet

the criteria to have the licenses transferred. Menu and chef will stay the same. They are buying both locations – Abington and Marshfield. The entertainment license will just be radio and tv. Motion made by Mr. Coyle to approve transfer with the current hours and terms of the entertainment license, seconded by Mr. Eddy, unanimous.

- **6:10 p.m. Request by David Payne dba Payne’s Welding Service for a Commercial Garage license, 25 Oak Street, Abington.** Brian Tucker attended for the applicant, David Payne. Payne’s Welding has been in business for 40 years, but he had issues with Zoning which were squared away but realized they didn’t have a commercial garage license. He has worked on all the town vehicles over the years welding in the building next to Abington Automatic Transmission. There was a note from the Assistant Treasurer that there are fees due. It can be issued pending all fees are paid up. If he is there on Saturday, the doors are closed. They are open from Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m., and an occasional Saturday, with up to 14 spaces. They have had fire inspections every year. **Motion by Mr. Coyle to approve the commercial garage license with a copy of the corrected paperwork and contingent on no more than 14 spaces and any funds owed must be paid in full to the town, seconded by Mr. Eddy, unanimous.**
- **6:15 p.m. Request by Peter Saoud dba Abington Automotive for a Commercial Garage license, 225 Brockton Avenue.** Motion by Mr. Cormier to open the public hearing, seconded by Mr. Eddy, unanimous. Peter Saoud attended, applying for a commercial garage license. It was Abington Auto Works previously. It is an existing gas station with a dealership. The garage is separate. He would have ten spaces, on the right side of garage. The Board received an email from the Conservation Agent that there is an enforcement order on the left hand side of the property. He would not be open on Sundays; Monday-Friday would be 8-5, Saturday 8 or 9 to 3 p.m. Mr. Saoud was advised that there were conservation issues on the left hand side of the lot, even where some of the cars are parked. He rarely has more than three to five cars. Motion by Mr. Eddy to approve, seconded by Ms. Emery, unanimous.

Items:

1. **Vote on Minutes: June 11, 2026** - motion to approve made by Mr. Cormier, seconded by Ms. Emery, unanimous.
2. **Appoint ZBA representative to Southfield Redevelopment Zoning Board** – it used to be Andrew Burbine, but now he is our representative to Southfield. Nick Jenks, Zoning Enforcement Officer, recommended Andrew Levrault who is on the Zoning Board and who would be willing. Motion by Mr. Eddy to approve Mr. Levrault, seconded by Mr. Coyle, unanimous.
3. **Vote on Annual Reappointments – COA** – Karen DiLorenzo; **Historical**, Ken Coyle; **Veterans Advisory Council**, Travis Partington. Motion by Ms. Emery to appoint Karen DiLorenzo, seconded by Mr. Coyle, unanimous. Motion by Mr. Bunker to appoint Ken Coyle to Historical Commission, seconded by Mr. Cormier, 4 aye, 1 abstention (Mr. Coyle). Motion by Mr. Bunker, seconded by Ms. Emery to appoint Travis Partington to the Veterans Advisory Council, unanimous.
4. **Discussion and vote on intermunicipal agreement by and between the City of Brockton and the Town of Abington for the Provision of Water.** This is for 161 North Quincy Street Development, an intermunicipal agreement for water. The Select Board voted last August to approve this. The sewer will go to Brockton, through the Brockton Sewer Commission. The effluent will be charged against the

Abington quota. The project is close to Brockton, and the developer Don McGill will pay for pipeline from his own pocket and will be purchasing their water from Brockton. Pipes will come from Brockton, and will come into Abington, down North Quincy Street. They will be paying the City of Brockton for the water. If the board approves this, it should be with the caveat that it agrees with the Brockton City Solicitor as well. There could be another agreement with the homeowner that if there is additional cost, on the Abington side, it is assumed by the homeowner and licensed to do work in Abington. Mr. Maresco – we would have to have an agreement with the property owner to make sure that if a water main breaks on the Abington side, they would have to call John Stone and have an emergency company come in and fix the brake and the town would have to be made whole by the developer. Mr. Coyle referenced #3 and noted that our DPW and Abington Water Board should take a look. Motion by Mr. Coyle to approve contingent upon going to the Brockton City Solicitor and DPW and Joint Water Works to take a look at the specifications before the work is done, seconded by Mr. Cormier, unanimous.

5. **Vote/sign the Residential Curbside Recycling and Trash Contract** – All State came in at \$425,000 less on curbside trash and \$425,000 on recycling on the bids; Republic was \$587,496 on trash, \$587,266 on recycling; Waste was recycling only so not considered; Capital was \$795,000 trash, \$795,000 recycling; Boston Carting came in too late to be considered. Mr. Coyle thanked Mr. Maresco for going out to bid on trash and felt the Trash Advisory Committee would also be a big help in our saving more money. Mr. Maresco - last year's total budget came in at \$1.386M trash pick up all inclusive, so it appears there will be some savings. He wanted to thank John and John who are incredible volunteers and are at the compost site every Saturday and keep everything running smoothly. He thanked Elliott Tree for picking up the Christmas trees. Thanked Jodie and Michelle for managing the day-to-day calls. Dan Kelly from Whitman is Acting Health Agent coming in on Fridays. There is a new order for barrels for replacement as needed. Motion by Mr. Coyle to have Mr. Maresco sign the trash contract, seconded by Mr. Cormier, unanimous.
6. **Vote on year end FY26 transfers** – Andrew Nocon, Finance Director/Town Accountant – explained at the end of the fiscal year, some accounts have surpluses, some have deficits and by state law they have to cover them as best as we can. The July 8th Abington Cam meeting went over all of this. Mr. Nocon reviewed the attached sheet. #1 Debt Service \$525,000 – we were expecting to make a payment on the fire station, ambulance, fire trucks and road paving, but we didn't do the full borrowing this year, anticipating lower interest rates in the future. Town Office – Expenses – net metering sales to other towns \$532,000. Health Insurance - \$100,000 – some people left voluntarily and we saved on their premiums.

As far as where the funds are being transferred, Police Salaries - \$500,000 for full staffing of department. Snow & Ice is \$413,750. The full deficit was \$1.3M. After this transfer, there is still about \$900,000 that is left that we can get some state aid for, \$160,000. The state is going to let us spend free cash early for the next three years to cover that, which will be about \$240,000/year. State aid is \$130,000 better than we thought it would be. State assessment is better by \$50,000; we are \$180,000 ahead of where we were, so that helps. Question on Landfill monitoring – to budget for FY26 it had to be lowered, but the charges didn't go away. The Civil Defense funds – Code Red went out of business. This was the emergency texting notification system, and we had to get another one. The emergency management officer used to be the health nurse. The police chief took that over and now receives a stipend. The PFAS amount will

be charged back to the Water Department. Motion by Ms. Emery to approve the transfers as recommended by the Finance Director and Town Manager, seconded by Mr. Eddy, unanimous.

7. Town Manager's Update

- Working with Payroll to get all our employee payroll updated with the appropriate increases beginning on the new fiscal year, July 1, 2026 (FY27).
- Working with our Fire Chief to get the Fire House Bells removed, repaired, restored and reinstalled at the Flagpole at the new Fire House. The bells will be crated and sent off to the restoration company.
- Prepared an RFP for the new bathrooms at Memorial Field. The deadline to submit a bid package is July 22nd.
- Working on the Licensing Agreement for the Arnold Park Project. The SB will be voting on the agreement at the July 20th meeting. Thank you to the Boston Bruins who donated over \$50,000. Their "B" will be in the center of the court. By state law, they had to do a licensing agreement. Alex Bezanson has been an integral part of this project.
- Working with Cyndi McNamara of the First Baptist Church regarding a licensing agreement for a children's playground, a portion of which will extend onto Town property.
- Chief Glynn and I met with Atty. Hank Naughton whose law firm is spearheading a case against the manufacturers of fire equipment that contains PFAS. There will be no cost to us.
- Working with All State Waste as they begin their contract with the Town of Abington for the curbside trash and recycling collection. Going out to bid was a great savings for the Town of Abington. (\$425K Trash/\$425K Recycling vs. \$1,400,000 Boston Carting).
- Set up cooling centers for the past heat wave at the COA, Library and Town Hall,
- Met with Mr. and Mrs. Nickley regarding a trash Bylaw and/or ballot question regarding trash revenue from the two previous trash overrides. Mr. Coyle suggested they be approached to see if one of them would be on the Trash Advisory Committee.
- Finalized award letter to Causeway Development, the high bidder on the two schools, Center and North, that have been vacant for the last 8 years. The Town will be receiving \$2M plus the building will be preserved historically on the exterior and supply 56 affordable units. It will probably be a two year process with funding and grants. Once they are built, they will generate between \$350K/\$400K/year per school.
- Continue working with Pomeroy our OPM to get rid of the piles of unsuitable fill on ;the construction site working through DEP.
- Dealing with ongoing personnel matters and investigations.
- Waiting for the TC candidates to submit by the deadline of July 20th.
- Posted message on the Town's website looking for four citizens to serve on the Trash Advisory Committee.
- I interviewed two candidates that were referred to me by the Preliminary Screening Committee. I will do background checks and then make the appointment this week.
- I am preparing a job posting for a Payroll Clerk, Admin position in the BOH and TC's office.
- Met with Samantha on getting our summer newsletter out by the end of the month.
- COA Bus was repaired and put into service last night for the concert. Marcus did a great job. Residents were happy with the assistance. Mr. Coyle – the Summer Concerts Committee

appreciated the Select Board and Town Manager authorizing the repairs for them to be able to use the van.

- Mr. Eddy congratulated Mr. Maresco on the sale of the North and Center Schools.

Executive Session

We had a public records request for executive session minutes from 1975. It has been happening in a lot of cities and towns. Gregg Corbo, Town Counsel – in 2012 there was a significant rewrite of the Open Meeting Law, that you have to review executive session minutes from time to time to see whether the executive session purpose has expired so that those minutes can be released to the public. It wasn't required before 2012. We were required to keep them but not release them. Now it is the duty of all boards and committees to review periodically all their executive session minutes to see if they can be released to the public because the purpose has been resolved. When they review them, he will make recommendations of the ones that can be released and ones that should be continued to be withheld.

- **Executive Session** pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, §21(a)(7), to comply with the requirements of G.L. c. 30A, §22(g)(2), to review minutes from past executive sessions held between May 7, 1990, and November 12, 1996, to determine whether any or all of such minutes may be made public.
- **Executive Session** pursuant to G. L. c. 30A , §21(a)(1), to discuss an Open Meeting Law complaint about the Board's review and release of executive session minutes, and not to return to open session. Motion by Mr. Coyle, seconded by Mr. Eddy. Roll call vote: Mr. Cormier, aye; Mr. Eddy, aye; Mr. Coyle, aye; Ms. Emery, aye; Mr. Bunker, aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Hurst