

**SELECTBOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2020
VIRTUAL MEETING ROOM – 6 P.M.**

Present were Chair Jeff Cyr, Vice Chair Sarah Etelman, member Christopher Geraghty, member Bruce Forcier, member Andrea Miles, and Town Administrator Michael J. Sullivan.

CALL TO ORDER

Cyr called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Health Director Sharon Hart said there are 143 confirmed cases, up 6 six from last week. There are 132 contact cases, up 7 from last week. Probable and suspect cases are 3 and 2, respectively. She said case counts are rising. These numbers are cumulative, and as some residents' statuses change, they are removed or added to the list. The health department follows up with every case, particularly when a resident's self-isolation timeline ends. She will check with the state for the total number of active COVID-positive cases.

For businesses reopening under the state's guidelines, Hart said they must have an opening plan. All business owners should go to the [mass.gov](https://www.mass.gov) website for specifications.

PATIO / OUTDOOR RESTAURANT TEMPORARY PERMIT

Etelman moved pursuant to Executive Order COVID-19, No. 35, issued by Governor Baker on June 1, 2020, and notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 40A (zoning), chapter 138 (alcohol license), or chapter 140 (common victualler) of the general laws, of any special permit, variance or other approvals thereunder, or any general or special law to the contrary, the Town of South Hadley Selectboard vote to permit applications for outdoor seating, and to delegate approval of said applications to the South Hadley Town Administrator which approvals are subject to substantial compliance with the documents, plans and statements contained within said application and submitted therewith which documents are incorporated into said approval by reference. The approvals issued pursuant to this vote shall be freely revocable upon the determination of the Selectboard or their designees that the operation of the outdoor dining area is negatively impacting public health and safety. Further, the approvals issued pursuant to this vote shall automatically be rescinded on Nov. 1, 2020 or upon the rescission of Executive Order COVID-19, No. 35, whichever shall come first. Miles seconded. All in favor.

Restaurants already permitted for outdoor seating such as Johnny's and the Yard Tavern are still subject to the state's reopening plan and its standards.

SOLID WASTE PERMIT FEE FY21

The new solid waste contract with Republic Services will increase the flat curbside collection fee to the 6,400 residents using curbside pick-up by \$50. There will now be a charge for those who bring trash and recyclables directly to the transfer station. Because the town must pay additional funds to dispose of the trash and recycling brought to the transfer station instead of left at the curbside, Sullivan said that cost is born by all residents - including those who never go to the transfer station to dispose of trash. By charging a fee for those who bring trash and recycling to

the transfer station, there is an equity among those who do and do not bring trash to the transfer station.

Cyr said he was concerned about neighbors banding together, compiling all of their trash and having one resident bring all of the neighbors' trash in one visit to the transfer station to avoid paying individually. He suggested capping green bag disposal at 10 bags and recyclable containers to four at one time. Sullivan said if this becomes a problem the town could revisit it. Etelman said not having a limit in writing sets the town up for problems. She does not want to charge residents extra to recycle.

Miles motioned to accept the revised trash fee schedule as amended up to 10 green bags at one time at the transfer station for \$5. Geraghty second.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Member Geraghty - Aye

Member Forcier - Aye

Member Miles - Aye

Vice Chair Etelman - Aye

Chair Cyr - Aye

Sullivan said the target date to open the transfer station is July 8. Cyr said he would encourage a vote at the board's next meeting on the flat curbside collection fee.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Sullivan said the Selectboard will need to inform town meeting members if they are going to discuss reducing town meeting quorum as the new law allows to 10 percent for the June 17 meeting. He said it doesn't stop anyone from attending the meeting, but it protects against a potential low turnout. Geraghty noted if quorum isn't met and town meeting cannot be held, a one-twelfth budget would need to be prepared. Etelman moved to accept 10 percent quorum. Miles seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Member Geraghty - Aye

Member Forcier - Aye

Member Miles - Aye

Vice Chair Etelman - Aye

Chair Cyr - Aye

ADJOURN

Miles moved to adjourn the meeting. Etelman seconded. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m. a

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
Kristin Maher
Executive Assistant to Administration