

**Selectboard
Meeting Minutes
December 23, 2019
Town Offices
Open Session
1:00 p.m.**

The open session of the Selectboard of the Town of Whately was called to order on December 23, 2019 at 1:05 p.m. by the Chairperson, Joyce Palmer-Fortune. Also present were Selectboard Members Frederick Orloski and Jonathan Edwards. Also present was Town Administrator Brian Domina.

The Board met with, Patrick Carnevale, from the Western Massachusetts Governor's Office to have a general discussion about some of the issues facing the Town. The Board and Mr. Carnevale discussed the delay in marijuana licensing at the Cannabis Control Commission, the ambiguity surrounding host community impact fees and how those fees can be spent, the delay in approving the Town's electricity aggregation plan by the Department of Public Utilities, the desire for electric vehicle charging stations at the Whately park and ride, the inability of municipalities to raise additional revenue without state approval (i.e. local option taxes), solar energy and barriers to increase solar energy generation (regulations, utilities, costs).

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 pm