



WHATELY SELECTBOARD

Meeting Agenda

February 28, 2023 | 6:00 pm

In Person

Whately Town Offices
4 Sandy Lane
Whately, MA

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1. Meeting Minutes: Review and vote to approve the meeting minutes from February 16, 2023
2. Vendor & Payroll Warrants: Review past vendor and payroll warrants
3. Public Comment: Listen to comments from the public related to items not listed on the agenda
4. Public Hearings:
 - a. **(continued from 02/16/23)** Utility Pole Hearing (6:05 pm): Petition to Install and Maintain Underground Lines for the Transmission of Electricity from Western Massachusetts Electric Company (dba Eversource) in the area of the intersection of River Road and Straits Road in Whately, MA.
5. Scheduled Appointments:
 - a. Water Commissioners (6:25 pm) to discuss with the Selectboard the installation of water meters at town buildings and other aspects of the relationship between the Water Department Enterprise Fund and other Town finances
6. COVID19: *****Reminder – COVID19 rapid tests are available at the Town Offices*****

7. Old Business:

- a. To discuss next steps with the Whately Center School (insurance renewal, Historical Commission input)
- b. To discuss the formation of a stakeholders group for the Exit 35 Area Planning Study
- c. To discuss the Haydenville Road Reconstruction Project as it relates to land provided in mitigation under Article 97 of the Massachusetts State Constitution

7. New Business

- a. To discuss the staffing levels of the police department in relation to the fiscal year 2024 budget request
- b. To discuss the training needs of newly hired employees and possible solutions (consultants, training stipend)
- c. To review, discuss and vote on the following appointments (if necessary):
 - i. Treasurer/Collector (Interim or Permanent)
 - ii. Assistant Treasurer Collector
 - iii. Fire Chief (effective June 17, 2023)
 - iv. Community Development Administrator/Assistant Town Administrator

8. Selectboard Liaison Updates: Timely updates from the Selectboard members serving on other boards and committees

9. Town Administrator Updates: (Items likely to be discussed) Herlihy Park accessibility improvements; Complete Streets project update; CRMA grant application – Christian Lane; municipal electricity aggregation;

10. Items not Anticipated:

11. Adjourn

Next Meetings: March 14, 2023 and March 28, 2023