

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MARCH 26, 2020
SPECIAL MEETING

Members Present: David Andrade, Nelson Almeida, David Viera,
Chris Zorra, Justin Sullivan

Town Administrator: Shawn E. Cadime

Town Clerk Florice Craig was also in attendance.

The meeting was held via telephone remotely.

Chairman Andrade announced that, in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30(A), Section 20(f), any person recording the meeting must notify the Chairman. The Board of Selectmen is recording via audio and video.

Chairman Andrade opened the meeting at 6 p.m.

He urged residents to continue to look at the town's website and other sites to get the latest updates on the COVID-19.

Chairman Andrade said anyone who wants to contact a department head should call town hall and leave a message. Department heads will return calls.

Mr. Cadime added that department heads will respond to calls remotely from their homes.

PRIORITY MATTERS

Vote to Postpone the April 6, 2020 Election and Consideration of a New Date for the Election due to the COVID-19

A motion by Mr. Viera, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, to cancel the April 6, 2020 election was amended as follows: It was unanimously

VOTED: Pursuant to Section 1, Chapter 45, of the Acts of 2020 and because of the State of Emergency Declaration by the Governor pursuant to Executive Order 591 Declaration of the State of Emergency response to COVID-19, the municipal town election scheduled for April 6, 2020 is hereby postponed.

The vote: Mr. Viera – Aye; Mr. Sullivan – Aye; Mr. Almeida – Aye; Mr. Zorra – Aye; Chairman Andrade – Aye.

Mr. Cadime said there have been discussions with the Town Clerk about rescheduling the election. It is recommended to go out as far as possible. That is June 30, 2020. The schools will be closed.

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Mr. Sullivan said a date earlier than that could mean having to reschedule again depending on the situation.

Town Clerk Florice Craig advised that Rehoboth has gone with June 30, 2020.

Mr. Almeida said he would go along with it because Rehoboth has done it.

A motion was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Viera, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To reschedule the municipal town election for Tuesday, June 30, 2020.

The vote: Mr. Sullivan – Aye; Mr. Viera – Aye; Mr. Almeida – Aye; Mr. Zorra – Aye; Chairman Andrade – Aye.

Mr. Almeida asked about keeping the political signs up until after the election.

Under the circumstances, Mr. Cadime recommended the signs could stay up.

A motion was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Zorra, and it was unanimously

VOTED: That political signs remain until after the election on June 30, 2020.

The vote: Mr. Sullivan- Aye; Mr. Zorra – Aye; Mr. Almeida – Aye; Mr. Viera – Aye; Chairman Andrade – Aye.

Mr. Zorra said he has received e-mails on an issue and asked to address it. However, Chairman Andrade suggested he forward it to Mr. Cadime because it is not an agenda item.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Viera, seconded by Mr. Zorra, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To adjourn at 6:29 p.m.

The vote: Mr. Viera – Aye; Mr. Zorra – Aye; Mr. Almeida – Aye; Mr. Sullivan – Aye; Chairman Andrade – Aye.

Respectfully submitted:

Prepared by:

David Viera, Clerk

Patricia Gamer, Secretary

