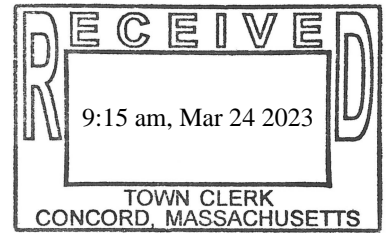


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Select Board
Minutes
January 19, 2023**



Pursuant to a notice duly filed with the Town Clerk, the Concord Select Board convened in a meeting in Room 242 of the Learning Commons at Concord-Carlisle High School and via Zoom on January 19, 2023, at 6:30 PM.

Present were: Matthew Johnson, Chair; Terri Ackerman, Clerk; Henry Dane; Linda Escobedo; and Mary Hartman

Call to Order

Chair Johnson opened the meeting at 6:30 PM.

Consent Agenda

- Special Town Election Early In-Person Voting – Friday, February 10, 2023 and Saturday, February 11, 2023 – for Special Town Election scheduled on Thursday, February 16, 2023
- One Day Liquor License Application for Wine and Malt Beverages only for the Concord Children’s Center at the Nashoba Brooks School Sur Barn at 200 Strawberry Hill Road from 5:30 PM to 10:00 PM on January 20, 2023

Upon a duly made motion, it was UNANIMOUSLY **voted:** to approve the Consent Agenda.

**Discuss Select Board Statement on Special Town Meeting
Article 5: Concord Middle School Building Project**

Upon a duly made motion, it was UNANIMOUSLY **voted:** to approve the Select Board statement on Special Town Meeting Article 5: Concord Middle School Building Project as included in the Select Board meeting packet.

Review Special Town Meeting Voter Information Packet

Chair Johnson opened the discussion on the Special Town Meeting Voter Information Packet.

Mr. Dane suggested that the estimated annual tax impact based on the total project cost be added to the “Yes Vote” and “No Vote” statements at the bottom of Page 1.

The Select Board concurred.

Ms. Ackerman noted that a closed parentheses is missing from Paragraph 4 on Page 1. Ms. Ackerman continued and stated that the “No Vote” statement at the bottom of Page 1 does not include the same information of the options that are available as in the “Argument Against” argument on Page 2. Ms. Ackerman stated that the following statement from the “Argument

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Against" could also be included: *"The Building Committee should re-visit the design with the goal of adhering to the \$102.8M authorized budget"*.

Mr. Johnson noted that there is a typo in the "No Vote" statement on Page 1 and that "level" should be "levy".

Town Counsel Mina Makarious joined the Select Board meeting.

The Select Board discussed Mr. Dane's suggestion of including the estimated annual tax impact based on the total project cost in the "Yes Vote" and "No Vote" statements at the bottom of Page 1 with Town Counsel. The Select Board concurred to strike the second sentence of the "No Vote" statement.

Town Counsel Makarious accepted the Select Board's amendments to the Special Town Meeting Voter Information Packet as discussed.

Review Annual Town Meeting Letter to Voters

Chair Johnson opened the discussion regarding the Annual Town Meeting Letter to Voters.

Mr. Dane noted that because the letter is to be signed by the Select Board and the Town Moderator that the narrative should not come from "I", but "we".

Ms. Escobedo noted that the letter currently indicates that the warrant identifies (rather than Town Moderator) which warrant articles require a 2/3rd vote in Paragraph 2 on Page 2.

Chair Johnson acknowledges that this sentence can be removed.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was UNANIMOUSLY
voted: to approve the Annual Town Meeting Letter to Voters as included in the
Select Board meeting packet with the discussed amendments.

Adjournment

Chair Johnson adjourned the meeting.