



APPROVED

**LANCASTER SELECT BOARD  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
of Monday, January 8, 2024, 6:00 P.M.  
Held via ZOOM only**

**ZOOM:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84371385140>

**Meeting ID 843 7138 5140**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Select Board Chair Stephen Kerrigan called the meeting to order at 6:00PM and advised that the meeting was being recorded and broadcast via Sterling-Lancaster Cable Television.

*Additional materials for Select Board meetings are available at <https://www.ci.lancaster.ma.us/administration-select-board> > Meeting Materials.*

Roll call vote taken, Jason A. Allison, present, Alexandra W. Turner, present, Stephen J. Kerrigan, present. Also present, Kate Hodges, Town Administrator.

**I. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

Review and take action on the Select Board's Regular Meeting Minutes of November 20, 2023 and December 18, 2023.

Mr. Allison asked that the minutes of November 20, 2023 continue to be tabled, with a draft set of minutes posted, until he receives some additional information.

Ms. Turner moved to approve the minutes of December 18, 2023. Mr. Allison seconded the motion. Ms. Turner stated that the discussion about the Government Study Committee's timeframe should be clarified. Mr. Kerrigan stated that the Government Study Committee will be meeting with the Select Board on January 22. Ms. Turner moved to amend the minutes to reflect that the Government Study Committee offered to present a draft proposal by January 8, 2024, so that a record of the timeline is created. No second was heard to this amendment; the amendment failed for lack of a second. Ms. Turner requested that the minutes be left in draft form until Messrs. Kerrigan and Allison have the opportunity to review the meeting. Mr. Kerrigan disagreed, stating that Board members wishing to amend minutes should submit changes to Ms. Hodges in advance; Ms. Turner withdrew her motion. Mr. Allison offered a motion to approve the minutes of December 18, 2023; Mr. Kerrigan seconded the motion. Ms. Turner reiterated that she thought that the timeline discussed should be included because it was critical to the discussion. *Vote taken, Jason A. Allison, Aye; Alexandra W. Turner, No; Stephen J. Kerrigan, Aye. Motion passed, December 18, 2023 minutes approved. [2-1-0].*

### III. ADMINISTRATION, BUDGET, AND POLICY

#### Discussion and determination relative to Historical Society belongings and questions (Allison)

Mr. Allison reported that he has been corresponding with the Historical Society about the removal of items. About a week ago a new email address was added to the correspondence belonging to an attorney hired by a member of both the Society and the Historical Commission. At Mr. Allison's request, Ms. Hodges reported that she was contacted by Attorney Adam Simms asking if there was something in the works to allow the Society to get their possessions returned; she referred him to Mr. Allison who had worked with Town Counsel on the Separation of Assets Agreement.

Mr. Kerrigan explained that this has to do with the Historical Society, a non-governmental, non-profit organization and the agreement drafted by the Select Board to allow them to take their property from the Exhibit Room in the Prescott Building; the Select Board does not want these items stored on town property. The Society has submitted a supplemental list of items that they want reviewed prior to taking items. Mr. Kerrigan stated that he and Mr. Allison were urging the Society to remove the items that are not in dispute. Mr. Allison explained that there are some conversations that need to be completed regarding ownership of some items.

### IV. APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

#### Appointments

Historical Commission – Associate Members:

- Ann Fuller, 15 Langen Road, Associate Member, term to expire 6/30/27
- John Murphy, 12 Burbank Lane, Associate Member, term to expire 6/30/26

Ms. Turner moved to appoint Ann Fuller as Associate Member of the Historical Commission, term to expire June 30, 2027, and John Murphy, 12 Burbank Lane as Associate Member of the Historical Commission, term to expire June 30, 2026. Mr. Allison seconded the motion. Ms. Turner noted that candidates for appointment are given the opportunity to speak at/to the Select Board. *Vote taken, Jason A. Allison, Aye; Alexandra W. Turner, Aye; Stephen J. Kerrigan, Aye. Motion passed. [3-0-0].*

Ms. Fuller noted that her address as stated above is incorrect and should be 185 Langen Road. Ms. Hodges replied that this correction has already been made on the appointment paperwork and that unfortunately it was not corrected in time for the agenda.

### X. COMMUNICATIONS

- Town Offices will be closed on Monday, January 15, 2024 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Next Select Board meetings will be held on Monday, January 22, 2024

➤ Miscellaneous Correspondence and Memorandums

<b>IX. ADJOURNMENT</b>
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Mr. Allison moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Turner seconded. *Vote taken, Jason A. Allison, Aye; Alexandra W. Turner, Aye; Stephen J. Kerrigan, Aye. Motion passed; meeting adjourned. [3-0-0].*

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Rocco  
Executive Assistant

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Alexandra W. Turner, Clerk