

# TOWN COMMITTEE MINUTES

**RSA** 91-A:2 states that minutes from each meeting of each Town body must “be promptly recorded and open to public inspection not more than five business days after the meeting.”

Minutes are often not in publishable form at that point. Considering the time it takes to make them publishable, and the long lag between issues of the *Beacon*, it may be a month or more before they appear in the *Beacon*.

## School Board

April 7

*Condensed from approved minutes*

This meeting was held remotely (online/telephonically) pursuant to Governor’s Emergency Order #12, dated March 23, 2020.

Elected Board Member Brandon Adams was sworn in prior to this evening’s meeting on March 19 by Merrimack Valley School District Clerk Christie Coll.

As a preface to the meeting, Superintendent Mark MacLean presented the “Presiding Member’s Script To Ensure Meetings Are Compliant With The Right-to Know Law During The State Of Emergency.”

The Andover School Board (ASB) organizational meeting was called to order by Superintendent Mark MacLean.

**Board Present:** Dean Barker, home, solo; Brandon Adams, home, solo; Adam Jones, home, solo; Theresa Georges, home, solo; Aimee Menard, home, solo.

**Administration Present:** Mark MacLean, Randy Wormald, Robin Heins, Kathleen Boucher, Jane Slayton, Judith Turk.

**Public Present:** Molly Morgan, Jane Hubbard

### Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Aimee nominated Dean Barker to serve as the ASB Chairperson for the new term. All were in favor.

Dean nominated Aimee Menard to serve as the ASB Vice-Chairperson for the new term. All were in favor.

### Board Chairperson’s Report

Dean thanked everyone involved in the preparation of the 2020-2021 budget and for their participation in a positive and successful annual meeting. He also expressed appreciation to the SAU and the AE/MS administration and staff for their efforts with the onset of remote instruction for the students. He welcomed Brandon to the ASB and thanked him for serving.

### Principal’s Report

Jane commented on the beginning success of the remote learning process, commending teachers, parents, and students for their hard work. It is a work in progress, and adjustments will be made.

Students in need continue to receive meals, and the Andover community has been generous with donations to families.

Professional development opportu-

nities are being planned for the end of the school year for staff.

### Old Business

**Oil Bids:** Aimee made the motion to accept the bid of \$1.598 per gallon with Huckleberry Oil for the upcoming 2020-2021 fiscal year. All were in favor

### New Business

**April Break:** Adam made the motion to adjust the April vacation schedule to give Monday, April 27, off, engaging in school for the remainder of the week in lieu of the previously scheduled April vacation. All were in favor.

### Superintendent’s Report

Mark acknowledged the positive outreach of the teachers and community as remote learning has initiated. He congratulated Dean and Aimee on their nominations and welcomed Brandon to the ASB. He also commented on a successful annual meeting.

### Assistant Superintendent’s Report

Randy commended Jane and the AE/MS staff for their positive and enthusiastic approach to the setup of remote instruction.

## School Board

May 5

*Condensed from approved minutes*

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**Board Present:** Dean Barker, home, solo; Aimee Menard, home, solo; Brandon Adams, home, solo; Theresa Georges, home, solo; Adam Jones, home, solo.

**Administration Present:** Mark MacLean, Randy Wormald, Robin Heins, Kathleen Boucher, Jane Slayton, Judith Turk.

**Public Present:** Hilary Denoncourt, Greg Stetson, Molly Morgan

### Action From Non-public Session

Dean made the motion to accept the AE/MS staff nominations of Dennis Audet (Plant Manager), Beth Page (Special Education Case Manager) and Alita Phelps (Special Education Case Manager) as presented for the 2020-2021 school year. All were in favor.

## Office Hours & Meetings

### OFFICE HOURS

Town Office: Mon–Thu 9–2  
 Town Clerk & Tax Collector:  
 Mon, Wed & Thu 9–2  
 Tue 1:30–6:30  
 Last Saturday of month, 9–11  
 Zoning Administrator: Mon 9–12, Tues, Thur 9–4, Weds 1–4  
 Transfer Station: Weds 7–6 & Sat, 7–5,  
 Swap Shop - 2nd Sat 8–12  
 Andover Library:  
 Mon, 6–8  
 Wed, 9–12 & 6–8  
 Thu, 1–5 • Sat, 9–12  
 Bachelder Library:  
 Tues, 9–12 & 6–8  
 Thu, Fri 1–5

### MEETINGS

*At the Town Hall unless otherwise noted*  
 Cemetery Trustees: 2nd Tues, 10  
 Last Thu, 7  
 Conservation: 2nd Wed, 7  
 Emergency Medical Service:  
 2nd Wed, Andover Fire Station, 7  
 Fire Department: Mon, 7  
 Fourth of July: 1st Wed  
 Andover Fire Station, 7  
 Library Trustees: 3rd Thu, 7 Andover or  
 Bachelder Library (except July & Aug)  
 Planning Board: 2nd & 4th Tue, 7  
 Recreation: 2nd Wed, 7,  
 AE/MS Science Room (except July)  
 School Board: 1st Tue  
 (except July), 6:30, AE/MS  
 Select Board: 1st & 3rd Mon, 6:30  
 Zoning Board of Adjustment: 3rd Tue, 7

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### Public Comment

Greg Stetson inquired as to the status of the current grant funding allocations and disbursement relating to COVID-19 support.

Molly Morgan requested consideration involving revising the current 2019-2020 school year calendar.

### Board Chairperson’s Report

Dean acknowledged the receipt of thank-you notes from Jane and Gail for their recent Andover School Board retirement recognition presented at the Annual Meeting.

He expressed appreciation to the Andover School Board, school community at large, and all of those who have invested in the safety of our students at this time through their sacrifices.

He highlighted the relevance of Teacher Appreciation Week during remote learning.

### Principal’s Report

Jane spoke of her pride and the generosity of the community at this time through donations. She detailed some current classroom happenings including live art sessions.

Graduation will be held drive-in movie style on June 11, details to follow. The

rain date will be on June 16. Teachers will reenter the school with social distancing and on staggered schedules to prepare their classrooms for summer cleaning on Fridays, beginning on May 15.

Professional development opportunities will be offered at the end of the school year.

### New Business

**Emergency Hire Authorization:** Theresa made the motion to authorize Superintendent Mark MacLean to nominate and hire Andover School District staff as necessary beginning on May 5 and continuing until the September Board Meeting. All were in favor.

### Superintendent’s Report

Mark acknowledged Teacher Appreciation Week and recognized the supporting parents as well. The teachers will be provided with a small token in appreciation of all of their efforts.

### Assistant Superintendent’s Report

Randy echoed the sentiments of Dean, Jane, and Mark, expressing appreciation to all who have been supporting remote learning. A technology consultant, Chris Vose, will be providing support to AE/MS as further needs progress. It will be a stipend position.

### Awareness from page 18

control of property and means of production” but stands for a productive nation’s intelligent management of its resources and services to provide a viable system for all, including our most vulnerable citizens!

COVID-19 has demonstrated clearly to us all that the better our citizens are educated, participate, and are cared for by our medical services, the better we

will be as a nation. This is not a partisan ideology.

Countries with healthcare for all have lost considerably fewer citizens during their COVID-19 event.

Consider your own situation, your neighbors, friends, relatives, fellow citizens, and then decide what is best for the “society.” No freedom is lost in a society that functions to take care of those who, from time to time, must rely on others for help.



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