



**TOWN OF BILLERICA
SELECT BOARD MINUTES
MAY 20, 2025**

Members Present: Chair Michael Rosa, Secretary Jillian Pavidis (Remote), Member John Burrows (Remote), Member Dina Favreau, and Member Daniel Darris-O'Connor

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Acting Town Manager Christopher Dillon, and Assistant Town Manager Robert Maynard

Call to Order 4:00 PM

Chair Rosa called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

Chair Rosa introduced Acting Town Manager Christopher Dillon.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A roll call vote was taken: Member Favreau was Present, Member Darris-O'Connor was Present, Secretary Pavidis was Present, Member Burrows was Present and Chair Rosa was Present.

1. Open Microphone

Barbara Reidy from 10 Maplewood Ave – Ms. Reidy asked if 2024 Audit Report has been received. In regards in the Dina investigation, Ryan's investigation was a general conversation with Town Employees, not under oath and no evidence was provided. This was not an investigation. She contacted Ryan directly and said that it was one-sided and it was set up to find Dina guilty. She would like to find out the cost of this investigation. The Board needs to come together for the residents of Billerica.

Kelley Sardina of 95 Gray Street – Ms. Sardina asked about Griggs and the money that is owed or not owed to him. She has met the Assessor and they have overcharged her for 4 years about \$200 a year. She did not realize it, but it had been fixed moving forward. Is she entitled to a refund just like Griggs for not doing her due diligence? Member Darris-O'Connor was right, this is setting a precedent. We also have a Select Board member going to the press saying the Town owes Mr. Griggs money. She would like an answer to her question at the next meeting.

Chair Rosa stated that there were answers to some questions at the last meeting under the Chair's Report. He will ask Mr. Dillon to ask the Assessor where it stands. We have people in the audience so he is going to jump to Item #3.

Member Burrows stated that there is a special meeting scheduled for 4:05 PM. Chair Rosa replied that is correct, it can start after 4:05 PM but he is going to address Item #3. Member Darris-O'Connor had a point of order, when there were special meetings scheduled like this one in the past, it has been the practice to recess the existing meeting and open the special meeting at the proper time and then return to the regular meeting.

MOTION - Member Darris-O'Connor made a motion to recess the regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Member Burrows. A vote was not called.

Member Favreau had a point of order. The agenda for the special meeting does not comply with Open Meeting Law because it did not comply with the 48-hour notice and does not fall under the definition of an emergency. She would oppose opening this special meeting.

Chair Rosa stated that Member Burrows and Secretary Pavidis called this under Town Charter 7-10. Though they met the threshold of more than 1/3 of the members of the multi member body. They did not meet the charter requirements of the notice to each member and they did not meet the requirement of the 48-hour notice based on the timestamp of the town clerk's office of 5/19/25 at 12:53 PM. It also does not constitute an emergency based on the definition of MGL Chapter 39, Section 23A, Definitions and the definition in the Select Board Policies and Procedures. Further, this is in direct conflict with the Select Board Policy and Procedures 1.0 which clearly states "The Select Board should reorganize and choose officers at the first meeting after the annual town election, which we did on April 7, 2025, we appointed a chair and a secretary for a term of one year until the next upcoming election. The only outstanding appointment is Vice Chair. This action by Selectman Burrows and Selectwoman Pavidis also violates Section 2 of



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Select Board Policies and Procedures that states “All meetings shall be posted in accordance with the Open Meeting Law requirements.” Based on the stated facts, this is an illegal meeting and therefore he will not open the meeting in subject the town to an Open Meeting Law violation, violations of the town charter and Select Board Policies and Procedures.

Member Burrows stated that this was his agenda item and the Chair went and changed it. It originally stated Reorganization of the Select Board. An emergency is different for everyone. You were appointed Chair by being deceitful and violated sections of the policies and procedures.

Chair Rosa stated that he is not going to accused of that.

Member Burrows said he was getting in his f*ing car and coming down to Town Hall. He left the meeting at 4:13 PM.

2. Nominate and Vote on Select Board Vice Chair

MOTION - Member Favreau made a motion to table Agenda Item #2. There was no second.

3. Review and Vote for Contract Award for the Search Firm to Assist with the Town Manager Recruitment – Requested by Chair Rosa

Chair Rosa stated that he met with the Chair of the Town Manager’s Screening Committee (TMSC).

Mike Riley, Chair of Town Manager’s Screening Committee – Mr. Riley stated that the RFP was voted on by the TMSC. Labor Counsel has reviewed and blessed it. He would like the Select Board to vote on the RFP.

Chair Rosa stated that Attachment F is the contract in the RFP and the fee is \$16,800.

MOTION - Secretary Pavidis made a motion to approve the contract with MRI, with a cost of \$16,800 as noted in Attachment F. The motion was seconded by Member Favreau. After the discussion below, it was unanimously approved voted 4-0-0. On a roll call vote: Secretary Pavidis voted Aye, Member Darris-O’Connor voted Aye, Member Favreau voted Aye and Chair Rosa voted Aye.

Member Darris-O’Connor questioned if they were voting on the original document provided or the copy that was provided today at 2:00 PM. Chair Rosa stated that we are voting on the original document with the addition of the cost of \$16,800 in Attachment F.

4. Discussion and Possible Vote to Submit a Community One-Stop Grant for Real Estate Services Technical Assistance – Requested by Chair Rosa

MOTION - Secretary Pavidis made a motion to submit the Community One-Stop Grant for Real Estate Services Technical Assistance. The motion was seconded by Member Favreau and unanimously voted 4-0-0. On a roll call vote: Secretary Pavidis voted Aye, Member Darris-O’Connor voted Aye, Member Favreau voted Aye and Chair Rosa voted Aye.

Katherine Maglieri, Director of Planning and Community Development – Ms. Maglieri stated that this grant opportunity gives us the ability to hire a consultant that will help with technical research to help with the zoning along Rt. 3 to help with economic development.

MOTION - Member Favreau made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting of May 20, 2025 at 4:18 PM. The motion was seconded by Secretary Pavidis and unanimously voted 4-0-0. On a roll call vote: Secretary Pavidis voted Aye, Member Darris-O’Connor voted Aye, Member Favreau voted Aye and Chair Rosa voted Aye.

*Respectfully Submitted by Dawn McDowell,
Recording Secretary*



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Exhibits for the Select Board Meeting – May 20, 2025

Call to order 4:00 PM

- 1. Open Microphone** – No Exhibits
- 2. Nominate and Vote on Select Board Vice Chair** – No Exhibits
- 3. Review and Vote for Contract Award for the Search Firm to Assist with the Town Manager Recruitment – Requested by Chair Rosa** – RFP for Search Firm to Assist with Town Manager Recruitment undated, Addendum undated, Groux-White Application dated 05/10/25, Attachment D dated 05/10/25, MRI Application dated May 2025, Attachment D dated 05/12/25,
- 4. Discussion and Possible Vote to Submit a Community One-Stop Grant for Real Estate Services Technical Assistance – Requested by Chair Rosa** – Memo from Planning and Community Development Department dated 05/15/25, Community One Stop for Growth FY26 Full Application Sample Template undated

Approved On: June 16, 2025