

**Select Board Special Meeting Minutes
December 20, 2021
Memorial Park Field House
92 Rosemary Street
&
Zoom**

11:40 a.m. The meeting was convened by Chair Matt Borrelli. Present were Marianne Cooley, Marcus Nelson, Kevin Keane, Dan Matthews, Assistant Town Manager Dave Davison, Assistant Town Manager Katie King, and Town Manager Kate Fitzpatrick.

The Board walked through the Goal Statement it adopted in August 2021. The Board discussed the progress of the Planning Board’s Housing Committee, the need for a COVID-19 update in January, the concept of regular reporting on use of American Rescue Plan Act funds, the status of committee appointments, a State earmark for a feasibility study of extension of the rail trail into Newton, how to ensure Town Meeting understands the Board’s recommendation for a Federal Railway Administration Quiet Zone, and greater frequency of Human Resources updates on diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts. The Board determined to include a goal to establish a tree by-law committee, and to consider a recommendation for the 2022 Annual Town Meeting with respect to elected bodies. Changes to the Goal Statement will be brought to the Select Board for a vote in January.

1:40 p.m. **Motion by Mr. Nelson: Move that the meeting be adjourned. Second: Ms. Cooley. Unanimous: 5 – 0.**