



Town of Hamilton
Select Board
Tuesday, April 22, 2025

- Caroline Beaulieu, Chair
- Bill Wilson
- Tom Myers
- Rosemary Kennedy
- Bill Olson

7:00 p.m.

Meeting Room at Hamilton-Wenham Library, 14 Union St., Hamilton, MA

AGENDA

This is an IN PERSON meeting. As courtesy for the public, zoom access will also be provided via the below link. However, the meeting will not be terminated in the event that technological issues disrupt the zoom broadcast.

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7:00 p.m.	Call to Order
ANNOUNCEMENTS & BOARD OPENINGS	
	Board and Committee openings: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Affordable Housing Trust – 1 opening• Conservation Commission – 2 openings• Council on Aging – 1 associate openings• Cultural Council – 1 opening• Community Preservation Committee – 1 opening for member of Historic District Commission• Historic District Commission - 2 openings for 3 year terms, 2 openings for 2 year terms (one must be a resident of the Historic District and one must be a resident Realtor)• Human Rights Commission – 1 at-large opening• Hamilton Wenham Cultural Council – 3 openings
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public Comment – Three (3) minutes per person on items not already on the agenda

Items may be heard out of the listed order. The agenda items listed are those items which were reasonably anticipated by the Chair to be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed on the agenda may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board and Town Manager Reports
CONSENT AGENDA	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve HW Garden Club Banner at COA May 3 – May 10, 2025 • Approve annual Amphibious Vehicle Race at Patton Park on May 15, 2025 • Approve minutes of March 24, 2025 Select Board meeting
AGENDA	
7:15 p.m.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Organize the Select Board for the coming year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Nominations and Votes for Select Board Chair ○ Nominations and Votes for Select Board Vice Chair ○ Nominations and Votes for Select Board Clerk/Secretary • Approve appointment of Joanie Melanson to the Hamilton-Wenham Cultural Council – Discuss and Vote • Recap of Annual Town Meeting • Updates for Special Town Meeting • Approve Select Board meeting calendar June – December 2025 • New Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Communication from President Scott Sundquist at Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary • Adjourn

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Hi Cyndi,

Could you please put a request to add to the agenda for the Select Board's April 7, 2025 meeting asking permission for the Hamilton-Wenham Garden Club to hang their Plant Sale Banner at the Council on Aging from Saturday, May 3, 2025 to Saturday, May 10, 2025?

Thank you!

Anne

Anne R. Hughen

Town Clerk's Office - Administrative Assistant/Assistant Town Clerk

Town of Hamilton

650 Asbury St.

P.O. Box 429

Hamilton, MA 01936-0249

978-468-5570 ext. 3

Town of Hamilton

Recreation Department

16 Union St
S. Hamilton, MA 01982
978-468-5590

Park Director: _____

Recreation Director: _____

Police Chief: _____

Fire Chief: _____

REQUEST FOR USE OF PATTON PARK FACILITIES

Today's Date

4/8/25

Organization Name

HWRHS

Organization Address

775 Bay Rd.

Date of Event

5/15/25

Time

9:30 - 10:30

Type of Event

☐

Park

☐

Recreation

☒

School

☐

Town

Description of Event

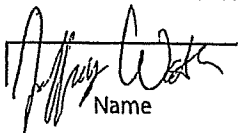
Amphibious Vehicle Race

Area/Field you are requesting

Pond / Patton Park

Number of Attendants

100+


Name

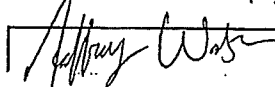
accepts full responsibility to comply with and abide by all regulations of the Town of

Hamilton governing the use of Patton Park and to hold harmless and to defend the Town of Hamilton against claims of any type whatsoever arising in any way from use by our organization of the park and its facilities. The town requires a certificate of insurance naming the Town of Hamilton as an additionally insured party for a minimum of \$1,000,000 per incident general liability coverage and \$3,000,000 aggregate general liability coverage.

It is understood that the use of alcoholic beverages, marijuana, or illegal substances on park property is prohibited. It is further understood that parking is only permitted in designated parking areas and never permitted on the grass or other lawn areas. All litter and refuse of any kind shall be removed and the park returned to its condition before use. If the Town incurs any expense due to our failure to comply with the above terms, we agree to be responsible and to pay the Town's expenses forthwith.

We agree to notify the Hamilton Police Department to inform them of the event and to pay for a police detail if required.

Signature



Print Name

Jeffrey Walsh

Date

4/8/25

Approval for the Town

Date

MIIA PROPERTY AND CASUALTY GROUP, INC.

CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE

DATE(MM/DD/YYYY)
3/27/2025

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE CONTRACTS BELOW.

IMPORTANT: If the certificate holder is an ADDITIONAL INSURED, the contract(s) must be endorsed. A statement on this certificate does not confer rights to the certificate holder in lieu of such endorsement(s).

INSURED
Hamilton Wenham Regional School District
5 School Street
Wenham, MA 01984

PRODUCER
MIIA Member Services
Department 530, P.O. Box 4106
Woburn, MA 01888-4106

COVERAGES

CERTIFICATE NUMBER: 34

REVISION NUMBER:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT CONTRACTS OF INSURANCE LISTED BELOW HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO THE INSURED NAMED ABOVE FOR THE CONTRACT PERIOD INDICATED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REQUIREMENT, TERM OR CONDITION OF ANY CONTRACT OR OTHER DOCUMENT WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE MAY BE ISSUED OR MAY PERTAIN, THE INSURANCE AFFORDED BY THE CONTRACTS DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO ALL THE TERMS, EXCLUSIONS, AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH CONTRACTS.

INSR LTR	TYPE OF INSURANCE	ADDL INSD	CONTRACT NUMBER	CONTRACT EFF (MM/DD/YYYY)	CONTRACT EXP (MM/DD/YYYY)	LIMITS
A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY		HAM00241-04-24	7/1/2024	7/1/2025	Each Occurrence \$1,000,000
	<input type="checkbox"/> CLAIMS-MADE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUR					Damage To Rented Premises (Ea occurrence) \$300,000
						Med Exp (Any one person) \$15,000
						Personal & Adv Injury \$1,000,000
						General Aggregate \$3,000,000
						Products - Comp/Op Agg \$3,000,000
	GEN'L AGGREGATE LIMIT APPLIES PER LOCATION					
A	AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY					COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT (Ea accident)
	<input type="checkbox"/> ANY AUTO					BODILY INJURY (Per person)
	<input type="checkbox"/> ALL OWNED AUTOS	<input type="checkbox"/> SCHEDULED AUTOS				BODILY INJURY (Per accident)
	<input type="checkbox"/> HIRED AUTOS	<input type="checkbox"/> NON-OWNED AUTOS				PROPERTY DAMAGE (Per accident)
A	UMBRELLA LIAB	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUR				EACH OCCURRENCE
	EXCESS LIAB	<input type="checkbox"/> CLAIMS-MADE				AGGREGATE
	DED <input type="checkbox"/> RETENTIONS <input type="checkbox"/>					
A	WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY	<input type="checkbox"/> Y/N	N/A			E.L. EACH ACCIDENT
	ANY PROPRIETOR/PARTNER/EXECUTIVE OFFICER/MEMBER INCLUDED? (Mandatory In NH)					E.L. DISEASE - EA EMPLOYEE
	If yes, describe under DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS below					E.L. DISEASE - POLICY LIMIT
A		<input type="checkbox"/>				

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, may be attached if more space is required)

AS RESPECTS THE HAMILTON-WENHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT USE OF FACILITIES AT 16 UNION STREET, AND PATTON PARK HAMILTON, MA BY VARIOUS BOYS AND GIRLS SPORTS TEAMS.

CERTIFICATE HOLDER

TOWN OF HAMILTON TOWN HALL
TOWN HALL
577 BAY ROAD
HAMILTON, MA 01936

CANCELLATION

SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED CONTRACTS BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, THE ISSUING COMPANY WILL ENDEAVOR TO MAIL 30 DAYS WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER NAMED TO THE LEFT, BUT FAILURE TO MAIL SUCH NOTICE SHALL IMPOSE NO OBLIGATION OR LIABILITY OF ANY KIND UPON THE COMPANY, ITS AGENTS OR REPRESENTATIVES.

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

John M. Curiale



Town of Hamilton
Select Board
Meeting Minutes of March 24, 2025

Pursuant to the Open Meeting Law, MGL Chapter 30 A, §§ 18-25, written notice posted by the Town Clerk delivered to all Select Board members, a meeting of the Hamilton Select Board was posted for March 24, 2025 at 7:00pm. This meeting was held via Zoom only.

The Select Board functions as the Chief Executive body of the Town. Its five members are elected to three-year terms with one or two seats up for election each year. The Board acts as the chief policy making body of the Town and directly supervises the activities of the Town Manager. The Select Board typically meets the first and third Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. Select Board: Caroline Beaulieu (2025); Thomas Myers (2025); Bill Wilson (2026); William Olson (2027); Rosemary Kennedy (2027).

Call to order: Chair Beaulieu called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Present: C. Beaulieu, Chair; B. Wilson (joined at 7:10PM), Vice-Chair; T. Myers, Clerk; R. Kennedy, W. Olson. Also present: Joe Domelowicz, Town Manager, and others as noted.

The Vice-Chair announced Board and Committee openings as displayed on the agenda:

- Affordable Housing Trust – 1 opening
- Conservation Commission – 2 openings
- Hamilton Wenham Cultural Council – 3 openings
- Community Preservation Committee – 1 opening for member of Historic District Commission
- Historic District Commission - 2 openings for 3-year terms, 2 openings for 2-year terms
- Council on Aging - 1 associate openings
- Human Rights Commission - 1 opening

Town Reports:

R. Kennedy noted that there was a request from a candidate to post campaign signs on public property. The Board agreed there would be a brief discussion under new business.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Approve request from Youth Football for banner on Tennis Courts
- Approve Little League request for banners on outfield fences
- Approve minutes of March 10, 2025 Select Board meeting

Vote: The Board voted unanimously by roll call to approve the consent agenda, with the clarification the approval for the request from youth football and little league is for one year only and will need to be made again annually.

- **Public Comment** – Three (3) minutes per person on items not already on the agenda: *There was none.*

AGENDA:

- **Approve the raising of the Pride & Juneteenth Flags at Patton Park in June 2025 – Discuss & Vote**

T. Myers suggested approving the two flag raisings as part of the routine policy rather than re-voting to raise them every year. Others preferred to keep the vote on an annual basis to maintain and continue visibility for both events.

- **Peter Fisher** questioned if it was true the Board denied a request to fly the Christmas flag.
- **Anna Siedzick, Asbury St**, commented it is painful to have to validate these flag raisings every year and advocated for a long-term approval. A. Siedzick opined Hamilton should not backtrack on celebrating the end of slavery, or on supporting marginalized communities, which she believed was very important when this population is currently under attack.
- **Natalie Hildreth** stated it is hurtful to have to validate this every year, and according to data prepared by outside consultants, 18% of students in the District identify as LGBTQ, and 40% of teachers reported seeing this group of students treated unfairly because of their orientation. She advocated for helping these children to feel safe in our community.
- **Tosh Blake, Sagamore St**, opined that the Town should not be flying flags for any particular group, and that it is a violation of the Select Board Code of Conduct to engage in politics and not represent the whole town. He believes there is no ethical reason to fly one flag and not another.
- **Nancy Stehfest, Highland St**, noted Wenham removed the requirement to appear every year, and she believes citizens of Hamilton care about Human Rights and appreciate the flags being flown.

Chair Beaulieu stated that many people come up to her to at the respective events and are very grateful for the Town's recognition, and she emphatically stated the importance of standing on the right side of history on these issues.

- **Margaret Brown, Moulton St** expressed her gratitude the Board has a policy that includes these two flags as they are important symbols of belonging and visibility, and representation matters. With increasing attacks on human dignity of black and brown and queer people at the national level, it is more important than ever to show community solidarity with the marginalized and urged the continuation of flying the flags.

B.Olson stated he sees it as a positive step to discuss the Board's support each year, as is consistent with the process that was established, and he believes is important to follow the process. He also stated the Board does not have the ability to vote to approve the flags in perpetuity. T.Myers disagreed, suggesting it sends a supportive message, and believes that policy does allow for multi-year to approval. B.Wilson felt it was not the time now to have this discussion, and stated that he sees it as reaffirming to discuss and vote to approve the flags each year.

Chair Beaulieu stated that it is not a given that the flags will be approved to fly every year, and she noted that the discussion began with R.Kennedy highlighting that other towns have stopped flying these flags and has a history of asking not to fly these flags. Chair Beaulieu also pointed out that two candidates running for election this year have publicly stated they are opposed to the flags, and it should not be assumed that the support will continue.

R.Kennedy stated that she is opposed to the flag flying, but she is not opposed to the "marginalized group's" right to exist or be treated respectfully in society. She asked that her political standpoint and her personal decision should not be conflated, and she stated she has very good friends who are gay. She believes flags should represent everyone, and noted the Board refused to fly the Christmas flag, which represents children and Santa Claus and good cheer.

- **Heather** (no last name given) is a Beverley resident who works and grew up in Hamilton – she believes it is a good time to support our neighbors and hopes the Town continues to be open and welcoming.

Vote: The Board voted by roll call 4-0-1 to approve the 2025 Pride and Juneteenth flag raising with T.Myers abstaining as he does not agree with the message of needing to approve this each year.

- **Re-open the Warrant for April 5, 2025 Annual Town Meeting, discuss removal of zoning Article per Planning Board decision – Discuss & Vote**
- **Review Final Warrant and Vote Recommendations for all articles for Annual Town Meeting and close the Warrant – Discuss & Vote**

Vote: The Board voted unanimously by roll call to open the 2025 Annual Town Meeting warrant.

Moderator Bill Bowler reminded everyone any and all presentations and slides need to be submitted for his review by the end of the week. He is not aware of any boards or committees intending to make reports.

Each Article was reviewed by the Board and Finance Committee Chair John McGrath stated the vote of the Finance Committee on each of the financial articles.

The articles will be re-numbered to accommodate the removal of an Article & the addition of the consent agenda:

Vote: The Board voted unanimously by roll call to recommend favorable action on Article 2-1, Compensation and Classification Table.

Vote: The Board voted unanimously by roll call to recommend favorable action on Article 2-2, Prior year bills.

Vote: The Board voted unanimously by roll call to recommend favorable action on Article 2-3, Town operating budget.

Vote: The Board voted unanimously by roll call to recommend favorable action on Article 2-4, Capital Expenditures.

Vote: The Board voted unanimously by roll call to recommend favorable action on Article 2-5, Water Enterprise Budget.

Vote: The Board voted unanimously by roll call to recommend favorable action on Article 2-6, Annual Financial Actions.

Vote: The Board voted unanimously by roll call to recommend favorable action on Article 2-7, Hamilton Development Corporation.

Vote: The Board voted unanimously by roll call to recommend favorable action on Article 2-8, OPEB Trust Fund.

Vote: The Board voted unanimously by roll call to remove Article 2-9, Stabilization Fund, from the Warrant.

Vote: The Board voted unanimously by roll call to recommend favorable action on Article 2-10, Capital Stabilization Fund.

Community Preservation: Chair McGrath noted there were no new projects being approved; it is allocating funding previously approved by a previous town meeting, and other expenses such as administration expense.

Vote: The Board voted unanimously by roll call to recommend favorable action on Article 2-11, Community Preservation Budget.

Consolidated Elementary School Project: The Board asked that the vote of the School Committee be indicated in the warrant.

R.Kennedy asked that the MSBA (Massachusetts School Building Authority) reimbursement rate also be included in the summary. B.Olson stated this is the most equitable solution for all children to be able to attend this school, and is why he is supporting it. Chair Beaulieu stated she believed the Towns cannot financially sustain three schools in perpetuity, and it is time to take steps to consolidate and reduce that burden, and save money in the long term. B.Wilson also advocated for the fiscal responsibility of consolidating the schools. Town Counsel Tom McEnaney advised the Article and the ballot vote only needs a simple majority to pass. R.Kennedy stated that she believes this project is an extremely financially irresponsible decision and unequivocally votes no.

Vote: The Board voted by roll call to recommend favorable action on Article 2-12, consolidated elementary school project. (4 favorable, 1 opposed)

Vote: The Board voted unanimously by roll call to recommend favorable action on Article 3-1, HERO Act.

Vote: The Board voted unanimously by roll call to recommend favorable action on Article 3-2, Extension of Cutler School Lease.

Vote: The Board voted unanimously by roll call to recommend favorable action on Article 3-3, Recreation Revolving Fund.

Vote: The Board voted unanimously by roll call to recommend favorable action on Article 3-4, Acquisition of Easements – Woodbury St.

Groundwater Protection Overlay District (GPOD): M.Connors, Planning Director, explained the GPOD amendment was the only proposed zoning change to receive some opposition at the public hearing. The amendment would have the effect of reducing residential density in the areas of town that fall within the overlay protection district. Many of those areas already have an 80,000 square foot minimum lot size and would not be affected, but in zoning districts with a lower requirement it would make a difference. The Planning Board voted unanimously to go forward with the amendment and were open to looking at it further in the future.

- **Mark Johnson** noted he was the primary opposition and clarified that the Planning Board was trying to correct something they thought was a mistake that was made in 1985 and 2000, when the groundwater protection was rewritten. The Town has had this GPOD for 25 years and the mistake has not had any implications or consequences. It was highly debated at the time, and it is one person's opinion it was a mistake. He explained that from a simple two-word change it becomes a 2 acre minimum requirement in a large part of the town, regardless of the underlying zoning. He believes it may conflict with the ADU by right law in a large part of the town, and may require a legal process to confirm. He believed this was an anti-development tactic, and creates, rather than reduces, ambiguity. He intends to enter an amendment on Town Meeting floor to say "any proposed development that falls within the GPOD that has more than four dwelling units per 880,000 square feet of land area shall be required by the applicable permitting authority to use engineered SE systems so that the groundwater is properly protected."

Planning Board Chair Marnie Crouch acknowledged there were two people who spoke in opposition to the GPOD amendment, but the Planning Board nevertheless voted unanimously to go forward with the change. A heated discussion ensued, with questions from the Board on the details of the amendment. B.Olson expressed his frustration, in his opinion, the Article was being rushed to a Town Meeting vote without adequate understanding of what effect the amendment has on Hamilton property owners. Attorney McEnaney clarified the Select Board controls the warrant, and it is ultimately their decision what articles appear on it. The only compulsory Article is a citizen's petition. Chair McGrath stated his recommendation to postpone this Article to give all interested parties, including the Finance Committee a chance to re-evaluate it more specifically.

Vote: A motion to remove Article 4-1, Zoning Bylaw Amendment – Groundwater Protection Overlay District from the warrant failed 2-3-0.

Vote: The Board voted by roll call 2-1-2 to recommend favorable action on Article 3-4, Acquisition of Easements – Woodbury St. (2 in favor, 1 opposed, 2 abstentions)

Vote: The Board voted unanimously by roll call to remove Article 4-2 Zoning Bylaw Amendment from the warrant.

Vote: The Board voted unanimously by roll call to recommend favorable action on Article 4-3, Zoning Bylaw Amendment – Temporary Signage.

Vote: The Board voted unanimously by roll call to recommend favorable action on Article 4-4, Zoning Bylaw Amendment – Definitions.

Accessory Dwelling Units: Attorney McEnaney advised that Article 4-5 needed to be separated as some elements require a simple majority vote, and some elements require a 2/3 vote.

Vote: The Board voted unanimously by roll call to separate Article 4-5, Zoning Bylaw Amendment – Accessory Dwelling Units, to one Article (Section 3.6) addresses ADU zoning by right, and one Article (Section 3.0) that addresses other changes to the bylaw.

Vote: The Board voted unanimously by roll call to recommend favorable action on Article Zoning Bylaw Amendment – ADUs (Section 3.6).

Vote: The Board voted unanimously by roll call to recommend favorable action on Article Zoning Bylaw Amendment – All other changes not included in the previous Article - Section 11, Section 3.0, and Table of Use.

Vote: The Board voted unanimously by roll call to recommend favorable action on Article 4-6, Zoning Bylaw Amendment – Inclusionary Housing Bylaw.

Vote: The Board voted unanimously by roll call to include Article 4-7, Zoning Bylaw Amendment -Site Plan Review in the warrant.

Vote: The Board voted unanimously by roll call to recommend favorable action on Article 4-7, Zoning Bylaw Amendment -Site Plan Review.

Vote: The Board voted unanimously by roll call to recommend favorable action on Article 4-8, Zoning Bylaw Amendment -FEMA Flood Maps.

Citizen's Petition: Chair McGrath stated that the Citizen's Petitioner was invited to attend a Finance Committee meeting but declined. The Finance Committee took no action on the article.

Vote: The Board voted unanimously by roll call to take no action on Article 5-1, Citizen's Petition.

Vote: The Board voted unanimously by roll call to move articles 2-1, 2-5, 2-6, 2-7, 2-8, 2-10 (CPC), 3-1, 3-3, 3-4 to the consent agenda.

Vote: The Board voted unanimously by roll call to close the Warrant.

- **Review draft Special Town Meeting calendar for June 26, 2025 Special Town Meeting – Discuss & Vote**

J.Domelowicz displayed the schedule for meetings and recommendations leading up to a June 26, 2025 Special Town Meeting.

Vote: The Board voted unanimously by roll call to approve the calendar for the Special Town Meeting.

New Business

- **Communication from St. Paul's Church**

St. Pauls' Church reached out and offered to host a cell tower at their property on Union St. The Town Manager will contact the church Pastor to understand the specifics.

- **Communication from Congressman Moulton's office**

J.Domelowicz put the communication in the packet for everyone's information, there are likely to be impacts to the Town as a result of the changes coming from the Federal government.

- There was a request from a candidate to place campaign signs on public property. B.Olson commented that he is strongly opposed and believes that it is not permissible. J.Domelowicz noted that the Town receives complaints every year asking for campaign signs to be removed from Town property. R.Kennedy expressed her support for allowing campaign signs. The Board agreed to further discussion at a subsequent meeting.

Adjournment Vote: The Select Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at approximately 10:22PM.

Meeting Packet Enclosures:

- Minutes of March 10, 2025 Select Board meeting
- Letter from Sean Timmons, Recreation Department re: Banner at Patton Park tennis courts
- Memo from Mark Connors, Planning Director on Zoning Bylaw Amendments
- Draft 2025 Annual Town Meeting Warrant
- 2025 Special Town Meeting Calendar

Respectfully submitted by D. Pierotti, Recording Secretary, 3/30/25.

The minutes were prepared from video.

Respectfully submitted as approved at _____ meeting.

Tom Myers, Clerk

From: Hamilton Wenham Cultural Council

Sent: Friday, April 11, 2025 10:15 AM

To: SelectBoard

Cc: Cyndi Farrell; Joan Melanson

Subject: External Email Warning Request to appoint Joanie Melanson to HW Cultural Council

Good morning,

I am writing today to request the appointment of Hamilton resident, Joan Melanson, to become a member of the Hamilton Wenham Cultural Council. Her name and contact information are as follows:

Joanie Melanson

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Joanie's application and letter of interest are attached.

The HWCC currently has three open "Hamilton" position's. We look forward to having Joanie join us! Please let me know if you have any questions or require any additional information.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Roell

[REDACTED]

Chair, HW Cultural Council

Sent from my iPad

2/7/25 Letter of Interest - Joanie Melanson

COA

Dear Select Board,

I retired last year after over 50 years of business experience and almost, but not quite as many, raising kids. Now it's down to a soon to be 15 year local grandson and 2 grandkids in Arlington, VA. So quiet is this empty nest that we just adopted a kitty, as given my love of travel a dog would be challenging.

I've been filling my time with daily Pilates and exercise classes, walking my steps around the neighborhood, traveling, attending museums, musicals, concerts and local events, biking, Tufts alumni involvement. Plus, lots of lunching and loafing. Even taking up Mahjongg.

Now I've decided I want to do more in the community. I'm participating at Acord. (I did years ago until my Mom got sick and Saturdays were my time to spend with her. And other family issues took up my free time.) I'm also volunteering with library book donations. I would like to do more to keep my mind active.

I've lived in Hamilton for almost 30 years and the kids all attended the Hamilton schools. I hadn't time before now to get involved in town activities due to kids and work. Life was always too hectic as I juggled travel along with everything else.

A neighbor of mine is on the housing board and mentioned that there might be other Board opportunities. We talk about "life after work."

I'm trying to dig up an old resume, but never figured I would need it ever again. To summarize.

Tufts University. [REDACTED] BA English

Boston College. [REDACTED] MEd. Counseling Psychology

Northeastern University. [REDACTED] MBA. Marketing

Girls Clubs of Boston Program Director. Beth Israel Hospital as a [REDACTED] Management Consultant as a consultant to Fortune 500 companies on frequently purchased consumer goods.

John Hancock. [REDACTED] Research, sales support/ analysis/planning/ strategy/ training director. Worked extensively with insurance agents. Had all insurance and financial designations.

FedPoint (originally Long Term Care Partners). Portsmouth NH. [REDACTED]. Director, Program Promotion. Responsible for a dept of 28 to provide education and support for the Federal Government and military. Extensive travel nationally, especially to DC, working with Federal agencies and influential affinity groups including members of Congress. Skills. Presentations. Public speaking. Management. Development strategy. Grew dept from 4 to 28, moving from paper communications to webinars and zoom technology.

I have many interests. As I'm now [REDACTED] I looked at the Aging board as a possibility. Also, culturally I'm getting more involved with local offerings. I'm flexible and am willing to get involved where needed and there is a match with my skills and interests.

If I can snag a copy of my old resume and job description, I will also send them to you. But I believe that I have summarized my life in the info above.

Thank you for your consideration.

Joanie Melanson

TOWN OF HAMILTON
APPLICATION FOR BOARD/COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Board/Committee of Interest:

1. Council on Aging 2. Hamilton Wenham Cultural Council
3. _____ 4. _____

Would you consider another Committee: ☒ yes ☐ no

For how long should we keep your application on file? 5 years

Full Name: Joan S. Melanson

Nickname: Joanie Title (please circle) Mr./Ms./Mrs./Other: _____

Home Address: [REDACTED] St. 50 Hamilton

Length of Residence in Hamilton: 28 years

Occupation: Retired - Director Red Point Portsmouth, NH

Phone: Home _____ Cell [REDACTED] Work _____

E-mail: Home [REDACTED] Work _____
gmail.com

If you currently serve on a Board or Committee, please identify:

Special Training, Interests, Qualifications: 50+ years of business experience. Management. Planning. Presentations. Outreach. MED. Mgmt. Retired. Need to stay engaged & busy, besides exercise & travel.

Have you been asked by a Committee to become a member?

Referred by Dan Carlin - a neighbor. Worked with him at Accord

How did you hear about the Committee?

Town Meeting

Please attach a current resume, if possible. Add any comments below or on a separate page.

Signature: Joan S. Melanson Date: 2/06/2025

Received by: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Will dig up a very old resume as I worked for Red Point for 22 years.

2025 Special Town Meeting Calendar

Date	Board/Committee/Department	Action
4/1/2025	Planning Board	
4/7/2025	Select Board	
4/9/2025	Finance and Advisory Committee	
4/15/2025	Planning Board	
4/21/2025	ALL	Patriot's Day
4/22/2025	Select Board	Open Warrant for Special Town Meeting
4/23/2025	Finance and Advisory Committee	
5/5/2025	Select Board	Close Warrant for Special Town Meeting
5/6/2025	Planning Board	
5/14/2025	Finance and Advisory Committee	
5/19/2025	Select Board	
5/20/2025	Planning Board	
5/26/2025	ALL	Memorial Day Observance
5/28/2025	Finance and Advisory Committee	Vote Recommendations for articles
6/2/2025	Select Board	Vote Recommendations for articles
6/3/2025	Planning Board	Vote Recommendations for articles
6/9/2025	HOLD for Possible *	Joint Select Board/Finance and Advisory Committee
6/10/2025	Town Manager	Last Day to compile Warrant and Book of Recommendations
6/11/2025	Finance and Advisory Committee	
6/12/2025	Town Clerk	Post Warrant
6/16/2025	Select Board	
6/17/2025	Planning Board	
6/19/2025	Town Manager	Mail Warrant and Book of Recommendations link
6/25/2025	Finance and Advisory Committee *	
6/26/2025	ALL	Special Town Meeting

2025 MAY

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SELECT BOARD

Select Board Meeting Schedule

06/01/25 – 12/31/25

Monday, June 2, 2025

Monday, June 16, 2025

Monday, July 7, 2025

Monday, June 21, 2025

Monday, August 4, 2025

Monday, August 18, 2025

Monday, September 8, 2025

Tuesday, September 23, 2025

Monday, October 6, 2025

Monday, October 20, 2025

Monday, November 3, 2025

Monday, November 17, 2025

Monday, December 1, 2025

Monday, December 15, 2025



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Fri 4/11/2025 11:01 AM

Joe, Caroline and Rosie:

A quick update for you. Buyer Vince McNutt, Meirwyn and I met with about 18 abutters last night and answered most of the questions about the development agreement and the sewage treatment plant. The meeting went very well and I believe most will vote for the zoning change in light of the new design. This is a great change from resistance to support for which we are grateful.

Please pass this on to the new chair and thank you Caroline for your help in guiding us through this process.

Have a great day,

SWS