

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
EMERGENCY MEETING
July 26, 2022**

A virtual emergency meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order by Chairman Russell Collins at 6:00 PM, via zoom meeting software. Board Members Present: Collins, Melia and Paulhus. Selectman Ampagoomian and Adam D. Gaudette, Town Manager, were absent and it is duly noted.

Chairman Collins read aloud the following statement: On July 16, 2022, Governor Baker signed into law An Act Relative to Extending Certain State of Emergency Accommodations, which, among other things, extends the expiration of the provisions pertaining to the Open Meeting Law to March 31, 2023. Specifically, this extension allows public bodies to continue holding meetings remotely without a quorum of the public body physically present at a meeting location, and to provide "adequate, alternative" access to remote meetings.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES/None

PUBLIC HEARING/None

APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS/None

CITIZENS' COMMENTS/INPUT/None

DECISIONS: A. Drought Status: Level 3 - Critical Drought/Vote to adopt and implement the state's non-essential outdoor water use restrictions for drought Level 3, which calls for a ban on all non-essential outdoor water use. Selectman Melia advised that this guidance came from the Whitinsville Water Company. Chairman Collins clarified that the information came from the State as a recommendation to the Whitinsville Water Company, who also suggests it be implemented in the Town of Northbridge. A motion/Mr. Melia, seconded/Mr. Paulhus to adopt and implement the States non-essential water use restrictions for drought level 3, which calls for a ban on all non-essential outdoor water use. Selectmen Melia requested this be sent out through a reverse 9-1-1 call to inform residents. Selectman Paulhus further recommended a sign board be placed in town to notify residents as well. Vote yes/Collins, Melia and Paulhus.

DISCUSSIONS/None

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT/None

SELECTMEN'S CONCERNS/None

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA/None

CORRESPONDENCE/None

EXECUTIVE SESSION/None

A motion/Mr. Melia, seconded/Mr. Paulhus to adjourn the public meeting. Vote yes/Collins, Melia and Paulhus.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:04 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Paulhus, Clerk

/mjc

LIST OF DOCUMENTATION

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- I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/None**
- II. PUBLIC HEARING/None**
- III. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS/None**
- IV. CITIZENS' COMMENTS/INPUT/None**
- V. DECISIONS: A. Drought Status: Level 3 - Critical Drought/Vote to adopt and implement the state's non-essential outdoor water use restrictions for drought Level 3, which calls for a ban on all non-essential outdoor water use.**
-Copy of Drought status level
- VI. DISCUSSIONS/None**
- VII. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT/None**
- VIII. SELECTMEN'S CONCERNS/None**
- IX. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA/None**
- X. CORRESPONDENCE/None**
- XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION/None**