

**Select Board Minutes**  
**Monday, March 7, 2022**  
**12:00pm**

**The Select Board Regular Meeting was held virtually in accordance with the Governor's Executive Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L.c.30A. S.20.**

**Select Board participants:**

Stu Sklar, Rich Maiore, Alice von Loesecke, Erin McBee

Kara Minar was absent.

**Town Department attendees:**

Town Administrator Tim Bragan, Assistant Town Administrator Marie Sobalvarro and Executive Assistant Julie Doucet

**Additional participants:**

Bromfield Trustee Ginger Kendall & Terry Symula from the Harvard Neighborhood Support Team

**Review final version of the petition and proposed agreement for the Bromfield House**

Erin McBee has been working with Suzanne Poitras the attorney for the Bromfield Trustees. She expects the lease agreement for the Afghan refugees to be for one year with a possible extension if agreed upon by all parties. She reported they continue to discuss a memorandum of agreement (MOA) with respect to sale of the property some details being discussed include allocation of sale proceeds, allowable uses for proceeds of the sale (educational), timeline and process.

McBee had hoped to file a joint petition with the Bromfield Trustees for permission to lease the house however discussions have taken longer than expected. She imagines the courts would look more favorably on the petition if it were jointly filed but the Select Board can file on their own.

Alice von Loesecke suggested the petition be filed as soon as possible to include our intent to continue to work with the School Committee and the Bromfield Trustees on distribution of the sale proceeds.

Assistant Town Administrator Marie Sobalvarro proposed the language regarding the lease of the property be included in the petition if it is not filed jointly. McBee agreed.

Bromfield Trustee Ginger Kendall said she is confident details can be worked out with respect to the sale proceeds and admitted she was not aware that issue was holding things up.

Rich Maiore wondered what is the best way to gain feedback from the Bromfield Trustees. McBee suggested a timeframe be offered for their input prior to the petition being filed.

Terry Symula thanked everyone for their efforts on this. She reported our Senator and Representative are coming to town this weekend to highlight the efforts of Harvard to make this successful therefore the formal commitment from the town is an essential piece of this endeavor.

Following the discussions, two motions were made:

By a roll call vote, von Loesecke – aye, Maiore – aye, McBee – aye, Sklar – aye, the board voted unanimously to authorize Erin McBee to work with Marie Sobalvarro and town counsel on finalizing the petition to be filed with the court with modifications discussed during this meeting the town through the School Committee together with the Bromfield trustees would decide in the future on the proceeds of the sale towards educational purposes according to the terms of the will.

By a roll call vote, von Loesecke – aye, McBee – aye, Maiore – aye, Sklar – aye, the board voted unanimously should a joint petition not be possible the Select Board authorize Erin McBee to work with Marie Sobalvarro and town counsel to file a petition to the court from Select Board including the proposed lease for Afghan families and section that says work with trustees on the proceeds of the sale towards educational purposes according to the terms of the will if trustees have not notified Select Board they are willing to go with a joint petition by end of business Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup> we will file single petition.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35pm.