

**SELECT BOARD SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
MARION STODDART BUILDING
MONDAY, JUNE 23, 2025
APPROVED**

Select Board Members Present: Becky Pine, Vice Chair; Alison Manugian, Clerk; John Reilly;

Select Board Members Absent: Matt Pisani, Chair; Peter Cunningham;

Also Virtually Present: Mark W. Haddad, Town Manager; Kara Cruikshank, Executive Assistant to the Town Manager.

Ms. Pine called the Select Board meeting to order at 6:46 P.M.

6:45 P.M. Discussion and Potential Vote on Conflict of Interest Disclosure and Determination/Consent Request from Town Counsel Brian Falk Regarding UMASS Memorial Emergency Services Project at 490 Mains Street.

The UMass Memorial Health is in the process of obtaining permits for its proposed project to create a Satellite Emergency Facility at 490 Main Street. There are a few issues before the permitting boards that require Town Counsel's opinion and assistance. Attorney Brian Falk's firm, Mirick Law, represents UMass and negotiated the land deal for the purchase of 490 Main Street. Attorney Brian Falk was not involved in this particular negotiation. Because his firm represents UMASS, Attorney Falk cannot represent the Town unless the Select Board determines and consents that there is no conflict of interest for him to do so. Mr. Haddad believes that no conflict exists and that Attorney Falk should be allowed to represent the Town during the permitting process. Mr. Haddad explained that only the Select Board can declare that there is no significant financial interest. Ms. Manugian inquired if UMASS Memorial Emergency was proceeding with the land transaction. Mr. Haddad confirmed that they were. She then asked about the alternatives available if they did not grant consent to Attorney Falk. Mr. Haddad explained that they would need to hire another firm in that case to represent the Town Boards during the permitting process. Mr. Haddad announced that the proposed UMASS Memorial Emergency Medical Facility submitted their permitting application today.

Mr. Reilly made a motion for the Town of Groton to hereby consent to Mirick representing the Town on permitting matters involving the proposed UMASS Memorial emergency medical facility on Main Street in Groton based on the disclosure filed by Attorney Falk with the Select Board (copy of the disclosure attached). Ms. Manugian seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

6:55 P.M. Review and Take Action on Any Issue Relative to the June 23, 2025, Special Town Meeting.

None

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectively submitted by Kara Cruikshank, Executive Assistant to the Town Manager.