



TOWN OF BOXBOROUGH NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

SELECT BOARD/FINANCE COMMITTEE

Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, March 31, 2021

7:00 PM

Conducted via a ZOOM Event

Revised

3/30/2021

1:20 PM

Item #	Estimated Start Time	Action Vote/ Accept & POF
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This meeting is being conducted via Remote Participation, pursuant to the Current Executive Order. See the end of this Agenda for remote participation instructions for the Regular Session portion of this meeting

1. 7:00 PM Call to Order via ZOOM pursuant to the procedures noted above.

Select Board meetings have a number of topics and issues that must be discussed and deliberated by the Board. We ask that residents hold their comments until the Board has had the opportunity to get their questions answered. Due to time constraints, the Board may not be able to accommodate comments from all residents on all topics. Please wait to be recognized by the Chair before addressing the Board. We ask that participants be respectful and civil. We thank you for your understanding.

2. 7:05 PM **Inclusivity and Equity - Fowlks**
Vote to approve a statement of support for the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community.
3. 7:10 PM **MassDEP Program - PFAS Testing**
Vote to approve to materials for advertisement of private well testing.
4. 7:15 PM **Interim Town Administrator Recruitment - Scope and Objectives**
5. 8:15 PM **Adjourn**

VOTE:

2021: 4/12; 4/26; [5/17-TBD]; 5/24; 6/7; 6/21; 7/12; 7/26

Boxborough Leadership Forum (BLF): 4/20

Annual Town Meeting: Saturday, 6/12

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Agenda Item 2

BOXBOROUGH SELECT BOARD'S RESPONSE TO ATLANTA SHOOTINGS

On March 16, the Boxborough Select Board was shocked and saddened to learn of tragic violence in Atlanta, where a gunman shot and killed eight people. While investigators have not yet determined that the shootings were a hate crime, the Select Board is deeply concerned that six of the eight people killed were women of Asian descent. We join those mourning the deaths of Daoyou Feng, Hyun Jung Grant, Suncha Kim, Paul Andre Michels, Soon Chung Park, Xiaojie Tan, Delaina Ashley Yaun, and Yong Ae Yue.

The heinous act did not occur in Boxborough; however, the fear it engenders in our residents is a reminder that we cannot rest in our commitment to be an inclusive and welcoming Town for all. While no physical violence has harmed Boxborough's Asian citizens, the Town has had to condemn hateful anti-Asian verbal attacks directed at our Asian neighbors. The Board will diligently and forcefully continue to speak out against hate in all forms.

American attacks on Asians date back to the 1850s when many Chinese immigrants came to this country to work in mines and on railroad construction. For fear of losing jobs to those immigrants, many Americans directed their hatred at Asian laborers. Almost a century later, at the beginning of World War II, the United States relocated and incarcerated 120,000 U.S. citizens and legal immigrants of Japanese descent. And today, Asian hatred stems from a belief that China intentionally unleashed COVID-19 on the world. In our country and in our Town, we must continue to recognize and cut the roots of Asian hatred.

In 2010, more than 16% of Boxborough's population identified themselves as Asians or Pacific Islanders. As residents, they have contributed greatly to Town boards and committees, and to organizations which support Boxborough. With gratitude, we recognize their significant contributions. In this time of fear and sadness, Asians, Pacific Islanders, and all our citizens gain strength through the Chinese Progressive Association, the Asian Community Development Corporation, and the Providence Youth Student Movement.

Right now, Asians in Boxborough need support from citizens of every race and national origin. The Select Board will continue to cherish diversity, speak out against hatred of all kinds, and work to make Boxborough an inclusive, welcoming, engaging community for all.

Agenda Item 3

Private well owners in Boxborough are eligible for free PFAS testing of their well water through the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP). MassDEP is offering limited free PFAS testing of private wells in 84 municipalities across the Commonwealth where 60% or more residents receive their drinking water from private wells.

Private well owners should visit

<https://dwp-pfas.madwpdep.org/> to register for a free private well drinking water sampling kit. Eligible applicants will receive an easy-to-use sampling kit, and return them to MassDEP free of charge. Due to COVID-19 concerns, residents will be instructed on how to collect the water samples; MassDEP staff or state contractors will not need to visit a well for the free PFAS sampling program.

MassDEP will provide the results of the testing to the well owner, along with technical assistance on any recommended steps to take based on the results. MassDEP will also share sample results, location, and well owner information with the Board of Health.

To learn more about PFAS in private wells, visit <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/per-and-polyfluoroalkyl-substances-pfas-in-private-well-drinking-water-supplies-faq>