

Minutes
Williamsburg Board of Selectmen
May 24, 2022

The members of the Board of Selectmen met in special session on Tuesday, May 24, 2022, by video teleconference. The chair called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

Present: Denise Banister and William Sayre

Also present: Nick Caccamo (Town Administrator)

Absent: David Mathers

Open Meeting Law Complaint – Town Administrator Nick Caccamo provided the complaint filed by Shaw Izikson of the Country Journal, dated April 20, 2022, and the proposed response drafted by Town Counsel in the form of a letter to the Director of the Division of Open Government of the Attorney General’s Office. The alleged violation and general remedy were read out by Nick to the Board of Selectmen. The complaint said that the Select Board held its meetings in person without remote access and claimed that this was a violation of the Governor’s order regarding remote meetings. The complaint suggested that the Town should “bring back remote public access to Williamsburg Board of Selectmen meetings.” The draft response said that the Governor’s order allowed remote access but did not require it and that the meeting was open and accessible to members of the public and was not in violation of the Open Meeting Law. During the discussion the Board of Selectmen made no amendments or proposed changes. After discussion, a **motion** was made and seconded (WS/DB) to issue a response consistent with the discussion at the meeting, approve and adopt the draft prepared by Town Counsel along with any additions/comments by the Board, and to authorize either the Chair, a Board member, or the Town Administrator to finalize and send the response on the Board’s behalf to the complainant and the Division of Open Government by electronic mail. **So voted** (2-0).

Documents used

Open Meeting Law complaint

Response to Complaint

Adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Approved:

_____ Clerk