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Remote Access Issues

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Dear Mr. Michaels,

I hope you are well. The town has requested that we respond to your recent inquiries regarding remote access to the Select Board meeting on August 4, 2026. The Board regrets that the town's remote access was not working as expected that evening, due to a technical problem of which the Board was not aware. That problem has now been remedied.

With the repair, you should be able to access and attend future Select Board meetings remotely via the link that will be provided to the public prior to a future meeting.

Best,

Matt Tarasevich

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Ryan michaels <rtgmich@gmail.com> Thu, Aug 13, 2026 at 3:26 PM
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Dear Attorney Tarasevich,

Thank you for responding and confirming that there was a technical problem with the Town's remote access for the August 4 Select Board meeting and that the problem has now been remedied.

I appreciate that clarification. Because I remained in the Zoom waiting room for the duration of the meeting and want to ensure this does not happen again, could you please clarify the following:

1. What specifically was the technical problem that prevented remote access from working as expected on August 4?
2. When was the problem first discovered, and by whom?
3. When was the problem remedied, and what corrective action was taken?
4. Was the problem specific to my connection or waiting-room admission, or did it affect remote access to the meeting generally?

5. Who was responsible for monitoring the Zoom meeting and admitting participants from the waiting room on August 4?
6. For the next Select Board meeting, should I use the publicly posted remote-access link, and should I expect to enter a waiting room?
7. If I am again waiting after the meeting has begun, whom should I contact in real time so the issue can be corrected while the meeting is occurring?

I also want to place the reason I have repeatedly been attempting to attend these meetings clearly on the record.

For several meetings now, I have been attempting to appear before the Select Board to follow up on an issue that remains unresolved: the video recording associated with the September 12, 2025 incident involving Denise Dunn and my complaint.

I previously raised this issue with the Town and followed up regarding the recording. During a recorded Select Board meeting, the Board acknowledged that the version provided to me was not functioning properly and indicated that the matter would be corrected. I am still waiting for the usable recording that I understood the Town had agreed to provide.

That unresolved matter is one of the primary reasons I have continued trying to attend Select Board meetings. If I am able to participate in the upcoming meeting, I intend to use my available public-comment time to ask the Board why the promised recording has still not been provided and when I will receive it.

There is a much simpler way to resolve this.

Rather than requiring me to repeatedly attend meetings seeking an answer, send follow-up emails, and now communicate through outside counsel regarding my ability to access those meetings, I respectfully ask that the Town simply provide the usable copy of the September 12, 2025 recording that I was previously told would be corrected and provided.

Resolving the underlying issue directly would eliminate the need for much of this continued correspondence and avoid unnecessary expenditure of both Town resources and taxpayer-funded legal expenses.

I would also appreciate clarification regarding the handling of my recent inquiries. I emailed the Town and Select Board on August 6 and received no acknowledgment or response. I followed up at 10:27 a.m. on August 12, and your response arrived at 2:02 p.m. stating that “the town has requested that we respond.”

Could you please identify which Town official or body requested that this matter be referred to your office and approximately when that referral occurred?

My objective remains straightforward: obtain the recording the Town previously indicated would be corrected and provided, and have a reliable means of accessing public Select Board meetings when I need to address unresolved Town matters.

If the Town can simply provide the promised recording now, I would welcome resolving that portion of this matter immediately.

Respectfully,

Ryan Michaels

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