

Hull Board of Selectmen

Minutes

June 28, 2018

The meeting of the Hull Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday evening, June 28, 2018, at Hull Municipal Building, 253 Atlantic Ave., Hull, Massachusetts.

Present: Domenic Sestito, Chair; Jennifer Constable, Vice-Chair; Kevin Richardson, Clerk; and Greg Gray, Member. Also present were Town Manager Phillip Lemnios and Town Counsel James Lampke. John Reilly, Member was not present.

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APPOINTMENTS

Jim Pitrolo, regarding Hull O Trolley

Pitrolo, a member of the Hull Chamber of Commerce, was present at the meeting to announce that the summer trolley will start on July 4. There will also be ribbon cutting at the Bernie King Pavilion on July 4 at 12:15 p.m. The trolley will be a free service on Saturdays and Sundays through August 26.

ExteNet Systems, Inc., regarding antenna network (Continuation)

Representatives from ExteNet Systems, Inc. were present at the meeting to continue a discussion begun on May 31 regarding the placement of additional equipment for an existing distributed antenna network in Hull. The additional boxes would be located at:

- Southeast corner of Beach Ave. and R. St (Node 10)
- Southwest corner of Beach Ave. and Warren Street (Node 11)
- Southwest corner of Beach Ave. and B Street (Node 12).

This presentation and discussion are available for viewing at hulltv.net. Topics covered were technical in nature and require visual reference provided in the presentation. The following is a summary.

Attorney Ricardo Souza was present on behalf of ExteNet, as were Rick Angelini, Implementation Director; Chris Frederick, Radio Frequency Engineer, and Dr. Don Hayes, a health physicist.

- Souza stated that in response to concerns about esthetics, ExteNet would utilize a more streamlined antenna; the radio cabinet can be painted a darker color; and the cabinet can be put on the road side of the pole.
- Angellini said that part of the redesign is that they are doing a high-density cabinet. Any second provider can be accommodated within that same cabinet. They are also committing to capping the number of carriers at two.
- Frederick stated that Verizon would not allow him to provide specifics about where there are problems, but that this is where the nodes need to be in order to provide the required coverage. [See presentation.]
- Dr. Hayes explained the parameters of electromagnetic safety and exposure limits. [See presentation.]

Richardson noted that the board has received many communications from residents on this matter and said that he has not heard complaints about coverage from people in the area where the new nodes would be located. Souza and Frederick said that the issue is capacity and that the nodes need to be located in the areas proposed. Gray asked if there was a way to move the other poles and then move the beach poles. Frederick said that the problem is at the beach and shifting the other nodes is not going to help that. Gray further asked if the problem is only for three months per year; Souza said that it was a year-round issue.

Constable said that she had researched the matter and asked everyone to keep an open mind. She said that esthetics, health concerns, and property values were the main concerns voiced in the emails the board has received. She said that she felt that ExteNet did the best they could to improve the esthetics. She also noted, regarding health issues, that broadband is present in all areas of life. She said that she recognized the concerns about property values, but stated that there are also broader community issues regarding connectability.

Lemnios noted that the town is in the information-gathering stage of this process. He pointed out that ExteNet is aware that there is significant neighborhood opposition to the project. He stated that he will ask Police and Fire Departments to weigh in on issues concerning public safety. He referenced the public's need for wireless connection in this winter's storms and pointed out that there is a tendency away from landlines, particularly among younger users. He questioned whether there are other sites in town where buildings can be utilized, and noted that ExteNet is not the only provider of these services to Verizon or other carriers. He said that ExteNet is not offering any other options. Frederick said that ExteNet has all four carriers and all of the fiber in place in Hull. He pointed out that other companies would have to build their DAS infrastructure from scratch.

The following is a summary of public comments.

- A resident noted that Verizon was not present at the meeting. He also asked how much money would be made by the client.
- Bethany Bartlett, 70 B Street, stated that she lives one house away from one of the nodes, has Verizon, and never drops calls. She encouraged the town to think strategically about other locations, such as the senior center or fire station. She also noted that the town has zoning bylaws relating to this matter and she doesn't know how ExteNet will get past them.
- Scott Belgard, 69 A Street, asked if the poles would be magnets for lightning, and whether he would get any interference on anything in his house. Angellini said the equipment is grounded. Frederick said the equipment uses licensed frequencies and are not allowed to interfere with other signals.
- David Lite, 64 B Street, asked if below-ground solutions would work. Angellini said that they can't put the antenna or the cabinets underground.
- Jane Loeffler, 72 B Street, said that it seems like this is a band-aid approach to a complex issue and said the town should be thinking of all companies, not just one. She also asked what the town is getting paid for the use of the poles. She was concerned about the poles being able to withstand hurricane force winds. Angellini said that ExteNet does a structural analysis for the worst possible scenario on the poles, and if the pole needs to change, they work with Hull Light to do so.
- A resident of B Street asked how this solution will help in the winter when there are still dead zones along Nantasket Avenue. She said that town's problems don't seem to match up with Verizon's solutions. Souza said that these nodes are not there to remedy that problem. He said that it is an incremental fix.
- Gloria Goodwin, 66 B Street, said that she spoke with an engineer in Seattle had told her that there are esthetic and historical reasons why towns don't want this kind of equipment and that his company works with towns so that there will be no esthetic problems. He also told her that the towns have the right to choose who they want to work with. She said that the town needs a comprehensive solution.
- Carol Adolf 52 B St., said that the neighbors asked ExteNet to come up with a better solution and they only came back with slight improvements on the poles. She suggested that the board do some research and come up with other solutions.
- Blake Haskell, 13 Halvorsen Avenue, said he would like to know what a node costs and who is on each node. He said that he would submit his questions to the board.
- Rhoda Kanet, asked if it would help to have another macro. She suggested that Verizon be there at the next meeting.
- Paul Cangiano, 107 Beach Ave., said that he is concerned about visual and noise pollution. He said that the node near Town Hall is still making noise and this issue was raised a month ago. He is also concerned about reports of mood swings, depression, and other problems in adults and children.
- Susan Short Greene, 71 B Street, said that she would like someone other than ExteNet to come in and work on this issue on behalf of the town.

Richardson suggested a solution that would solve more of the town's connectivity issues. Frederick said that Verizon has a limited budget to build these networks. Souza said that there is a need, or the company would not have

proceeded with the cost. Richardson pointed out that no one in the room sees capacity issues, but there are coverage issues and those are not being addressed.

Sestito said that the board will not be making a decision tonight, and stated that it is still in the information-gathering stage. He encouraged those present to submit their questions to the board.

Lemnios said that the town will send email notifications to the abutter addresses in advance of the next meeting.

The board took a brief recess at this time.

APPROVALS

Dan and Colleen Quaille requested that the board grant them a license agreement for parking and access to 124 Atlantic Ave. via town-owned land. Currently their access is over a neighbor's property. Lemnios said that the town has been working with the Quailes on this matter. He said that this property was deeded to the town by FEMA, which has indicated that it does not have a problem with this use. He noted that there would be a 30-day right of rescission in the agreement.

Motion	Richardson	Motion to approve subject to entering into a satisfactory licensing agreement with the town, and to authorize the chairman or the Town Manager to sign on behalf of the town.
Second	Gray	
Vote	Unanimous	

APPOINTMENTS, CONTINUED

Thomas Hardy was present at the meeting to discuss PorchFest, which is currently scheduled for Saturday September 8, 2018 from 12-6 p.m. The board has yet to give final approval.

Hardy explained that he has met with Lemnios and department heads, as well as Police, Fire, and Health Departments. He said that the event is being financed with donations, a grant from Hull Chamber of Commerce, and by selling merchandise. He stated that they have been doing previews by setting up tables, selling merchandise, and having live music. He said that they have been reaching out to merchants for support and encouraging merchants to have a sidewalk presence during the event.

Hardy stated that the Police Department wants to barricade the Kenberma area, with details at the barricades, plus three bicycle officers present. The event is not seeking to have alcohol available at the event. He stated that they are working with the Chamber on the possibility of trolley availability. Lemnios suggested having a truncated trolley route on that day, as the designated porches are mostly in restricted parking areas. Hardy said he was also in discussions with the DCR and the HRA regarding use of parking lots.

Constable noted that there are new sites on the map since the last meeting, and stated that there will be a point when it could no longer be fluid. Lemnios suggested that the organizers have a neighborhood meeting with abutters and have the Police Department present at the meeting as well. The board needs to approve the street closure, the use of the two town parking lots, and possibly a one-day entertainment license. Lemnios has provided Hardy with an abutters list. Constable said that he would need all of the porch locations finalized in order to notify all of the abutters. Hardy said that he would close registration before setting up the abutters' meeting.

Lemnios noted that Deputy Chief Reilly talked with his counterparts in Quincy and got favorable reports regarding their experience with the event held there. Hardy stated that this would be a rain or shine event. He will be doing a walk-through with Hull Light and is talking with providers about trash receptacles and porta-potties. The goal is to do the clean-up with volunteers. He is in discussions about the insurance policy, with the understanding that the town is named as insured. He said that this is strictly a liability policy.

The board will review final plans at its July 26 meeting.

MINUTES

The board approved the minutes of March 29, 2018; April 5, 2018; and April 12, 2018.

Motion	Richardson	So moved.
Second	Constable	
Vote	Unanimous	

APPROVALS, CONTINUED

The board approved the following:

Motion	Richardson	Paul Cutliffe, Nantasket Beach Hotel, LLC, for a parking permit for 10 cars - Renewal
Second	Constable	
Vote	Unanimous	

Motion	Richardson	The Struzziery Family, 8 Warren St., for annual Struzz's 5K Home Run in honor of Danielle Struzziery on Saturday September 22, 2018 at 10 a.m.
Second	Constable	
Vote	Unanimous	

Motion	Richardson	John Donlon, 48 Beach Plum Lane, Scituate, for South Shore 3 Beach Minimum half marathon for Saturday, September 29 at 7:30am, subject to meeting with Police and Fire and other town officials.
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Second	Gray	
Vote	Unanimous	

NEW BUSINESS

- Lemnios said that Public Works and the Conservation Department are coordinating the town's July 4th presence, with the goal of preventing bonfires on beach. Public Works will be removing bonfire materials from the beach. A Code Red message will be going out regarding fireworks and bonfires.
- Rhoda Kanet invited all to the Beach Management Committee's annual Beach Forum on July 14 at the Senior Center. She said that after doing its beach analysis, the committee has decided to plan for a fall planting of seagrass. They will seek about \$4,000 from the town to pay for the grass.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:28 p.m., Sestito moved that the board go into Executive Session to discuss the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property, and that the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the body; move to go into Executive Session to comply with, or act under the authority of the Attorney-Client privilege; move to go into Executive Session to consult with legal counsel and obtain legal advice pursuant to Attorney-Client privilege; and to not reconvene in open session.

Matter to be discussed is town property at the HRA area.

Motion	Richardson	
Second	Constable	
Vote	Unanimous	Richardson – Aye Gray – Aye Constable – Aye Sestito – Aye

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Recorded by Catherine Goldhammer

Approved by:

Documents

The following documents were included in the members' packets or were presented during the meeting and are available in the Select Board's office upon request:

- Agenda and added agenda for June 28, 2018
- Minutes of March 29, 2018, April 5, 2018, April 12, 2018

- Application from Paul Cutliffe, Nantasket Beach Hotel, regarding parking permit for 10 cars
- Letter from The Struzziery Family regarding Struzz's 5K Home Run
- Letter from John Donlon, regarding South Shore 3 Beach Minimum Half Marathon
- Dan and Colleen Quaile, regarding license agreement for parking and access to 124 Atlantic Ave
- Declaration of site MPE compliance from ExteNet Systems, Inc.
- PorchFest packet