

Hull Board of Selectmen

Minutes

March 29, 2018

The meeting of the Hull Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday evening, March 29, 2018, at Hull Municipal Building, 253 Atlantic Ave., Hull, Massachusetts.

Present: Kevin Richardson, Chair; Chris Mitchell, Vice-Chair; Domenic Sestito, Clerk; John Reilly, Member; and Jennifer Constable, Member. Also present were Town Manager Phillip Lemnios and Town Counsel James Lampke.

APPOINTMENTS

Review and vote of Town Meeting Warrant

The board reviewed the warrant for the upcoming Town Meeting on May 7, 2018.

Articles 1-5 are annual housekeeping articles.

Articles 6-6c are budgetary articles

Article 7 regards unpaid bills from previous years

Article 8 is a recurring article regarding all revolving funds

Articles 9 and 10 concern issues regarding marijuana bylaws. Lampke explained that in view of the referendum vote in February, which passed a prohibition on retail sale of marijuana, these articles can be removed and replaced with Articles 23 and 24.

Article 11 concerns the land transfer for the two-way road project.

Articles 12 a and b propose removing the positions of Fire Chief and Deputy Fire Chief from Civil Service.

Article 13 permits the Fire Chief to regulate numbers of paramedics in department.

Article 14 is a new proposal regarding vacant commercial buildings. Constable explained that the Economic Development Committee has proposed an article for the Town Meeting warrant which will put vacant storefronts in a registry. Owners will be able to either pay a fee or agree to put artwork in the storefronts. It also prohibits boarding up of buildings other than for public safety purposes, unless there is art on the boards. It will apply to both vacant and seasonal properties. She stated that the bylaw would open lines of communication with owners as well as enliven the areas. Sestito said that they are trying to enhance the appearance when you enter into town. Constable stated that this was modelled on a bylaw in Arlington, and that in that town most people pay the fee. Lampke said that the fee can be determined after Town Meeting if necessary. Chris DiIorio, Director of the Community Development and Planning office would decide on the artwork and there are guidelines for this process. Sestito suggested that there be a sunset provision on the bylaw.

Article 15 eliminates the sunset provision on the town's existing blighted building bylaw.

Article 16 and a series of sub-articles contain a proposed change to Town Meeting rules and is based on the work of the Town Meeting study committee.

Article 17 makes posting of Town Meeting warrants consistent with state statute.

Article 18 gives the chair, vice-chair or clerk of the local licensing authority the authority to issue one day all-alcohol licenses.

Article 19 concerns seawall repairs and design in connection with a proposed debt exclusion.

Article 20 concerns bond authorizations regarding repairs to the sewage treatment plant.

Article 21 asks for a \$10 million debt exclusion for roadway issuance.

Article 22 updates an existing bylaw by which the town can withhold permits for people who owe money to the town. This is in accordance with state statute updates, The existing law (state and bylaw) also provides there will be a hearing process involved if a permit is going to be denied due to money owed the Town.

Article 23 will become Article 9 and concerns arcade machine charges.

Article 24 will be a repeating article each year for the CPA funding.

Article 25 proposes a zoning bylaw change allow the Planning Board authority over site plan review and special permitting for flexible plan development.

The remainder of the articles are inserted by citizen petitions and are currently being reviewed by the Advisory Board.

The board approved the warrant as follows:

Motion	Reilly	Motion to approve the annual warrant for the annual town meeting on Monday May 7 at 7 p.m. with the only changes to amend article 14 to add a sunset provision of five years, and to remove article 9 and 10.
Second	Sestito	
Vote	Unanimous	

Board members can sign the warrant on Monday.

NEW BUSINESS

Richardson said that the board had approved a license renewal for Local02045 last week. Clarification of hours is as follows:

- April: Closed on Monday and Tuesday; open from 12 p.m. to 1 a.m. Wednesday through Friday; open 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday.
- May through August: Open Monday through Friday 12 p.m. to 1 a.m.; and Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 1 a.m.
- September after Labor Day: Closed on Monday and Tuesday; open from 12 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Wednesday through Friday; open 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday.
- October 1 to 15: Open for events only.

Sestito asked if the board wanted to dissolve the Marijuana Task Force. The consensus was to put it on inactive status in case they need it in the future. Mitchell suggested sending a letter of appreciation to task force members.

Constable noted that on April 4 the Economic Development Committee will be meeting with Hull artists at 7 p.m. at the Nantasket Beach Resort.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:25 p.m., Richardson asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss strategy sessions and preparations for negotiations with nonunion personnel, and also to discuss strategy with respect to litigation and that the chair declares that an open meeting may be detrimental to the litigating position of the body; and to comply with, or act under the authority of the Attorney-Client privilege; and to consult with legal counsel and obtain legal advice pursuant to the Attorney-Client privilege; and to not reconvene in open session.

Matters to be discussed were:

- A claim by the town to recover costs incurred by the town
- Negotiation regarding non-union office departmental administrative positions

Motion	Sestito	So moved.
Second	Mitchell	
Vote	Unanimous	Richardson – Aye Constable – Aye Mitchell – Aye Reilly – Aye Sestito - Aye

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m. The board is scheduled to meet next at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 5, at 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall.

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 Board of Selectmen's office upon request:

- The Board of Selectmen's agenda and added agenda for March 29, 2018
- Town Meeting draft warrant