

Hull Board of Selectmen

Minutes

September 20, 2018

The meeting of the Hull Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday evening, September 20, 2018, at Hull Municipal Building, 253 Atlantic Ave., Hull, Massachusetts.

Present: Domenic Sestito, Chair; Jennifer Constable, Vice-Chair; Kevin Richardson, Clerk; John Reilly, Member; and Greg Grey, Member. Also present were Town Manager Philip Lemnios.

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APPOINTMENTS

Community Planning Director regarding Way Finding Signage

Community Planning Director Chris DiIorio made a PowerPoint presentation on the way-finding signage project, which had been undertaken under the guidance of consultant Mark Faverman with a DHCD grant, to design signage with the goal of improving the town's branding effort and improving a sense of place. The entire lineup includes eleven types of signs. Since its last presentation to the board, the group has taken the proposed signage to the Planning Board and the Economic Development Committee and secured their support and approval on the project. Faverman said that the board this evening should decide whether they want the sand-colored or the foam (light green) color scheme. He said that \$10,000 would provide a good start on the project. He said that \$25,000 would probably cover the whole thing.

Constable asked if there were electronic signage options. Faverman said that this would be second level, which some communities have adopted. He noted that the price of these will be going down. Constable said digital signs could be helpful for parking.

Lemnios said that in previous meetings they had discussed incorporating the official town seal into some of the signs. Faverman said that the goal was to avoid busyness. Constable advised against adding more information to the proposed signs at this time. Reilly said that entry signs should have the town seal on them and that if it is all or nothing, he would vote against it. He further stated that he would not spend town money to put signs on DCR property and noted that the town should spend money on its own signage before providing new signage for visitors. He said there are numerous veterans' square signs that need to be repaired or replaced. Constable noted that the funding of the signage is not the issue currently, but is whether to adopt the signs. She said that the condition of the existing town signage is a different issue than the branding signage.

Lemnios noted that it is not a zero-sum game and that there are ways to use branding signs in addition to signs with the town seal. He said that melding the town seal with the branding signs would not work, but it may be possible to find a way to do both. He suggested traditional signage at entry points to town.

Motion	Richardson	Motion that the board approve the branding design as presented, with the sand color, and also to ask if Faverman can come back with a design that incorporates the town seal, so the board can decide if there is a way to do that. At the same time, that the board direct the Police Department, the DPW, and the Veterans Committee to prepare a report on the status of signs in town.
	Amendment by Reilly, accepted	That the board prepare a letter to the DCR to ascertain how many signs would be located on the DCR property, the cost for that, and ask the DCR

	by Richardson	to take that out of the trust fund money.
Second	Grey	
Vote	Unanimous	

Meeting with the Community Preservation Committee to discuss the Capital Planning Process

The board met with the Community Preservation Committee (CPC), which was called to order at 8:11 p.m.

Lemnios stated that the main issue in an ongoing discussion is how a project gets to the CPC when it involves town-owned property. He said that the town charter is clear that the chief policy-setting body for the boards that are under its control is the Board of Selectmen. He stated that a particular board and committee doesn't have the right to apply for grants that effect town property without first getting permission from the Board of Selectmen. He said that it is a waste of time for any board or committee going into the CPC process for a project that has to do with town property without obtaining the prior approval from the board. . He said that this does not contravene any CPC authority.

Jim Ianiri, Co-Chairman of the CPC, said that the CPC pre-application is designed to evaluate whether projects fit within the rubric of the CPA. He stated that the committee understands the information provided by Lemnios, but many of these issues are not addressed in the Community Preservation Act itself. He stated that the Act does not distinguish between an applicant who is pitching something that is on town land or non-town land, and that anyone can apply. He further stated that the CPC mandate is not only to entertain applications, and decide whether they fit CPC guidelines, and whether or not the CPC thinks they merits funds, but also to hold public hearings and do its own assessment of the town's needs. He stated that the CPC is analogous to a town's capital planning committee and has independent authority to evaluate and assess the needs of the town and inquire of the town's boards and committees about potential projects. The CPC has an independent charge to do a needs assessment and does not have control over who applies for funding. He stated under the CPA, no one can tell the CPC what to do and how to do it. He said that the CPC has the ultimate authority to recommend whether a project should go to Town Meeting.

Constable thanked the CPC and suggested that over the course of the year leading up to the application period, there should be a process by which Board of Selectmen and the Advisory Board are included, as well as other relevant boards and committees. Fulvia Mattucci, Co-Chair of the CPC, noted that the relevant boards and committees were involved. Lemnios stated that everything should come from the capital improvement plan. Constable noted that the CPA was created in part for those items that don't typically land on a capital improvement plan. Lemnios said that if a project came through that had not been approved by the Board of Selectmen, he would not sign a single purchase order or a single warrant for that project. He said that those applicants do not have the authority to apply.

Reilly said that the goal is to work cooperatively and that there is no level of government that is autonomous. Steve Flynn, a member of the Capital Outlay Committee and the Planning Board, suggested that the CPC bring all projects that relate to town land to the Board of Selectmen once a quarter. Mattucci said that the CPA funds are there so that the town's residents feel that the projects that are part of the cultural identity get addressed. Constable suggested that the CPC avail itself of the funds allocated to it to hire an administrator.

The joint meeting with the CPC concluded at 9:05 p.m.

Public Hearing: La Dalat & Company, Inc. regarding license amendment

La Dalat & Company, Inc. dba La Dalat, Vo Nguyen, is requesting to amend the hours of its Alcohol and Common Victualer License. The board had not required that La Dalat be present at the hearing. Richardson stated that they wanted to close on Sundays for the remainder of the year into the winter months and plan on reopening after Easter Sunday.

Motion	Richardson	Motion to approve
Second	Grey	
Vote	Unanimous	

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Massachusetts Collectors and Treasurers Association

A letter from the Massachusetts Collectors and Treasurers Association advised the board that Eileen White, Hull’s Treasurer/Collector, has been designated a Certified Massachusetts Municipal Collector. Sestito offered his congratulations and asked Lemnios to put a note of congratulations in her file on behalf of the board.

Motion	Richardson	Motion to send a letter on behalf of the board.
Second	Constable	
Vote	Unanimous	

NEW BUSINESS

Grey said that he would like to get back to receiving quarterly reports from boards and committees.

Constable said that the Economic Development Committee is working on a public/private initiative that they would like to bring to the selectmen. This will be put on a future agenda.

Town Manager Lemnios updated the board as follows:

- The Hingham road diet committee will be setting up a public presentation for October. He said that based on the preview of the data, the narrowed road decreased speeds and did not significantly impact the transition time through area, nor was there increased usage of alternate routes. Hull officials asked that Hingham look at whether narrowing of Rockland Street to Martins Lane is necessary.
- A pre-bid meeting has been held with contractors about the emergency plan for the Crescent Beach project. Bids are due back at the end of next week. The residents of the neighborhood have been updated.

- Lemnios will contact Hingham regarding holding a meeting about the Aquarion purchase. He stated that the legislation that gave the town of Hingham the right to buy back the water system did not include the towns of Hull and Cohasset, so these towns do not have a direct vote or legal standing.

Constable asked about sandwich board signs, as there is one advertising a vaping product. Lemnios said that this is considered advertising and is on a public way. He will look into it.

Sestito thanked the Chamber of Commerce for a successful Endless Summer.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 p.m. The board will meet next on October 4, 2018 at 7:30 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 September 20, 2018
- License application materials regarding La Dalat
- Letter from Massachusetts Collectors and Treasurers Association