

Hull Board of Selectmen

Minutes

December 4, 2007

The meeting of the Hull Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:33 pm on Tuesday evening, at the Hull Municipal Building, 253 Atlantic Avenue, Hull, Massachusetts

Present: John Silva, Chairman;; Ronald Davy, Vice Chairman; ; John Reilly, and Joan Meschino, Members. Also present were: Philip Lemnios, Town Manager, and James Lampke, Town Counsel.

Not present: Christopher Olivieri, Clerk

MINUTES

Moved-Davy: To approve the minutes of December 19, 2006 and November 8, 2007 as presented

Second-Meschino

Vote: Unanimous in favor

7:30 pm – General Cemetery Discussion/Jewish Section Cemetery Discussion

Silva recognized Lemnios who presented documents and informed the Board that the cemetery has about a three month supply of gravesites; that area A as shown on the map is an area of opportunity to do the engineering and creation of additional grave sites this year that will give the Town a one-year capacity at the cemetery, and that in the FY '09 budget for the sum of \$6,000 to \$9,000 additional graves can be constructed and that would be the time to address the inter-faith section requested by members of the temple.

Town Clerk Janet Bennett was present and submitted the 1975 Town Meeting Article that appropriated \$6,000 to construct and set aside 75 grave sites for persons of the Jewish faith, where there have been 66 burials. Bennett said that actually 185 graves had been laid out.

The Rabbi Lefkowitz, from the Temple Beth Sholom who, was present with President Amy Schripper ,agreed to wait another year for discussion of the grave sites for inter-faith married couples, as has been requested, and said that it is too late to separate out a new section from the Jewish section as the burials are scattered throughout.

8:00 pm – Board of Assessors-re: Award

Assistant Assessor David Beck informed the Board of the Award given to the Hull Board of Assessors at the Annual Meeting of the MAAO on November 8th from the Massachusetts Association of Assessing Officers.

Beck received the award on behalf of his board for his production of a video tape that is a 9-minutes lesson on “How to Apply For A Tax Abatement” Beck said the voice-over on the tape was performed by Julie Shapiro, and that there has been considerable interest from other communities to obtain a copy.

Silva, on behalf of the Board, congratulated Beck and the Assessors, who were present, Nazzareno DeVito, Pamela Coffman, Mario Grieco, Richard Morris, and Barbara Grimshaw; for the discussion. Silva then re-presented the Award Plaque to Beck.

8:15 pm – Paul Epstein-Conservation Commission Applicant

Epstein’s interview was held over from the last meeting. He listed his credentials and reasons for wanting to serve in the capacity of a Conservation Committee member

In response to questions from Board Members Epstein responded that he had attended several meetings; that he understands the role of a Commissioner is to abide by the rules and regulations and to protect Hull’s assets. As for his role on the Beach Management Committee, Epstein said he would like to be the liaison.

The Board then voted on the applicants.

Moved-Davy: To reappoint Sheila Connor to the Conservation Commission to expire in 2010

Second-Meschino

Vote: Unanimous in favor

Moved-Meschino: To reappoint Judith Hass to the Conservation Commission to expire in 2010

Second-Davy

Vote: two in favor; two opposed (Silva & Reilly)

Not a vote

Moved-Silva: To appoint Paul Epstein to the Conservation Commission to expire in 2010.

Second Davy

Vote Unanimous in favor.

Meschino then asked for a revote on the appointment of Judith Hass as she spoke about her experience, Has' Chairmanship for another community and her willingness to always make herself available.

Moved-Meschino: To reappoint Judith Hass to the Conservation Commission (or for the an appointment for the other term)

Second Davy

Vote: Two in favor; two opposed

Not a vote

Reilly commented that his reason for not voting in favor was not personal, But her stated interest in seeking ConCom Town bylaws, and that he opposes any local bylaws as there seem to be sufficient rules and regulations now.

Moved-Davy: To table the appointment until there is a full board.

Second Meschino

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

(One seat remains to expire in 2009)

8:30 pm – Desalination Presentation

Members of the Desalination Committee Richard Matilla, Tom Burns, John McLeod, Dave Irwin, and Joan Meschino, Selectman, were present to discuss the final report. Since they were not posted Town Counsel explained the convoluted Open Meeting Law and suggested the Board might accept the written report and then dissolve the committee.

Moved-Reilly: To accept the written report and the committee is hereby resolved.

Second Davy

Vote: Unanimous in favor

Matilla spoke about the work of Wright Pierce in doing many of the studies and completing the final report, and of Aquarion Water Co. that had provided significant data, and he suggested that the Board might wish to continue by investigating sources of funding; continue the dialogue with Hingham and Cohasset, have discussions with the state; that he said has developed a policy on desalination; and that he expected it would be seven to nine years to complete the project. It was suggested that the Selectmen form a task force to keep the dialogue ongoing.

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Irwin commented that in the beginning he was very opposed to including Aquarion Water, but said he has since changed his mind as he now believes the town should work with the company.

Meschino thanked the Committee stating they were hard workers dealing with complex questions, and she thanked Wright Pierce's Jeff Musich for a great job putting together the final report.

Moved-Reilly: To authorize the Town Manager to create a task force.

Second Meschino

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Silva thanked the former Committee members, for doing a great job.

TOWN MANAGER

Lemnios reported on the Point Allerton Boat House, once the property of the Federal government, now owned by the Town, and that there are several issues to deal with. The Town is only able to use the building for science educational purposes and maritime skills. The Hull Lifesaving Museum has been operating (with permission of the federal government) from the boathouse for many years, but there is no agreement between the museum and the Town and a short-term agreement is being drafted. Also, meetings will be arranged between the museum and school department for the educational program. The town inspectors have found numerous issues, of a serious nature. Therefore the building cannot be occupied for its current use.

Lemnios suggested that the Town Hall be closed on December 24th and that December 31st be a half-day.

Moved-Meschino: To close Town Hall on December 24, 2007 and at noon on December 31, 2007

Second-Davy

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE

1 – Noted the resignation of Nancy Martens and Nancy Bilodeau from the Beach Management Committee and thanked them for their service

2 – Read aloud a letter from the Anti Defamation League in regard to the Armenian genocide and its resolve to take no further action.

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3 – Letter from Janet Bernault, Chairman of No Place for Hate, in response to Letter # 2 applauding the ADL for its position on Armenian genocide.

LICENSES

#1 - Unanimously voted to renew the All Alcoholic Package Store License to Nantasket Liquors, Inc., Edward H. Salant, Manager, 379 Nantasket avenue on a motion by Reilly, Seconded by Davy

#2 – Held Nantasket Bay Club dba Ocean Club

#3 – Unanimously voted to hold the licenses renewal -by Mass. Department of Revenue formerly the Dry Dock license on a motion by Reilly, seconded by Meschino

#4 – Unanimously voted to renew the Wine and Malt as a Package store to Thornton's Market, Inc. dba Riddle's Supermarket, Raymond W, Riddle, Manager, 505 Nantasket Avenue on a motion by Reilly, seconded by Davy.

5 – Unanimously voted to renew the common Victualer and all Alcoholic as a restaurant licenses to LaDalat & Company, Inc., dba Ladalt, Vo Nguyen, Manager. 181 Nantasket Avenue on two motions made by Davy, seconded by Reilly

6 – Held the renewal of the Common victualer, All Alcoholic as a Restaurant Licenses for Bridgeman Enterprises, Inc. dba Bridgeman's RestaurOant, Joseph D. LaSpada, Manager, 145 Nantasket Avenue.

7 – Unanimously approved the renewal of the All Alcoholic as a Restaurant and Entertainment Licenses to McDevitt Enterprises, Inc. dba Jo's Nautical Bar, Stephanie Aprea, Manager, 125 Main Street on two motions by Davy and two seconds by Reilly.

8 - Unanimously approved the renewal of Common Victualer, All Alcoholic as a restaurant, Entertainment and Automatic Amusement Devices Licenses on four motions by Meschino, four seconded by Davy.

9 – Unanimously approved the renewal of the Lodging House License to J. Michael Milligan, dba The Nantasket Lodging House, John Trapp, Manager, 475 Nantasket Avenue on a motion by Davy, seconded by Meschino

10 – Unanimously approved the renewal of the Common Victualer, All Alcoholic as a Restaurant, Entertainment License to Ric Ray, Inc., dba Schooners, Raymond Chase, Manager, 157 Nantasket Avenue, on three motions by Meschino, and Three seconds by Davy.

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#11 – Unanimously approved the renewal of the Wine & Malt as a Restaurant License to Stephen R. Cassaway dba Toast, 121 Nantasket Avenue, on a motion by Meschino, seconded by Davy.

12 – Unanimously approved the renewal of the Lodging House License to the Bermaken Hotel, LLC, Steve Williams, Owners Rep., William Redding, Manager, 102 Revere Street on a motion by Meschino, seconded by Davy.

13 – Unanimously approved the renewal of the Common Victualer License to William J. Dwyer dba Pemberton Bait & Tackle, 174 Main Street on a motion by Meschino, seconded by Davy.

Town Counsel told the Board he is in discussion with the alleged liquor violations that resulted from a Police investigation, and that he should have completed the negotiations with the owners by the 18th of this month.

The Meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm.

January 8, 2008

Approved