

Hull Board of Selectmen
Minutes
January 22, 2008

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

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

MINUTES

Moved-Olivieri: To approve the minutes of November 13, 2007 as presented
Second-Reilly
Vote: Unanimous in favor

7:30 pm-Ken MacDonald – re: Applicant for Appointment to Disability Commission

Ken MacDonald was interviewed and told the Board that he has worked with the disabled for many years and has attended several meetings of the Disability Commission.

Moved-Olivieri: To appoint Ken MacDonald to the Disability Commission
Second-Meschino
Vote: Unanimous in favor

7:45 – 8:00 pm – Applicants for the Board of Appeals Membership—Bonnie Raffetto and Mark Einhorn and Applicant for Associate Member -John Brannan

Unanimously approved the re-appointment of Bonnie Raffetto as a Member of the Board of Appeals for a term to expire in 2010, on a motion by Davy, seconded by Reilly.

Unanimously approved the re-appointment of John Brannan as an Alternate (Associate) Member of the Board of Appeals for a term to expire in 2010, on a motion by Meschino, seconded by Olivieri.

Unanimously approved the appointment of Mark Einhorn as a Member of the Board of Appeals for a term to expire in 2009, on a motion by Olivieri, seconded by Reilly.

CORRESPONDENCE

#1. The Board addressed the correspondence from Police Chief Richard Billings on his recommendations to the Board for addressing the issue of parking regulations for the area at Pemberton and High School as requested by the Board. Billings said he has been working with High School Principal John Ford

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Billings said they had agreed on dividing the field parking lot into a faculty and student section as far as possible from the school itself, and eliminated faculty parking adjacent to the loading area; the back parking lot (along the seawall) will be off limits to students and the public but faculty members with a valid parking tag will be afforded access; the front (administrative) parking will be posted for guest parking (15 minute parking) for safety reasons and the building evacuation plans altered so that in the event of an emergency student do not pass near the area.

The Chief requested the authority to enforce the agreed upon parking and offered \$20.00 as the fee for violations. He anticipated the regulations to begin on February 4th. He advised that during sporting events, town elections, school meetings and graduations, etc police discretion shall be applied.

In response to questions from the Board Members in regard to vacation parking and a citizen's concern in regard to very poor, if any, lighting is one of the areas, Town Manager will work with the Chief to resolve the unanswered questions. A motion by Olivieri to approve subject to parking during vacations, seconded by Davy was withdrawn and the subject tabled to the next meeting.

8:00 pm - Treasurer/Collector Tom Connolly – re: Plymouth County Health Insurance

Tom Connolly submitted a resolution that will empower the Town to have a vote regarding insurance rather than the three commissioners of Plymouth County switching from MGL 32b Section 11 entity, to a MGL Section 12 entity as follows

Resolution

Whereas, the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Hull has determined that it would be in the best interest of the town to procure group hospital, surgical, medical dental and other health care coverage as authorized by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 32B pursuant to Massachusetts General Law, Section 23 trust or joint purchase agreement with other cities, towns, counties, and districts, that will form the trust or joint purchase agreement for the purposes of negotiating and purchasing insurance policies providing group hospital, surgical, medical, dental and other health care coverage for the employees, dependents and retirees of the Town of Hull. The office responsible for handling health insurance for the Town of Hull shall administer the implementation of the order.

Moved-Olivieri: To approve in the words of the resolution
Second-Reilly
Vote: Unanimous in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE

#2. Silva read a letter from the Treasurer/Collector in regard to the Town receiving monetary gifts that states, in brief, that an officer or department of any town may accept gifts from a charitable foundation, private corporation or an individual and may expend such funds for the purpose of such gift. The funds would be deposited with the treasurer and held as a separate account. Gifts should be made out to the Town of Hull (example: Veteran's Fund) and expended by the officer or department head without appropriation. Donors should check with their tax accountant in regard to tax exemption, if any.

#3 Unanimously approved the request of Town Counsel for authorization to establish a 20-day deadline to cable providers interested in filing a license application to serve Hull with cable, on a motion by Reilly, seconded by Olivieri

OLD BUSINESS

Silva raised the issue of the K Street property that had an encroachment onto Town property and asked if the fence had been removed.

Moved-Olivieri: To instruct the Town Manager to discuss removal of the fence with the owner and if no agreement is reach to approve the Town Manager to issue a removal order.

Second-Meschino

Vote: Unanimous in favor

Davy discussed taking a comprehensive look at the vision statement by taking a comprehensive look at the "Wave of the Future, completed in 1996 and done by the Economic Development Committee. He referred to it as a living document and is seeking to bring it up to date and provide a fresh vision statement. Lemnios noted that the document was not prepared from the top down and that many citizens had participated in its conclusions.

LICENSE

Unanimously approved the renewal of a Class II Auto License to Pizza Box, Inc. dba West Corner Auto, 52 Nantasket Avenue, on a motion by Reilly, seconded by Olivieri.

TOWN MANAGER

Approved on a vote of four ayes, and one, nay (Davy) the recommendation of Town Manager to award the contract to MMA Consultant Group, Inc. as the Assessment Center to assist in the selection of a new Fire Chief, on a motion by Olivieri, seconded by Meschino

The Town Manager spoke about seven issues: 1. That Green Mountain is working on the updated phone system. 2. There has been a request for using prisoners again for local town work. 3. To take another look at installing a gas pump at Pemberton Pier. 4. The pump house at L Street Field is in need of repairs with broken windows and rotted wood. 5. Has had good reports from Christine Road following the last rain storm. 6. He is starting a new paving plan. 7. That Chapter 8 needs updating.

Silva announced that the next meeting would be on February 12th.

Moved-Olivieri: To go into executive session to discuss strategy in litigation and deployment of security personnel and not to return to open session

Second- Reilly

Roll Call Vote: Aye, Meschino; aye, Davy; aye, Reilly; aye, Olivieri; aye, Silva

The Board moved into executive session at 10:00 pm and thereafter adjourned.

March 4, 2008

Approved