

Hull Board of Selectmen

Minutes

March 4, 2008

The meeting of the Hull Board of Selectmen was called to order after 7:30 pm on Tuesday evening, March 4, 2008 at the Hull Municipal Building, 253 Atlantic Avenue, Hull, Massachusetts

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

Not present: Ronald Davy, Vice Chairman

Moment of Silence

Chairman Silva held a moment of silence on the passing of former Selectman, Leonard Hersch. Lennie, a resident of Hull for 60 years, was a politically involved citizen for many years and once held a seat on the Board of Assessors. He served as Selectman for several years and was a dedicated, outspoken member of our community that he cared a great deal about. Known by nearly everyone, his death has brought an end to an era.

A moment of silence was held for Pam Capo, the daughter of Virginia Capo, Library Trustee; and for Nancy Fazio, Mother-in-Law of former Selectman Gerald McLaughlin.

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Moved-Meschino: To accept the minutes of June 12, 2007 and January 22, 2008 as presented

Second-Reilly

Vote: Unanimous in favor

7:30 pm – Continuation of public hearing for transfer of Little village Wines and Malt (annual) license as a package goods store to Vidhi Corp dba Little village, Rashikbhai I. Patel, Mgr.

Silva opened the public hearing and swore in witnesses. The applicant was represented by Kenneth J. DiFazio, Esq., of Weymouth and said the applicant is from Agawam and plans to relocate to Hull, that his Assistant Manager is to be Bhavesh Patel, that they plan to install a magnetic reader for the license and video taping. Both have experience and are TIPS certified. The hours of operation are planned from 6am to 11pm daily and 6am to 9pm on Sundays. The Police Chief, in his written report commented that neither the applicant nor the Assistant Manager have package Goods Store experience but that he has no problem with either provided they are required to take BAT (Beverage Alcohol Training)

No one spoke in opposition

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Moved-Olivieri: To approve the issuance of the license subject to being BAT trained specifically for package stores, provide a land phone and to not sell individual beer cans.

Second-Meschino

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

7:45 pm – Aquarion Water – re: Customer Satisfaction Survey

Larry Bingaman along with Michael Vagent, Project Director and Robert Rollins, Director of Operations were present to discuss the recent Customer Satisfaction Survey. Michael Vagent presented a power point, showing the overall results and those in Hull. He stated that the positive rating for 13 personnel characteristics measured in Hull in 2007 was 80% up from the 2006 study; for 11 field service characteristics 97.1% up from 94.9% in 2006; for the field service “understanding the service required” were 100% up from 88.9% in 2006, and for “arriving on time 98.5% up from 96.2% in 2006. As for water improvement or that water was remained good over the past year was 84.2% slightly above 2006 at 83.1%

In response to questions Bingaman said that they are seeking an increase in water rates. Presently, he said, water is about one cent per gallon. Reilly reminded him that there are still left over hard feelings from the water debate a few years ago. Another question asked by a member of the audience was about the treatment of the Cohasset water prior to sending it to Hull. The response was that the Cohasset water is not treated in Hingham but is treated in Cohasset prior to being sent to the Turkey Hill tank that holds 2 million gallons but only 100,000 is pumped in from Cohasset. As for removal of the Strawberry Hill tank, Bingaman said it is still under evaluation.

8:25 pm – Judeth Van Hamm – re: Weir River Estuary Park & Sustainable Transportation

Van Hamm was present to request the Board to appoint a committee to update the 2005 Open Space Plan because if it is not done and presented to the State soon the Town will not be eligible for the Massachusetts Self Help Grant.

The second issue was to ask for support for the Town Meeting Article on the warrant for the upcoming Town Meeting to acquire the Chatham Street land to provide a public entrance to the Weir River Woods. The article seeks \$235,000 and the Town will apply for the Self-Help Grant for 56 % of the acquisition costs. Van Hamm is working toward preparing Hull for the Greenway to run from Norwell to Hull

Moved-Reilly: To appoint the Chairmen of the Board of Selectmen, Planning Board, Conservation Commission, and Harbor Committee to update and prepare a cut & paste draft of an update of the Open Space Plan and to seek a Self Help Grant. (Park & Recreation)

Second-Meschino

Vote: Unanimous in favor

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Further discussion from Town Counsel, in regard to the Chatham Street Land purchase stating that there are several legal issues to be researched.

Moved-Olivieri: To support the concept presented this evening to Town Manager and Town Counsel to determine the legal issues and efficacy of the purchase by the Town.

Second-Meschino

Vote: Unanimous in favor

The Chairman asked Van Hamm to suspend for a few moments to address one piece of correspondence.

CORRESPONDENCE

9:00 pm – Richard Bornstein re: New Owner Sam’s Restaurant –Not a public hearing is just introducing himself.

The Board welcomed Mr. Bornstein to our community. Bornstein introduced himself and said he hoped to increase the hours of operation.

Moved-Olivieri: To approve the common victualer license

Second-Meschino

Vote: Unanimous in favor

Van Hamm continued

Van Hamm addressed the Sustainable Transportation project requesting support for Harvard U. landscape design, home zone study and recommended F, G, H, Streets on the ocean side of the avenue, will hold an information meeting at the Senior Center on March 4 @ 7:30 pm and the study will start on May 13. She also requested including George Washington Boulevard safety and design study be put on Town’s list for the TIP Program and that the committee is preparing recommendations for free bike racks and is seeking funding for shipping and installation.

Moved-Reilly: To support the concept and that the Committee should report back in a week or two.

Second-Olivieri

Vote: Unanimous in favor

Moved-Meschino: That the Town of Hull officially become part of the Greenway Study

Second-Olivieri

Vote: Unanimous in favor

CORRESPONDENCE

1 – A letter from the Treasurer, Thomas Connolly, stating that the scholarship fund has raised \$1,122.67, the Education Fund \$635.86, and the Elderly/Disabled Fund \$1,951.07. He requested the formation of a committee, as required by law, consisting of the

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Superintendent of Schools or designee and no fewer than four residents of the town to serve three-year terms; and a Taxation Committee consisting of the Chairman of the Board of Assessors, Treasurer, and three residents.

#2 Read and referred to Town Manager a letter from Josef Espinoza of Hillside Road with complaints in regard to the Marston Inn

#3 Read aloud a thank you letter from Chip & Mary Fleming for the Board's vote on the L Street license denial.

#5 Held a letter from AFSCME Local 1395 DPW Members– re: DPW Director

#6 The Treasurer submitted a motion to be adopted and signed by the Board dealing with bonding, and read aloud by the Chairman was voted unanimously on a motion by Olivieri, seconded by Meschino, as follows:

1) That the Town shall issue a bond or bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$4,077,160 (the "Bonds") pursuant to Chapters 44 and 70B of the General Laws, and a vote of the Town passed on March 28, 2000 (Article 5), to finance the school project referenced therein, including the Jacobs Elementary School project;

2) that the Bond shall be issued as a single registered security, and sold to the Massachusetts School Building Authority (the "Authority") at a price of par and at an interest rate of 2% and upon such other terms and conditions as shall be set forth in any Loan Agreement between the Authority and the Town that may be prepared with respect to the Bond (the "Loan Agreement");

3) that the Treasurer is authorized to determine the date, the form and the principal maturities of the Bond which shall be in accordance with any applicable Loan Agreement, and that the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to execute a Loan Agreement or Agreements with the Authority with respect to the sale of the Bonds, such date, form and maturities of the Bond to be approved by a majority of the Board of Selectmen by their execution thereof;

4) that all action taken to date by the Town and its officers and agents to carry out the project to be financed through the issuance of the Bond, including the execution of any loan commitment or any other agreement by the Treasurer or the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, are hereby ratified, approved and confirmed; and

5) that the Treasurer, the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen and by any other appropriate Town officials are each hereby authorized to take any and all actions necessary and convenient to carry out the provisions of this vote, including execution and delivery of any Loan Agreement and any other agreements or documents between the Town and the Authority relating to the Project.

Moved-Olivieri: To go into executive session to discuss strategy in litigation and collective bargaining

Second-Meschino

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

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

April 1, 2008

Approved