

Hull Board of Selectmen

Minutes

March 18, 2008

The meeting of the Hull Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:30-pm on Tuesday evening,, March 18, 2007 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.

Moment of Silence

The Chairman held a moment of silence on the passing of Charles Brennan, a retired member of the Hull School Committee, and who participated in the construction of our Town's new school buildings; and for Margaret (Peggy) Cox, the wife of the late Tom Cox, a Hull Firefighter.

MINUTES

Moved-Reilly: To accept the minutes of May 22, 2008 and executive session minutes of March 4, 2008 as presented

Second Olivieri

Vote: Unanimous in favor

7:30 pm-Paul Stevelman –re: Applicant for Livery License

Moved-Reilly-To approve the renewal of the livery license

Second-Olivieri

Vote: Unanimous in favor

7:40 pm – Tom Connolly Treasurer/Collector-re: Move f rom MGL32b section 11 entity to MGL 32b Section 12 entity

Tom Connolly, Treasurer Collector presented the new health insurance contract for signature, and requested the Board to designate a representative and alternate representatives to protect the interests of the Town.

Moved-Reilly: that the Town of Hull signify its decision to join the Plymouth County Health Group by signing the agreement for Joint Negotiation and Purchase of Medical, Dental and Life Coverage; AND that the Town appoint the Town Manager as the Primary Representative and the Treasurer/Collector as the Alternate Representative to the Plymouth County Health Group.

Second-Olivieri

Vote: Unanimous in favor

7:45 pm – Public Hearing –re: Laurel Schreiber dba Frosty Claw Convenience, 288A Atlantic Avenue-Wines and Malts (seasonal) as a Package Goods Store-NEW

John Reilly recused from the hearing as an abutter and left the room. The Chairman swore in witnesses and called on Laura Schreiber

Schreiber said she operates the Bait and Tackle Shop, and ran the Frosty Claw Restaurant for four years. She is now opening a small convenience shop and is seeking the Wines and Malt license to provide the service to her bait and tackle customers, that she said came mostly from out of town. She stated that the Frosty Claw had intended to serve mostly take out, but with the picnic benches many persons used the benches to eat their food and it caused a parking problem

Schreiber presented a traffic and parking plan that showed a proposed new entrance and a curb cut for a new exit to allow for only one way in and one way out. The plan shows four parking spaces on the side.

In his memo the Police Chief states the Police Department has numerous objections from a public safety standpoint; that the intersection is heavily traveled, and congested in the summer season, parking is insufficient, and is a highly populated area He also questioned the public need as another package store is nearby. The Chief indicated the applicant does not appear to have any factors in her background that would disqualify her as a person, although she is inexperienced in alcohol sales, and recommends, if approved, BAT be required.

Two persons, Anne Murray of Green Hill, and Steven Holden of 289 Atlantic Avenue opposed the issuance of a license.

Olivieri agreed with the Chief stating there are four other package stores nearby; Meschino expressed her concern on lack of experience; and Davy said he didn't see the public need and a motion was made:

Moved-Davy: To deny the application for a Wines and Malt License based upon 1. No public need and 2. Lack of adequate parking

Second-Olivieri

Vote: Four in favor (Reilly recused)

Hearing closed

Olivieri presented a report by the Citizen Advisory Committee on the seawall project running from the Hotel to the Ocean club and listed 8 Alternatives on what happens with the rocks placed under the emergency procedure. The options listed are: 1). Leave alone; 2) add more toe protection; 3) repair old revetment; 4) repair and re-nourishment; 5) repair and rehab with toe protection and nourishment; 6) repair and rehab with revetment and nourishment; 7) remove seawall back with revetment and partial dune; 8) remove seawall and replace with dune and renourishment..

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Olivieri praised Kirk Bosna for his presentation, and the DCR process and termed the presentation as an unbiased one. He also thanked the public for its participation.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Read a letter from Greer Tocci that expressed his opposition to the proposal from Police Chief Billings to raise the fess on parking permits.
2. Noted a letter from the Massachusetts Municipal Association in regard to the Legislative Breakfast Series.
3. Unanimously voted to accept the Letter from Town Clerk, Janet Bennett, to the Alcoholic Beverage Committee, estimating the temporary increase as of July 10, 2008 at 20,000, on a motion by Reilly, seconded by Olivieri.
4. Discussed the Massachusetts State Lottery Commission's letter in regard to its approval of its new venture KENO To Go and its estimate that it will raise millions more for the communities. The proposal is to allow the selling of KENO tickets at all existing agents rather than the limited number who currently offer the game. Members expressed their concerns about increasing the ease of participating in KENO, and whether or not it will encourage increased gambling by people unable to afford it. The Board held off on making a decision, and Lemnios explained that if they do not wish to participate a local public hearing is required.

TOWN MANAGER

Lemnios presented a draft of a proposed lease between the Town of Hull and the Hull Lifesaving Museum for its temporary and limited use of the Windmill Point Boathouse The building use is for storage only and a more general use of outside area. He asked that the matter be discussed in executive session, and that it can be approved in open session.

8:15 pm – Senator Hedlund and Representative Bradley-re: Leonard Hersch Proclamation and Update on Budget

The Chairman welcomed Senator Robert Hedlund and Representative Garrett Bradley to the meeting to read a Proclamation in tribute to Leonard Hersch, a former Selectman, who passed away recently.

Present for the tribute was his wife Dorothy (Giovannucci) and his step children. Scott and Ellen Giovannucci, in addition to friends.

Hedlund and Bradley read the Proclamation honoring Lennie, and following the

reading both Hedlund and Bradley told Lennie Hersch stories and talked of his persistence in pursuing the Town of Hull's interests. Some of the stories brought gentle laughter to the room.

A conversation about Hersch took place, after which a presentation of the Proclamation to Dorothy, and their family was held

Chairman Silva offered the suggestion that the Selectmen's Office be dedicated to Leonard Hersch.

Moved-Olivieri: That the Hull Selectmen's Office be dedicated in memory to Leonard Hersch.

Second Meschino

Vote: Unanimous in favor

It was suggested that the dedication take place on Memorial Day. Mrs. Hersch thanked each of the participants and others present.

Reilly announced that the Summer Concert Series, a pet project of Lennie's who was instrumental in assuring the concerts would continue year after year, that the concerts would continue in his memory, and donations may be sent to the Town.

Hedlund and Bradley updated the Board on the upcoming state budget, and said they are working to find additional funds. Hull's only revenue is 1.8% of Ch 70.

Olivieri stated that Massachusetts is the only state to have a drop in its aid budget. Reilly commented that the Governor should be reminded he promised tax relief, and Silva spoke about the possibility of more public/ private partnerships as a partial solution.

The meeting adjourned at 9:26 pm.

April 29, 2008

Approved