

Hull Board of Selectmen

Minutes

October 28, 2008

The meeting of the Hull Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:30 pm on Tuesday evening, October 28, 2008 at the Hull Municipal Building, 253 Atlantic Avenue, Hull, Massachusetts

Present: Joan Meschino, Chairman; Domenico Sestito, Clerk, John Reilly, and Dennis Blackall, Members. Also present were: Philip Lemnios, Town Manager, and James Lampke, Town Counsel.

Not present: Christopher Olivieri, Vice Chairman

MINUTES

Moved-Reilly: To accept the executive session minutes of October 7, 2008 and October 21, 2008 as presented and not to release

Second-Sestito

Vote: Unanimous in favor

7:30 pm – Anne Herbst – re: Straits Pond

Anne Herbst, Conservation Administrator, appeared before the Board to update conditions at Straits Pond. Herbst said that the consensus has been that the root causes of the midge problem has been low salinity; that more flushing was required as midges cannot live in salt water. She added that there have been positive signs since May 2007 that the increased flushing has worked because as of May 2008 there were no big breakouts.

Herbst said she is looking forward to the installation of a larger tide gates that are to be installed when the new West Corner Bridge is constructed. She thanked Lawry Reid for all of his attention to the problem, the Weir River Estuary Committee, and other residents who have contributed to alleviating the problems with Straits Pond.

Meschino congratulated all those who have participated, and Lemnios said that it is the first time since 1848 that there has been no midge problem.

Meschino also announced that the Weir River Estuary Center, a “green” building, is now finished and accessible for use. It has a small windmill attached to the building for sustainable energy, water on site, and solar energy panels.

7:45 pm – Library Trustees – re: New Library (Postponed)

8:15 pm – Harbor Management Committee – Reappointment

Moved-Reilly: To reappoint Sally Chisholm, Peter Mahoney, David Ray, Andrew Spinale, and William McKeon to the Harbor Management Committee for terms to expire in 2009.

Second-Sestito

Vote: Unanimous in favor

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Unanimously approved the request of the friends of Hull Scouting for permission to sell hot beverages on Thanksgiving Day at the bonfire, subject to a common victualer license on a motion by Reilly, seconded by Sestito.
2. Tabled and took under advisement a letter from Senator Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. requesting a signature in support of the Picken's Energy Independence Pledge.
3. Unanimously approved the request of Steamboat Wharf for approval of all sub-tenants on a motion by Reilly, seconded by Sestito
4. Tabled the request from the Housing Authority for authorization a waiver having to do with payment of taxes to the Town due to an audit problem that was inherited from a previous administrator.
5. Read a letter from John Coggins inviting Members to participate in our Veterans Day ceremonies, November 11, 2008 at 11:00 am at the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial

TOWN MANAGER

Lemnios informed the Board of his appointment of Joseph A. Strigliani as Director of Public Works for one year from the effective date of November 17, 2008, at a salary of \$80,000, and requested the Board to waive its 15 day right to object. Lemnios said that he is experienced and was formerly employed as Superintendent of Public Works for Hingham, where he had been employed since 1985. He also served Hingham in the capacity of a Conservation Officer, and also has experience with several other areas pertaining to the work of the department.

Lemnios outlined the areas of his State of the Town report requested by the Board of Selectmen that he is preparing.

Also discussed was the Boston Globe misleading article in regard to cancer statistics in Hull that ran in its Sunday Magazine. Lemnios was not satisfied with the newspapers response in recognizing the problem, but not satisfactorily addressing it.

Moved-Sestito: To reverse the motion not to advertise in the Globe

Second-Reilly

No Vote: Motion withdrawn

Moved-Reilly: To prepare a proclamation for Senior Senator Edward (Ted) Kennedy and have a special day in his honor.

Second-Blackall

Vote: Unanimous in favor

Moved-Sestito: To go into executive session to discuss non-union personnel and to return to open session

Second-Blackall

Roll Call Vote: Aye, Blackall; aye, Olivieri; aye, Meschino; aye, Sestito; Aye, Reilly

The Board moved into executive session at 9:04 pm and returned to open session at 9:40 pm.

Moved-Blackall: To waive the Selectmen's 15-day right to reject the appointment of Joseph Strigliano as Director of Public Works.

Second Sestito

Vote: Unanimous in favor

Moved-Blackall: To go into executive session to discuss the disposition of real property, collective bargaining strategy and not to return to open session.

Second-Sestito

Roll Call Vote: Aye, Blackall; aye, Olivieri; aye, Meschino; aye, Sestito, aye, Reilly

The Board moved into executive session at 9:48 pm and thereafter adjourned.

February 24, 2009
Approved