

## Hull Board of Selectmen

### Minutes

November 18, 2008

The meeting of the Hull Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:34 pm on Tuesday evening, November 18, 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

### *In Memoriam*

A moment of silence was observed on the passing of Firefighter John Clasby, 45, as the result of a serious injury received in the line of duty ten years ago. He was awarded the Medal of Honor for his work during that 1999 fire.

### MINUTES

Moved-Blackall: To accept and release the executive session minutes of October 28, 2008  
1<sup>st</sup> session

Second-Sestito

Vote: Unanimous in favor

Moved-Blackall: To accept the executive session minutes of October 28, 1008, 2<sup>nd</sup> session  
and not to release.

Second-Sestito

Vote: Unanimous in favor

### **7:45 pm – Housing Authority – re: Payment in Lieu of Taxes**

Patrice, Kenney, Chairman of the Housing Authority and its Members were present to discuss the audit completed as the result of the actions or non-actions of a previous Executive Director, Kenny said the audit resulted in four finding, and that three had been settled. The fourth finding dealt with the PILOT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) that resulted in a waiver signed in 1997. Because the Authority has been operating with a lack of appropriate funds, it is requesting an extension of that waiver through 2007. The Chairman, on behalf of the authority, agreed it would pay the PILOT from 2008 forward with the annual bill.

Moved-Blackall: To clarify and confirm the waiver extension from 1997 through 2007  
Second-Sestito  
Vote: Unanimous in favor

#### CORRESPONDENCE

1. Noted a letter from the Hull Planning Board notifying the Board of Selectmen of the Planners approval of the issuance of a temporary occupancy permit to Steamboat Wharf.

#### LICENSES

On a motion by Blackall, seconded by Sestito the following licenses were approved Unanimously:

1. Bermanken Hotel, LLC, 102 Revere Street, William Reading, Manager – Lodging House Licenses renewal/
2. Kenneth L. Brown dba Nantasket Auto Sales, 404 Nantasket Avenue – Class II Auto-renewal
4. Hull Lifesaving Museum, 1117 Nantasket Avenue, One Day Alcohol (Beer only) for December 5, 2008 from 6 – 11 pm
3. Unanimously approved J. Michael Milligan dba The Nantascot Lodging House, 475 Nantasket Avenue, John Trapp, Manager – Lodging House renewal in a motion by Sestito, seconded by Blackall.

#### OLD BUSINESS

3. Verizon Easement

Town Counsel requested the Board to authorize signatures on the Verizon Easement for a Telecommunications Shed as a hub & facility to run a line along the landfill road.

Moved-Reilly: To authorize the Chairman or Town Manager to sign the Easement Agreement with Verizon and NGRID as prepared and approved by Town Counsel relative to the telecommunications shed on the landfill road

Second – Blackall

Vote: Unanimous in favor

## 2 Allerton Bluff Easement

Moved-Reilly: To authorize the Chairman or Town Manager to sign the Confirmatory Release of Easements as prepared and approved by Town Counsel for easements not needed for the Allerton Bluff Project

Second Blackall

Vote: Unanimous in favor

### **8:00 pm – Blake Haskell – re: Regional Dispatch**

Blake T. Haskell, a Hull Resident, and President of J. D. Hunter, Inc. who has been working with the Regional Dispatch Center Committee Members seeking a grant to establish a Cohasset, Norwell, Hull and Hingham Dispatch Center that could be based in Hingham, as it has adequate space. Among others present for the discussion were Police Chief Richard Billings and Hull Fire Chief Robert Hollingshead.

Haskell presented a Power Point covering all of the advantages to the departments, citizens, towns, mutual aid and offering a cohesiveness of operations along with a cost savings. The grant will provide funding from the Wireless fund to towns from the tax on telephones, Haskell said, He added that current dispatch costs are \$1.4 M' current level of state grants are \$107,097; State grants with regionalization would be \$420,704, providing additional funds to the towns.

Each of the Chiefs spoke in favor of seeking the grant and of the benefits that are offered should the new dispatch center become a reality. Hollingshead noted that the state provides 911 equipment. The new, more up-to-date, equipment will improve communications at all levels by providing UHF service rather the VHF.

Town Manager Lemnios said it is possible other communities could also be interested in joining the Center, and that we need to reach out, and that is it an unique opportunity.

Moved-Reilly: To approve filing for the grant to establish a Regional Dispatch Center

Second – Sestito

Vote: Unanimous in favor

The Board recessed at 8:31 pm and returned at 8:42 pm.

### **8:30 pm – FY10 Budget Presentation**

Town Manager Phil Lemnios had been tasked to prepare a budget scenario for FY10 in preparation of the estimated \$2M shortfall, and in the event an override or a debt

exclusion is not approved by the voters. He emphasized that the power point presentation of budget A is to delineate the cut possibilities as an example, but is not definitive and could change. Lemnios added that budget A recognizes that over the last four or five years there has been either a reduction of services or increase in fund, but that it has been worse since September.

Budget A addressed layoffs, reduction of some employees from full to part time, and limiting services and closing some services such as park and recreation programs and the library.

Moved-Reilly: To prepare Budget B, the debt exclusion and general; override budget.

Second-Blackall

Vote: Unanimous in favor

Members made it clear that there will be many public meetings between now and Town Meeting.

The Board recessed at 9:46 pm and reopened the meeting at 9:57 pm,

#### OLD BUSINESS

On response to an earlier request of the Kaplans for permission to building a shed on the railroad bed at the rear of their property on 73 Manomet Avenue, the following vote was taken:

Moved-Reilly: To reject the request and that it not be approved

Second-Sestito

Vote: Unanimous in favor

Reilly suggested that the applicants take the matter to Town Meeting.

Blackall spoke about the Sustainable Transportation offering a substantial grant that is available and the need to develop a policy and submit the application.

Moved-Reilly: To authorize Lemnios and Sestito to sign the application

Second-Blackall;

Vote: Unanimous in favor

Unanimously approved the request of the Boy Scouts and the local Temple to sell hot drinks and snacks at the bonfire on Thanksgiving and also approved a common victualer license, and waived the fee, subject to the bonfire complying with the regulatory

Bodies of the Town, on a motion by Blackall, seconded by Reilly. Participants were reminded that donations may be made to the Hull Permanent Firefighters Association, and to the benevolent group for the Clasby Children's fund at the Hingham Institute for Saving.

Moved-Reilly: To close Town Hall one-half day on Wednesday before Thanksgiving and a full day before Christmas.

Second-Blackall

Vote: Unanimous in favor

Moved-Blackall: To go into executive session to discuss collective bargaining, strategy on litigation and advice of counsel, and not to reopen.

Second-Sestito

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

The Board moved into executive session at 10:44 pm and thereafter adjourned.

February 10, 2009

Approved