

Hull Board of Selectmen  
Minutes  
April 28, 2009

The meeting of the Hull Board of Selectmen was called to order after 6:15 pm on Tuesday evening, April 28, 2009 at the Hull Municipal Building, 253 Atlantic Avenue, Hull, Massachusetts

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

Not present: Domenic Sestito, Clerk

Moved- Reilly: To go into executive session to discuss the sale or disposition of property union contracts and strategy in litigation

Second-Blackall

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

The Board moved into executive session and returned to open session at 7:25 pm..

Meschino recognized Lemnios for a point of personal privilege. Lemnios spoke about an email that had been circulated containing falsehoods and referred to him as a malingerer. He said he has been called many things but never that. Lemnios expressed surprise that one of the persons is an appointed member of the Board of Appeals and did not call me to verify the information, Lemnios added that he has already agreed to a 0% raise over the next three years, and is disappointed that a member of an elected body would politicize the issue prior to Town Meeting.

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Moved-Olivieri: To approve the executive session minutes of April 7, 2009 as presented (2<sup>nd</sup> session)

Second-Blackall

Vote Unanimous in favor

**Kevin Morris – re: Endless Summer and Car Show**

Kevin Morris appeared before the Board to seek the approval for the annual Car Show on June 14<sup>th</sup> in support of the Jimmy Fund and for the Endless Summer annual event starting on September 12<sup>th</sup>, Morris said they have had great cooperation from officials and the citizens, and that the event has grant funds from Save the Harbor . He asked for the Town to be a party to the Endless Summer event and said he has a dream to bring back fireworks.

Moved-Reilly: To support the Endless Summer event and the Car Show

Second-Olivieri

Vote: Unanimous in favor

**Chief Richard Billings-re: Rotary Club Weir River Scenic Overlook st Showboat Property**

Police Chief Richard Billings appeared before the Board seeking permission to create an overlook on the Town-owned lot at George Washington Boulevard on the corner of Salisbury Street, commonly known as the site of the old antique Mayflower boat that was the only surviving boat of the fleet destroyed in a massive fire in 1929 at Nantasket Pier.

Billings said the President of the Hull/Hingham Rotary Club, will be starting a fund raiser for all of the landscaping and other work to be done to the site that is at the entrance to the Town of Hull. The funds raised will also be used for maintenance of the finished overlook. Billings said, and that he is to be the facilitator; Reilly suggested naming the park "Mayflower Landing."

Meschino requested that the creation of the overlook be reduced to writing and that the Board will act at that time, and thanked Billings and the others for their efforts.

**Carousel Update**

The Board reminded everyone of the available grant of up to \$100,000, and how important it is to save the antique carousel. The grant being offered by Partners in Preservation is asking for on-line votes for all the listed projects throughout the Commonwealth. The historic site to receive the most votes will win the top grant. Persons are allowed one vote per day per persons e-mail address, thru May 17, 2009.

The Board recessed at 8:29 pm and returned to open session at 8:34 pm.

**8:15 pm – Ocean Club-re: Entertainment License**

Chairman Meschino opened the public hearing at 8:34 pm and explained the process to those present. She then swore in persons that might wish to comment.

Gregory Sullivan, Attorney for the Ocean Club appeared before the Board seeking to extend the hours of the indoor Entertainment License by increasing the hours from 10:00 pm Mon.-Thurs and 11:00 pm Fri & Sat to 1:00 am; and to increase the Sunday hours from 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm. In response to a question, Sullivan replied that the music is not to be heavy metal but a piano, sometimes accompanied by instruments for the diners.

Sullivan stressed that the new hours he is seeking are the same as all of the other Hull establishments. He argued that the limited hours are unfair as it gives an advantage to Ocean Club's competitors. No one spoke in opposition with three having no objection.

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TOWN MANAGER

Lemnios presented a budget A update. He said he negotiated with all the municipal unions and reduced health care costs, a reduction that will save \$600,000; and he received an agreement from the police department, fire department, clerical staff, library and DPW, for a 0% raise in FY 09 & 10. He added that he only has one unit at the schools left to negotiate with, the teachers union.

Lemnios also discussed Budget B. He said that the budget will be acted on early in the Town Meeting on May 4<sup>th</sup>, and the override question will be voted upon at the annual election on May 18<sup>th</sup>.

LICENSES

Unanimously approved two one-day all alcoholic licenses to Knights of Columbus, 440 Nantasket Avenue for May 2, 2009 from 5-9pm; and for May 17, 2009 from 12noon to 5pm, on a motion by Blackall, seconded by Olivieri

NEW/OLD BUSINESS

Lampke reported on the water rate decision by the Public Utilities Board stating the decision was not in favor of the community, and it will be reviewed within the next rate case. Lampke also gave the Board a copy of the railroad bed proposed lease for two parties, to be signed by Kaplan. Reilly requested information on the Drydock that has been holding an alcoholic license, but has not yet begun construction or been opened.

Blackall asked about the status of the Marston Inn and Lampke said the owners have filed and appeal.

Olivieri announced that a Memorial Tree has been purchased by Joe DiVito, Jr to be planted in the village he asked the Board for permission to use the Town-owned land. Unanimously approved on a motion by Olivieri, seconded by Blackall.

Moved- To go into executive session relative to litigation and not to reopen the meeting

Second-Olivieri

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

The Board moved into executive session at 10:47 pm and thereafter adjourned.

August 25, 2009

Approved