

Hull Board of Selectmen

Minutes

June 16, 2009

The meeting of the Hull Board of Selectmen was called to order at 6:30 pm on Tuesday evening, June 16, 2009, at the Hull Municipal Building, 253 Atlantic Avenue, Hull, Massachusetts

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

Not present: Christopher Olivieri, Clerk

Executive Session

Moved – Blackall: To go into executive session to discuss deployment of security personnel, and to return to open session

Second- Meschino

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

The Board moved into executive session at 6:35 pm, and reopened the regular meeting at 7:30 pm.

MINUTES

Moved-Sestito: To approve as presented the minutes of February 10 & February 24, 2009 and to approve the executive session minutes of May 12, 2009 as presented

Second-Blackall

Vote: Unanimous in favor

NEW BUSINESS

Bottle Bill Resolution

Moved-Meschino: To sign the Bottle Bill Resolution

Second-Blackall

Vote: Unanimous in favor

CORRESPONDENCE

Unanimously approved the request of Hull Boosters Club for a one-day Wines and Malts License for July 30, 2009 to be held at 189C Nantasket Avenue from 7pm to 11pm on a motion by Blackall, seconded by Sestito

Correspondence Continued

Unanimously approved the request of Mary M Barry to hold a wedding reception at her parents' home at 39 Gunrock Avenue on Saturday. August 22, 2009 at 1:00 pm. Tents will be erected and a DJ will play music from 3 pm to 8 pm, subject to no objection from the Police and Fire Departments, on a motion by Blackall, seconded by Sestito.

Unanimously approved the request of Kitty Tetreault to hold a "Swim across America" an annual fund raising event for cancer research as part of the Boston Harbor Island Annual fundraiser, to be held in Hull on July 17, 2009, on a motion by Meschino, seconded by Sestito.

7:30 pm - Harry Hibbard, Aquarion Water Company – re: Recent Water Main Break and Maintenance

Harry Hibbard, Vice President of Operations, appeared before the Board at its request to discuss the recent water main break on Rockland Street at 5:00 am that left several homes without water and when reactivated at 8:00 am the flow was undrinkable brown water with sediment.

Town Manager Lemnios said that residents were upset at not being notified, and that bottled water was not provided. Residents merely wanted to know when they could expect usable water, Lemnios added.

Hibbard responded that the water in the pipes is stirred up when a pipe bursts or hydrants are used as iron and manganese is released into the water. He suggested that running the water in the bathtub for twenty or thirty minutes can help.

Lemnios asked if there could be any improvement in communication to which Hibbard responded that breaks happen so quick that there are not many ways to do that but agreed to meet with a committee to seek such a method.

Sestito expressed his concerns about lack of water to the Fire Department, to which Hibbard replied that is the reason the department has pumping engines.

Several residents were present at the meeting and recognized by the Chairman to air their individual complaints. Also, Town Manager and Board Members asked questions of Hibbard in regard to timely flushing of the pipes. Hibbard responded that pipes are flushed every three years unless there is a drought, and that flushing is due in September.

In other water company business discussions were held on Hull's water being mixed with water from Lily Pond in Cohasset so that the Hingham water is diverted from Hull to Linden Ponds and questions in regard to the quality of that water; the status of the removal of the water tank from Strawberry Hill, and other matters such as DEP regulation, and its possible impacts.

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Moved- Blackall: To direct Town Manager to work with Hull Police, Hull Fire, Public Works, Board of Health and School Department to determine a policy for notification of residents

Second Meschino

Vote: Unanimous in favor

The Board recessed at 9:30 pm and returned to open session at 9:18 pm

TOWN MANAGER

Lemnios announced that the Jacob's School is permanently bonded at 1.234% interest and will be coming to the Board for signatures. He added that Standard & Poors complimented us on our Reserve Fund. He also said the Senate is closer to a conclusion on the budget we used for our budget estimates. He also announced that the Light Board is meeting Thursday with a rate consultant as, based on the last audit, there needs to be an adjustment.

OTHER BUSINESS

Meschino announced that she and Jeanne Paquin were elected as representatives at the MAPC. She also commented on the carousel winning the \$100,000 grant from the Trust for Historic Presentation that Boston Mayor Menino, presented at a function in Boston. She credited Dennis Zaia as being a driving force behind the success. Blackall requested that goals and objectives be placed on an upcoming agenda, and DPW Director Joe Strigliani filed a memo stating that he has placed a list of projects on the web site, and is changing the process for project sign-offs.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

September 8, 2009
Approved