

Hull Board of Selectmen
Minutes
June 30, 2009

The meeting of the Hull Board of Selectmen was called to order at 6:15 pm on Tuesday evening, June 30, 2009, at the Hull Municipal Building, 253 Atlantic Avenue, Hull, Massachusetts

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

Moved-Meschino: To go into executive session to discuss strategy in litigation, disposition of real property, Collective Bargaining and return to open session at 7:30 pm.

Second-Blackall

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

The Board moved into executive session at 6:16 pm and returned to open session at 7:37 pm.

In Memoriam

A moment of silence was observed on the unexpected passing of Blaise W, (Billy) Leeber who died unexpectedly at the age of 58. A life-long native of Hull, Billy was well known as a generous, kind benefactor and a coach.

8:30 pm –Kristen Evans & Mary Merrigan re: HASC Fishing Derby

Kristen Evans notified the Board of their plan to hold the annual HASC Fishing Derby on July 10th & July 11th at Steamboat Wharf, with a fishing contest and cookout at the end of the pier.

7:30 pm – Craig Wolfe – re: Desalination Committee

Craig Wolfe appeared before the board requesting it form a citizen's committee to reactivate the study of the desalination plant in Hull. He commented that at this moment in time building such a plant would be in vogue at Capitol Hill and perhaps with the State, but he said that if we are not the first then we will lose the edge..

Reilly informed Wolfe that the Town Clerk has all the records from the original Desalination Committee. Lemnios spoke about a number of issues that were dealt with and will need to be dealt with to make it work. Reilly announced there would be further discussion at the next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

- 1) Unanimously approved the signing of a request from Police Chief Richard Billings, dated June 22, 2009, to request from the Human Resources Division the Civil Service requisition for a promotional examination for the position of Sergeant, on a motion by Meschino, seconded by Olivieri.
- 2) Unanimously approved the request of Sharon Brennan to use the gazebo on Fitzpatrick Way for her wedding on Sunday, August 16, 2009 at 1:00 pm for approximately 30 guests, wedding only as reception is to be held at the Clarion Hotel, on a motion by Olivieri, seconded by Sestito.
- 3) Unanimously approved subject to approval by the Park & Recreation Committee and Mr. J. Menice, the request of Ronald Holmes' grandfather of M Street, to use the L Street field on July 5, 2009 from 10:30 am to 2:00 pm for the family annual softball game, on a motion by Blackall, seconded by Sestito.
- 4) Unanimously approved the request of Jeanette Crosby for the use of the XYZ Street municipal lot for parking on the day of her wedding to be held at her 40 P Street home on August 29, 2009 on a motion by Blackall, seconded by Meschino. (Permission was also granted in writing by Daley & Wanzer, Lessee of the parking lot).
- 5) Held a letter from Steven Faber re Integrity Restaurant Group, LLC. in response to a Selectmen's request for information on the "Dry Dock" building, until later in the evening.
- 6) Unanimously approved the request of James Leahy to hold the Annual Whitehead Avenue Block Party on Saturday July 25, 2009 from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm and to close Third Street between Edgewater and Whitehead, on a motion by Olivieri, seconded by Sestito
- 7) Unanimously approved the request of Pam & Peter Coffman to hold the Annual Block Party on Valley Beach Road on July 11, 2009 from 12noon to 6:00pm and to close a portion of Valley Beach Road between # 41 & #48.on a motion by Olivieri, seconded by Blackall.

Joshua James Citizens Award

Joshua James Lifesaving Award was presented to Philip Thomas, Jr. and John Redman who rescued Paul Carlson from the 45-degree water following the capsizing of his boat in Hull Bay. Carlson, a Cohasset Selectman, unable to find safety, called for help and those calls for help were heard by the two men who then achieved the rescue despite the risk to themselves, The award was presented to each of the rescuers by Hull Fire Chief Robert Hollingshead at the Selectmen's meeting that was followed by a round of applause.

Moved-Blackall: To hang the plaques in the Selectmen's meeting room.

Second-Sestito

Vote: Unanimous in favor,

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7:45 pm – Anne Herbst & Peter Lombardo –re: FEMA Flood Maps

Conservation Administrator Anne Herbst and Building Commissioner Peter Lombardo were present to explain the new updated flood maps to be adopted by FEMA and will go into effect in July. The last map was dated in 1983 and FEMA had some concerns that were higher on the bay than the ocean. The elevation heights were lowered along the bay, The 90 day appeal period ends on August 26, 2009. FEMA has reviewed all of the appeals and Town Meeting approval is required before it takes effect in July 2010.

The grandfather clause states that if one has flood insurance before the new map is approved by DEP it can be purchased at the C -Zone rates, saving some costs.

Collector/Treasurer –re: Approval of Bonds/Notes – Jacobs School

Moved-Olivieri To approve the issuance of bonds as outlined in the vote of the Board of Selectmen dated June 30, 2009 as presented by the Treasurer/Collector and to adopt by reference said vote.

Second-Sestito

Vote: Unanimous in favor

8:15 pm- Correspondence from Lory Newmyer re:- Maritime Festival

Unanimously approved the request of Lori Newmyer, Executive Director of the Hull Maritime Museum to hold the Hull Maritime Festival at the Hull Yacht Club on July 10th with a concert after at Ft. Revere, with temporary limited parking at the toe ramp, all subject to coordination with the Hull Police and Fire Departments, on a motion by Sestito, seconded by Meschino.

OTHER BUSINESS

In other business the Board discussed the Dry Dock and the licensee failure to open the establishment as the result of illness and he wrote the best solution is for him to sell. The Board requested he update it in September, (Correspondence #5)

TOWN MANAGER

Lemnios reported that the Governor signed this day the FY10 Local Aid and he said it hit the numbers passed at our Town Meeting just right but slightly higher. He added there will be a 1.25% increase in sales tax.

Lemnios also reported that Garrett Bradley testified in the House in regard to the DCR Preservation Trust Fund's surcharge on parking fees to be used solely for Hull. The DCR will meet with the town in early November, and Lemnios added, "It is the first time in 90 years the Town has had input in regard to that property. "

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Blackall commented on sitting in on meetings with the DCR and that are going to pay from DCR funds for a detail ambulance during the traditional summer season.

Meschino asked that the Board reach out to the new Coast guard Commander and send a letter of appreciation to the former Commander.

Lampke gave a detailed explanation of the newly signed Open Meeting Law that he believes, although it contains some improvements, will present challenges to all local departments.

As for questions in regard to the pending Marsden Inn case, Lampke said it is still pending in court and there are four unrelated persons living in the house, which is in compliance with the by bylaw.

Lampke asked for a vote from the Board to withdraw the Weir River Land Court challenge as the DEP has ruled it is in compliance and is issuing a decree.

Moved-Olivieri: To allow withdrawal of the objection

Second- Meschino

Vote: Unanimous in favor

Meeting adjourned at 9:27 pm

10/20/09

Approved

