

Hull Board of Selectmen  
Minutes  
September 8, 2009

The meeting of the Hull Board of Selectmen was called to order after 7: 30 pm on Tuesday evening, September 8, 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.

***Moment of Silence***

A moment of silence was observed for Edward (Ted) Kennedy who recently passed away following a long illness. He served as a Massachusetts Senator from 1962-2009, and was known for his many accomplishments among which were the excellent services he provided to his constituents.

A moment of silence was observed on the passing of William Hurst, a long-time employee of the Hull School System within the financial department.

A moment of silence was observed on the passing of Eleanor M. Connealy-Shaffer who died on September 2, 2009.

**MINUTES**

Moved- Sestito: To approve the minutes of June 2, 2009 as presented with a typo correction

Second-Meschino

Vote: Unanimous in favor

Moved- Sestito: To approve the minutes of June 16, 2009 as presented

Second-Meschino

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

**Executive Session minutes from July 28, 1992-July 27, 1993**

Moved-Sestito To release the 22 previously approved executive session minutes as shown on  
page 2

Second Blackall

Vote: Unanimous in favor

Moved-Sestito: To approve the content and release the executive session minutes of  
July 8, August 19, August 26 & September 2, all in 1992, as shown  
on page 2

Second-Blackall

Vote: Unanimous in favor

### **7:30 pm – 3 James Avenue Update**

The Board met to discuss the matter of the potential closing of the access to James Avenue and the beach that has resulted from the actions of an abutter to 3 James Avenue who was approved to construct a 6' high fence along that abutters property line down onto the beach blocking the only access to James Avenue Beach. 3 James Avenue had been approved by the Board of Appeals to make construction changes to his property that included the side setback area that abuts the Highland Ave. property.

Present for the discussion were several residents of the area whose access to the pier and beach will also be affected by the fence. Those residents have appealed the Concom's ruling..

The Fire Chief and Police Chief expressed serious safety concerns and reminded the Board that several years ago that was the only usable access available to put out a raging fire in which the owner died. In addition, the highway department uses that access to service the pier and seawalls.

Town Counsel Lampke explained the options available to the citizens and suggested they research their own deeds with a title search at the Registry, and the Town will also do its research for this access that has been available for many decades to the Town services. Lampke also said when the Town pursues this action there is no reason why the neighbors cannot pursue their own action.

Some reasons listed were that it is a historical access, closing it would hinder response time during a fire or other emergency; it is detrimental to the safety of the public as it would prevent the Board of Health from sampling the ocean water; would prevent the Highway Department from its many operational services such as beach cleaning, repair work and using its truck; prevent Park & Recreation from holding its summer swimming lessons, and Lampe said that it is in the interest of the Town to have unfettered access

Reilly commented that in any similar access site points that no one is going to stop that access. It's an historical use.

Moved-Blackall: To direct Town Counsel to take any action thought necessary to preserve the right of access at James Avenue and the Wharf

Second –Sestito

Vote: Unanimous in favor

In response to a question about costs Lampke responded that the Board has allowed him to use his budget for costs if it is something out of the ordinary.

The Board recessed at 8:23 pm and returned to open session at 8:32 pm.

#### REAPPOINTMENTS

Unanimously approved the reappointments to the Board of Appeals as follows: Bonnie Raffetto from a Member to an Alternate as she requested until 2011; Mark Einhorn as a Member until 2012; Roger Atherton as a member to until 2010; and Philip Furman as an Alternate until 2012, on a motion by Sestito, seconded by Blackall.

Unanimously approved the reappointment of Virginia MacDonald to the Board of Health for a term to expire in 2012, on a motion by Sestito, seconded by Blackall.

Unanimously approved the reappointments to the Council on Aging Yvonne Georgopoulos, Lawrence Schell, and Mary Nugent for terms to expire in 2012, on a motion by Sestito, seconded by Meschino.

Unanimously approved the reappointment of Janet Bernault to the Local Cultural Council for a term to expire in 2012, on a motion by Blackall, seconded by Sestito.

Unanimously approved the reappointment to the Park and Recreation Commission of Gary Twombly and Steve Williamson for a term to expire in 2012, on a motion by Meschino, seconded by Sestito.

Unanimously approved the reappointment to the War Memorial Commission of John Coggins, William F. Henderson, III., and Jerry McLaughlin for a term to expire in 2010, on a motion by Blackall, seconded by Sestito.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

In response to a request from Attorney Gregory Sullivan on behalf of his client Nantasket Bay Club, Inc. dba Ocean Club asking that the request for an entertainment license based upon the prior license application dated February 27, 2009 enclosed, be placed on the agenda, Reilly said to hold a hearing and notify abutters, and a time will be set.

Unanimously approved the request of Jane Wyman to use the gazebo at Fitzpatrick Way on June 5, 2010 at 12:00noon for a wedding hosting about 50 guests, on a motion by Meschino, seconded by Sestito.

Unanimously approved the request of the Knights of Columbus for a one-day all alcoholic beverage license on September 19, 2009 from 7:00pm to 12:00pm, on a motion by Blackall, seconded by Sestito.

TOWN MANAGER

Lemnios reported on the status of the agreement with Cohasset for our citizens' use of its recycling center. He said we need to sell a minimum of 300 permits and that up to this date only 50 have been sold. He then announced for the public where, and when they can purchase the permits at a cost of \$50.00

He also reported on the 911 working group preparing for the new multi-town dispatch center covering Hingham, Hull, Cohasset and Norwell that he said is moving along smoothly. Hull received the highest grant in the state of 3 million dollars.

Lemnios added that the Community Development Grant was not approved for this year; and also said The DCR contract for Hull Police to reimburse Hull for its policing of the reservation is in place and will pay up to \$10,000; the Library Foundation submitted an additional \$22,000, and that the third bidder is interested in purchasing 301 Nantasket Avenue.

OTHER BUSINESS

Joyce Sullivan, Board of Health Agent has scheduled regular flu vaccinations at the school and has a team put together. Although her team is ready the HINI flu the vaccine has not been delivered and there is no date available at this time

In response to a question from Blackall, Lemnios listed all of the hurdles that must be overcome to be the first in the country to build windmills in the ocean off Nantasket Beach.

Items for future agendas

DCR nourishment; remove parking contingency plan; sales & room taxes; parking committee Decide on charge to the committee-permits & fees; DOR Audit Report; Blackall asked that the Financial Planning Committee be re-instituted, and also said that the DOR report will require action steps.

Moved-Blackall: To re-institute the Financial Planning Committee

Second-Sestito

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Moved-Meschino: To appoint Dennis Blackall and Domenic Sestito to the Financial Planning Committee

Second=Reilly

Vote: Unanimous in favor (Reilly designated Sestito as Chairman Pro tem)

Reilly said that a meeting to discuss local sales and room taxes will be held next month. He added that the budget will be discussed on September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Meeting adjourned at 9:54 pm

Approved  
November 3, 2009



