

Hull Board of Selectmen
Minutes
November 9, 2010

The meeting of the Hull Board of Selectman was called to order at 7:30pm on Tuesday evening, November 9, 2010, at the Hull Municipal Building, 253 Atlantic Avenue, Hull, Massachusetts.

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

A brief presentation was given by Hull High School students from PHI (Project of Humanitarian Involvement) about their April 2011 trip to work with Habitat for Humanity El Salvador, the history of their connection to Habitat for Humanity El Salvador and how they raise funds for this trip which takes place during their spring break from school.

Appointments

7:30 pm: School Committee re: Budget

School Committee Chair Stephanie Peters gave a brief presentation on the School Committee budget draft for 2012. This is a level services budget. Big successes she noted included; 21st Century Initiative, Increasing the school day by 20 minutes starting in 2012, Boston Magazine named Hull High one of the top 50 public schools in Massachusetts, the staff, promoting from within, the administration and the committee-working well together. Sestito suggested they should plan to meet again over the next few months as the budgets change. Olivieri is glad that a draft of the budget has been received so far in advance, allowing the Board time to review and have some information to include in the budget process.

Old Business

Temporary Reduction of Closing Hours - Liquor Establishments

The Board discussed that ultimately, the goal of this policy is to ensure the long-term stability of these establishments. Olivieri feels that what the Board is trying to accomplish is to make it viable for these businesses to stay open. The discussion continued with suggestions for the timeframe to be from November 1 through April 1. Lampke explained that before anything can be done the policy needs to be set up and then have the ABCC give final approval. For example, if you vote this evening for Nov. 1 - April 15, he can plug that into the policy and then send it off to the ABCC to look at. The process would take about a month. If you voted tonight, he would get it to the ABCC tomorrow. A resident expressed concern about possible price fixing taking place. Lampke addressed that concern by further explaining that the goal is to allow businesses to close during the heavy winter months when expenses outweigh revenue and it is an optional program. Reilly suggested that they take more time, think more about it and put on the agenda for the next week.

Motion - Reilly

Table this discussion until the November 16th meeting

Second - Blackall

Voted: Passed unanimous

New Business

Brannan had no new business

Olivieri asked, for safety purposes, to have someone go to Andrew Road to check on a tree at the bottom of the street with a large portion of the trunk that could come down.

Blackall said there are some Hull Heros that need to be recognized. He noted in particular the groups that have raise a lot of money for the schools. He also report that he and Olivieri had spoken about the 1st meeting for the DRC. They are shooting for November 17th, there was an advertisement in the paper soliciting for 3 members. The deadline is this Monday November 15th for those interested in being on the committee.

Reilly noted that last time we spoke we got calls about dirty water as a result of the street sweepers. He asked if the Town can contact Aquarion Water. Lemnios discussed that with them. Veteran's Day events start at 11am. He said there's a list of items people can bring that will be part of the Christmas Care Package that will be sent to the troops in Afganistan. He asked about the Thanksgiving Day Bonfire. Lemnios reported that all was in place. Reilly also said that there would be a Booster Fundraiser at Fasination on Veterans Day evening .

Sestito wanted to remind everyone of the Hull Fire & Police Senior Breakfast on 11-19, the Lions Club Senior Dinner on 11-19-10 from 12-5pm, and the Riddles Wine Tasting on 11-12-10.

Blackall noted that a Rotary Club is being started in Hull and if anyone is interested let him know.

Moved - Olivieri
Second - Reilly

To adjourn meeting
Vote - Passed unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 9:05

January 4, 2011

Approved