

Board of Selectmen Meeting
Tuesday October 12, 2010
7:30pm

The meeting of the Hull Board of Selectman was called to order at 7:30 pm on Tuesday evening, October 12, 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.

APPOINTMENTS

Daddy's Ventures, Inc., Public Hearing –
The witnesses were sworn in.

Jeffrey Lemkin, operator, is requesting a change in the dba and seeking a , pool table permit.

Moved: Reilly Approve changing dba from Daddy's Ventures, Inc. to Daddy's Beach Club

Second: Blackall

Voted: Unanimous pass.

Olivieri asked where pool table will be, Lemkin states it will be on the Nantasket Avenue side, where a couch is currently. Brannan asked if guidelines have been set for violations, such as altercations, and how will the business handle it, Lemkin states the same rules will be followed like the rest of the club. Lemkin said that altercations will result with an escort out. He said they want to have a table in order to have a pool club, and would like to sponsor a team and have continuous activity year round.

Moved: Olivieri to approve application

Second: Reilly

Reilly asks if it is coin operated, Lemkin confirms it is.

Ann Murray, a resident, comments, that when the applicant originally came in it was billed as a family restaurant with a bar, She feels it's a bar that serves food. All the places mentioned (C-Note, etc.), all are bars. Ann Finley, Office Mgr. of applicant, states that they have held 23 parties, a lot of those are for kids, and teens, and they have had a wedding. She said that on Tuesdays they have Karaoke that starts early to include

kids. Reilly recalls that there would be a pool table, with the understanding that they would come back for the table after a few months.

Moved: Sestito Approve permit for dba Daddy's Beach Club to have a pool table

Second: Reilly

Vote: Voted unanimously

The hearing closed.

2. Residential Exemption-

Lemnios discussed with the Board the process of deciding on whether to have a residential exemption. He referred to the memo in the Board's packet. Lemnios said that a residential exemption shifts additional tax to higher assessed properties from lower assessed properties. The Board needs to decide two questions: do you want to increase? What percentage of exemption?

The Board discussed the issue and whether to have the Assessors in for a discussion.

After further discussion, the consensus was to have the Assessors in for a further discussion.

The Board discussed the effect of Question 3 on the State ballot and its impact on Hull's budget and finances. The question would reduce the sales tax from 6.25 to 3%. Lemnios said the impact to Hull is \$600K for FY12. Something similar to that for FY11. Blackall asked for examples as to the impact. Lemnios said that \$560K is 10 police officers, \$320K to School Dept. would be around 6 teachers, it would result in impacts to the police, fire, library. The primary impact would be with labor as there are not a lot of areas where the Town could pick up savings without impacting labor.

Reilly asked for information on pension funding changes.

Town Manager

Lemnios discussed with the Board the Community Rating system and how It helps to provide 10% reduction in flood insurance.

Moved: Reilly To approve

Second: Olivieri

Voted: Voted unanimously

Olivieri urged people who pay flood insurance to make their insurance company aware that you are eligible for the discount.

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Appointment of Treasurer Collector

Lemnios has appointed J. Michael Buckley as the new Treasurer-Collector and is seeking a waiver by the Board of its 15 day review period. Reilly noted that his resume is very extensive. He would prefer in the future having the candidate present for Q&A.

Moved: Reilly to waive the 15 review period by the Board.
Second: Olivieri

The Board continued its discussion of the waiver and asked general questions about the position and duties.

Blackall asked that the motion be amended to include a thank you letter to Joseph DiVito, who is the current Treasurer-Collector. Reilly agreed to the amendment.

Lemnios said the salary will be \$80K for first 4 mos., then to \$75K. Last year the Town had funded the position as 3/4 time, this year was back to full time. Both DiVito and Buckley feel the work can be done in that time. Lemnios said he will be working 30hrs a week, as opposed to the normal 35 hours. Lemnios said in response to a question from Brannan that there are no guaranteed increases in his contract.

Moved: Reilly to waive the 15 review period by the Board and send a thank you letter to Joseph DiVito.
Second: Olivieri
Vote: Voted unanimously.

Reilly asked if there are any additional funds from DiVito cutting his hours and Lemnios said there were and that the funds went into the general fund.

Surplus vehicles-

Lemnios reported that DPW Director Joe Stigliani got quotes on the value of the surplus vehicles and that he would like to dispose of the vehicles and award the bid to Paul the Foot, the highest bid.

Moved: Olivieri Decal ire the vehicles surplus and further to move to award the bid to Paul Foot.
Second: Reilly
Voted: Passed unanimously

Old Business

Land Sale Discussion. The Board discussed the process for the sale of surplus Town land. A site visit will be held. A possible public forum was discussed concerning the Mountford Road property. Olivieri asked if the Board has any idea for use for that property. Lemnios said most towns do not get into a disposition conversation over property until they absolutely need to. He did not believe there is a policy in place for this type of situation because it happens so rarely that the town buys property. Blackall said that as a matter of principal, going forward, properties need to follow the same process. The Board discussed whether it would have more value if it is split into 3 different lots. Moved: Blackall That we sell the lot and put the task to Lemnios to find out if it would be better to sell it as 3 separate lots.

Second: Olivieri

Reilly: moved to amend the motion to provide for RFP format. Blackall and Olivieri accepted that amendment.

Voted: Voted unanimously

Licenses

One day License for the Knights of Columbus.

Moved: Reilly Approve the license

Second: Blackall

Voted: Voted unanimously

Added Agenda items:

Olivieri read a memo from the Police Chief regarding a Motorcycle Fund Raiser. Olivieri recommends that someone from the Police Department reach out to Anastos Corner about the parking.

Moved: Reilly To approve the use of lot #2 for parking during the fund raiser.

Second: Olivieri

Voted: Voted unanimously

Olivieri read a letter from Kevin Morris thanking the Town for being a partner of the Endless Summer Waterfront Festival.

Moved: Blackall We write a letter to Kevin Morris thanking him for making this event.

Second: Reilly

Voted: Voted unanimously

Sestito noted Riddles' Wine Tasting event. No motion was needed as it was informational.

Sestito sought a motion to approve the minutes .

Moved: Blackall	Approve minutes
Second: Reilly	
Voted:	Voted unanimously

New Business

Reilly: Noted that 6 months ago the Board asked for an update of the floor plan at Riddles. He requested that a reminder be sent to them.

Reilly said he wanted to respond to something that was in the paper, involving John Brannan. He wanted to make it perfectly clear that he was not continuing the issue with the meeting that wasn't posted. The letter in the paper made some accusations about elected officials. Reilly read letter from the paper. Summarizing that letter, he said that it suggested that public officials abuse public trust by withholding meeting dates, etc. He believes the Board goes out of its way to post meetings in as many places as possible and that the statement cannot go unchallenged.

Blackall asked about the Board's decision to add 2 people to the DCR committee. , Olivieri did not favor adding 2 more people as the committee is already large enough.

Moved: Blackall-	To replace the at-large member with someone from the DCR
Second by Brannan	

There are 11 members now, with 3 at large members.
Blackall withdraw the motion.

Blackall asked about the Town Manager going to the Advisory Board for funding for the Town Planner He also said that the high school is playing Norwell on Friday and that it is the Homecoming. Fox news will be doing some pre-show interviews at 6:00 pm and at the 11:00 pm news they'll have highlights.

Reilly: This Friday, Oct. 15th's game is at 7pm,

Brannan: had a Parking Study Committee meeting on Monday night The minutes are already up on the website. He wants to have the Board come up with a series of 5- no more than 7- goals for the Board and Town Manager as in planting seeds for future discussion.

Moved: Brannan To have Blackall and Reilly work together to draft up 5-7 goals for the Board of Selectmen and the Town Manager.

Second: Blackall

Each goal will have no more than 3 objectives; at this time next week they will go up for discussion, going up for 2 weeks on line if passed by Board.

Moved: Reilly Nominating Olivieri and Blackall to work with the committee.

Second: Blackall

Voted: Voted unanimously

Blackall said he will withdraw from the Financial Planning Committee to devote more time to the DCR project.

Sestito reminded people that: tomorrow at 3pm is the Tide Gate Ceremony.

Moved: Reilly We chose Thanksgiving for our Ceremonial Fire subject to a permit from the Fire Chief

Second: Blackall

Voted: Voted unanimously

Sestito suggested that the meeting go beyond 10:00 to allow audience discussion.

Moved: Reilly Meeting goes until 10:10pm

Second: Blackall

Voted: Voted unanimously

Audience Discussion

Various members of the audience spoke on having more public input at the meetings.

Rhoda Kanet said there was a Candidates Forum coming up. She felt there needed to be discussion on the tax rate if the Board was thinking about making a change.

Alana Swiec said she would have preferred the Treasurer-Collector candidate come before the Board. She also asked to have the state legislative delegation come in. Reilly said that it is the Town Manager who makes the appointment. It might be one of those things where the Board knew what was going on. If the Board waives it right to 15-days or not, the Town Manager still appoints the position. Lemnios said that Buckley was not asked to show up for this meeting.

John Donohue asked for a list of land and about how local aid is paid.

Ann Murray asked for at least 5 minutes for public comment. Sestito said it is a balancing act and they need to get through the agenda.

Janet Johnson complained about public input being at the end of the meeting.

Reilly said that there is a good give and take between the Board and the audience. He said that he felt the Board was doing the best that can be done.

Moved: Sestito To adjourn meeting

Second: Reilly

Voted: Voted unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 10:08pm

Approved: April 3, 2012