

Hull Board of Selectmen
Minutes
November 8, 2011

The meeting of the Hull Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:36 pm on Tuesday evening, November 8, 2011, at the Hull Municipal Building, 253 Atlantic Avenue, Hull, Massachusetts.

Present: John Reilly, Chairman; Christopher Olivieri, Vice-Chairman; Kevin Richardson, Clerk; Domenico Sestito and John Brannan, Members. Also present were: Philip Lemnios, Town Manager and James Lampke, Town Counsel.

Reilly started the meeting by thanking everyone who sent cards and condolences on the passing of his mother, and on behalf of his family thanked everyone.

Minutes

October 11, 2011 Executive Session

Move – Olivieri: To approve minutes of the October 11, 2011 Executive Session

Second – Sestito

Vote – Passed unanimous

Reilly stated an item is still pending, the minutes are not suitable for release at this time.

Miscellaneous

John Coggins on behalf of the War Memorial Commission invited the Board and public to the ceremony on Veteran's Day at the War Memorial. The keynote speaker will be the Department of Veteran's Services General Counsel Steven Gil who is a Lt. Commander with the U. S. Navy Judge Advocate General's (JAG) Corps. (Reserve) and an OEF/OIF veteran who served in Afghanistan. It will be held on Friday November 11, 2011 at 11 am. All are welcome to attend.

Reilly read a notice from Verizon regarding the first National Emergency Alert System Test being conducted on November 9, 2011 by the FCC along with FEMA. For more information you can visit their website: www.fcc.gov/encyclopedia/em.

Appointments

7:39 pm: Kathleen Larson re: Community Center – Larson briefly spoke about Vinny Harte and Wellspring and the work they have been doing over the past 2 years on opening a youth center in Hull. They had a site and unfortunately it didn't work out, got a board of directors together, created a mission statement. For ages 12 – 18 they plan to have something every Friday and Saturday night and in the future something after school. Possible a little more educational in the afternoon. Worked the whole summer on planning and trying to find a site. She met with Lemnios who recommended they just

begin having events now. Larson said they are now focusing on temporary sites all over Hull until they find a permanent location. They have created a survey and are waiting to get the response to see what the youth would be interested in doing. At the end of summer event Larson said they had people coming up to them offering to help them out to get a youth center. Focusing on the K of C or the Bathhouse. The middle school and the high school have become prohibitive with regard to costs, etc. Reilly said historically it has been discussed and space is really at a premium in town. He asked Larson if she talked to DCR about the Bathhouse. She is going to contact Hedlund and Bradley to come up with a proposal. Reilly explained if the town signs on as a sponsor they may waive the fees, Hedlund and Bradley have been helpful. Jim Quatrimoni is on the board and she will talk with him about the possible events going on at the schools. Reilly said that the Bathhouse was supposed to be heated, but talk to the DCR about it. Brannan asked her re: hours. Larson said 7 – 11, once your in your in if you leave you can't get back in. It would be staffed by adults only. Only Hull kids. They are looking at an electronic id system. Mike Nuesse is working on the 501 © (3). Reilly said if you need the town to co-sponsor anything let us know. Sestito echoed that this was a great idea and the town is in definite need of. The Board thanked Larson for all of her hard work and the board. Website is www.02045.com. They are meeting once a month on Thursdays, the first Thursday of the month. You can purchase tee shirts on the website. Meetings are held at Larson's home, soon to possibly move to the High School. Lemnios said Nancy Allen is good resource for the DCR.

7:51 pm: No place for Hate; Gil Peters, Chair of the No Place for Hate – Sunday, November 13, 2011 from 10:30 am – 1:00 pm, in the cafeteria at Hull High School is the Feast of Conversations event. The idea came from Theodore Zeldon in England who held an event similar to this, but in an open area. The idea of this event is to bring people from the community together and have them engage in conversation. At the event a menu will be passed out containing different topics of conversation to coincide with each portion of the meal: appetizers, entrees and deserts. A number of committee members are making different types of stews, which is representative of the event in that you bring many different things together to make something good. That is what the event is all about. Recognizing differences and embracing them. Gillpeters1@comcast.net. Hull was the first Certified No Hate Community in Massachusetts since the year 2000.

8:30 pm: Executive Session re: Discussion of Cope-Allen vs Hull et al

Correspondence

1. Kenneth Kaplan re: 2 Alden Street Noted

Licenses

1. Park Ave. Realty Trust, LLC dba Park Ave. Lodging, 12 Park Avenue, William Seroll, Manager – Lodging House License - RENEWAL

Move – Olivieri To approve the renewal of the Lodging House License for Park Ave. Realty Trust, LLC dba Park Ave. Lodging

Second – Sestito

Vote – Passed Unanimous

2. Porta Bella Beverages, Inc. dba West Corner Liquor, 18 Nantasket Avenue, Robert Hebert, Manager – All Alcohol as a Package Store - RENEWAL

Move – Richardson: To approve the renewal of the All Alcohol as a Package Store License to Porta Bella Beverage, Inc. dba West Corner Liquor

Second – Sestito

Vote – Passes Unanimous

Miscellaneous

Thanksgiving Day Bonfire-

Lemnios: HRA no anticipation of issues.

Reilly spoke about the Thanksgiving Day Bonfire, which the Fire Chief has approved. It will be pallets only to burn. The Fire Chief has agreed to staff it and monitor it.

Move – Olivieri To approve the Thanksgiving Day Bonfire event

Second – Sestito

Vote – Passed unanimous

The start time should be 7pm, it will be posted.

Reilly prepared a letter to the editor of the Hull Times in response to a letter that was written. The woman who wrote the letter voiced her concerns about the town's response to the Aquarion rate increase. Reilly responded to her, only speaking for himself, and explained that they should take the following actions: encourage public outcry; explore the fees of the 3 towns purchasing from Aquarion; explore the feasibility of MWRA taking over Aquarion; having the Attorney General be involved in rate setting. That is what town has ended up doing, and an update to the town would be good. Reilly thanked people for writing in and speaking out, it makes a difference. There will be a huge outcry at some point, and it will have to be to the Governor because he appoints the Public Utilities Commissioner. Reilly then read the letter to the Board if they would like to endorse it. Sestito said as a Board they all testified in front of the DPU at the meeting in Hingham, and sees this as appropriate.

Move – Richardson To approve sending the letter Reilly drafted to the Hull Times on behalf of the Board of Selectmen.

Second – Olivieri

Vote – Passed unanimous

Rhoda Kanet asked about what happened with the letter in May about getting together with surrounding towns to purchase Aquarion. Reilly explained its something they would like to do, but they don't know if it's feasible. Lemnios explained that Oxford is trying to determine that in their area. There may be a court ruling soon that may prove to be instructive, which could be helpful for anyone looking into that in this area. The fight in this is always about value. Kanet asked about writing to the Governor to change those who are the Public Utilities Board. It might be helpful to list what people can do, if there is a big outcry those who are up for reappointment might respond to it. Reilly said that as the time gets closer letters may be written and there could be potential for change. He asked Lemnios to take Anne Murray's thoughts and relay those to Aquarion. All we can do is work within the system. Lemnios explained the piece on Atlantic Ave. that is scheduled for two days after the 15th, which is what we are targeting, with the weather we are okay with that. Lemnios said after the last meeting he did not have anything to update.

Richardson on Sunday went to the NEASK event at the High School. Thanked those involved, it was pretty impressive to see kids get up and speak in front of a crowd that size.

Sestito asked if there was an appointee for the Recycling Committee, and if the Board should have the chairman appoint someone. Reilly said he will ask Janet Bennett, and will put it on the next meeting for interviews.

Olivieri: Hull Pop Warner pee wee team is in the playoff this weekend they are playing Norwell this weekend. Saturday night it is at Norwell HS.

Brannan mentioned that some people have spoken to him about their experiences on the beach with dogs. There have been a couple of situations where people were confronted with dogs and the owners apparently gave them a hard time. Discussion continued addressing the fact that there is a leash law in Hull, as well as a 'Pooper Scooper' law. There are signs put up at the entrances to the beach during the summer season, but it is a question of enforcement. Kanet mentioned that even a little enforcement may help to curb the severity of it. Lemnios explained that a majority of owners are responsible, it's the few bad and irresponsible owners where there is a problem. Brannan said if people feel threatened under any condition people should call the police, they will respond. Kanet suggested that maybe the signs should be changed to reflect there are laws, to make them more explicit. The fine is \$50, but it's not enforced.

Richardson asked for an update on the Emergency Command Center. Lemnios spoke about SHREC (South Shore Response Emergency Center), explaining that Hull will be the second community to join in. There are 3 components: Quality Control check on information being transferred on that server; a lot of training for the staff is going on; a communication check process going on, verifying that all the links are working. It is an intensive amount of work, and we're in the middle of that process. We should there in a few weeks to a month. It will consist of Norwell, Cohasset, Hull and Hingham. The technology enhancement is huge. Enhanced from of dispatch where they will ask a series

of questions to get a clear determination to find out what is going on with the patient allowing them to equip the first responders as best they can. Brannan asked if it is a more effective and cost saving center, and are we still on target to show cost savings. Lemnios said they are. Each of the communities was on a timetable to upgrade their communication. We have to arrange it so the police station is open 24/7, and Chief Billings is currently looking at a proposal for that. Brannan asked that with this improved communication center will they be able to generate emergency calls through the town during storms. Lemnios said they are looking at that. There are communities that are using it now, only for land based lines, but getting cellphones registered,

Sestito congratulated the Hull High Cheerleaders for progressing to the competition of Sunday in Dartmouth.

Reilly requested a motion to enter to Executive Session to discuss strategy relative to litigation, declaring that open session would be detrimental to the litigating position of the Town and that the Board nor reenter into open session.

Olivieri – So moved
Second – Sestito
Unanimous vote by Roll call –

The topic will be Cope-Allen v Hull

The next meeting is on November 15, 2011 at 7:30 pm.

The Board moved into Executive Session at 8:37 pm and thereafter adjourned and will not return to open session.

Approved August 21, 2012