## Hull Board of Selectmen Minutes March 22, 2011

The meeting of the Hull Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:35 pm on Tuesday evening, March 22, 2011, at the Hull Municipal Building, 253 Atlantic Avenue, Hull, Massachusetts.

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

## **Appointments**

7:30 pm: Chapter President, Jack Barringer of the Rotary of Nantasket Hull Club, which has over 27 charter members, spoke briefly about some projects the club will undertake this year; Sunset Point Camp opening and help during the summer, help the Police Department with car show in June, Hull HS Interact Club program developing leadership (they are trying to sponsor a student to participate in the leadership school on the Cape) and the Steamboat Springs project with Hingham. He extended invitation to anyone interested in becoming a Rotarian to attend a meeting. The contact information <a href="https://www.nataskethullrotary.org">www.nataskethullrotary.org</a>.

7:45 pm: Debbie Issokson re: Pedal the Peninsula Event

Issokson explained that May 14, 2011 is the date of the event to get the town out biking and to get the town familiar with the new bike racks. She would like to use the proposed new Library site for bike checks. Issokson is seeking to get okay from the Board to use the site, as well as insurance assistance. Lampke needs more details about the event for the insurance, The rain date is May 15, 2011.

Move - Olivieri To approve the event with Ms. Issokson communicating with Town Counsel to work out the details of location and insurance needs.

Second - Reilly

Vote - Passed unanimous

8:00 pm: Caitlyn Mayfair correspondence re: New parking regulations

8:00 pm: Parking Study Committee meeting brought to order by Bob DeCoste. DeCoste spoke briefly about certain programs (1-5) being placed with the permanent committee (if it is formed). He asked that the sticker fees being set so the article can be completed for Town Meeting. Brannan proceeded to show a series of pictures taken around town showing examples of the conditions of signs, road lines around Hull, and gave a quick synopsis of the first five points of the ten point strategy. The discussion of a permanent committee continued with the suggestion that it be appointed by the Board initially and then after one year possibly go to Town Meeting to be established as a permanent committee. Member Lemkin talked about the fact that she views it

as more of an advocacy group looking at safety issues. Member Casevoy reiterated that the \$20 fee was just a suggestion. They want it to be simple and want it to get started as soon as possible. Blackall suggested that the new committee hold a hearing and ask people across the board regarding town wide parking or continue on with the general policy in place now. Olivieri suggested that the Board not to make any additional motions, but to at least give the committee a charge tonight. Members of the audience suggested that the members from precincts 1-3 be approved through an application process, and also voiced that they like the idea of making parking in Hull a town wide issue that way everyone is a participant in it.

Moved - Reilly To approve the establishment of a parking management committee,

including the Police Chief, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, 3 members from each precinct, one seasonal resident to attend meetings year round and one from the local business community

Second - Blackall

Vote - Passed unanimous

Move -Reilly To approve dissolution of the Parking Study Committee once the

Parking Management Committee is created

Second - Olivieri

Vote - Passed unanimous

Move - Blackall To extend meeting to 10:30 pm

Second - Brannan Vote - passed unanimous

Move - Olivieri To approve the charge of the Parking Management Committee be

to review and recommend actions and policies to parking

in the town of Hull and to be a place for citizen action groups to

bring their requests and recommendations.

Second - Reilly

Vote - Passed unanimous

<u>10:14 pm:</u> At this time Lemkin moved to adjourn the Parking Study Committee meeting with a second from DeCoste.

DeCoste - second

Vote - Passed unanimous

Moved - Blackall To extend meeting to 10:45pm

Second - Olivieri

Vote - Passed unanimous

## **Old Business**

Light Department Town Meeting Warrant Article

Lampke passed out a copy of the draft of an article including language making the light department budget similar to other town budgets where it is voted on at town meeting. Also, having the Board of Selectmen serve as the Light Board. Reilly asked if it was practical and doable to have the budget run on a calendar year. Lemnios said it was doable but the impetuous on this is that it would place this department budget in front of town meeting like others and its larger than the Police and Fire combined. Reilly asked if the budget went to town meeting and was approved and then there was a huge spike in the purchase of energy, how would it affect the budget that was approved. Lemnios said that the DPU regulation would most likely override the approved budget. Blackall asked Lemnios what he advocated. Lemnios said the best thing to do would be to represent the different options to town meeting and put it to the Governance Study Committee and then come back to town meeting. Reilly would be happy if it was option C, and is not supportive of the second draft having the Board serve as the Light Board. Olivieri agreed with town manager, there shouldn't be a rush to change the governance of any department without having a conversation. He would prefer to see the Light Board stay as an elected entity. Lampke briefly spoke about the history of the charter and how the light department came under Chapter 8. Blackall clarified what would happen if both the Citizens article and the Board of Selectmen article passed. Lampke and Lemnios explained they could both be passed and then go to legislature. Blackall suggests that the citizens' petition be the one that goes onto the Warrant.

Move - Blackall

To extend meeting to 11:30pm

Second - Olivieri

Vote - Passed unanimous

Light Board member Pat Cannon reiterated that the light department has been a shining star in the town. The light board has been a good, quiet board advising on policy. About 18 months ago they ran into a problem with a rent payment for Hull wind, but that was settled. They recently resolved trying to stop the \$200K PILOT for Hull wind. He doesn't want to see a knee jerk reaction and change the way the light department runs. Lemnios explained there is a check and balances with the light department. Lampke suggested an article on the warrant to refer the operation of the light department to a Government Study Committee. Blackall suggests that the citizens' petition be the only one on the warrant. Lampke believes there is the possibility where the town votes on one night to send the citizen article to the legislature and then another night vote to send it to the Government Study Committee.

Move - Reilly

To approve the draft of motion C on page 1 of the Draft stating: Beginning with the next Town fiscal year following the effective date of the amendment which adds this language, the Light Department shall operate on the same fiscal year as the Town, and its budget shall be processed and voted on the same as all other Town departments; provided however if the effective date of the amendment adding this language is after March 1, then the change in fiscal year and voting of the budget shall commence with the second fiscal year following March 1 in order to facilitate the orderly fiscal year and budget change transition.

Second - Olivieri

Vote - Passed unanimous

Moved - Reilly Town Clerk to advertise for Government Study Committee

and Parking Management Committee all vacancies

Second - Blackall

Vote - Passed unanimous

Metro Boston Sustainable Communities Consortium Agreement, after reading the information from last weeks meeting the Board had a positive response to Hull signing on to the agreement.

Move - Blackall To approve Hull's participation in the Metro Boston Sustainable

Communities Consortium Agreement

Second - Olivieri

Vote - Passed unanimous

**New Business** 

Town Meeting Warrant Articles Discussion, Lemnios briefly went through and summarized the articles that were listed. One article is the Inspectional Services which is a result of an article that was approved two years ago that all rental units in the town be inspected on an annual basis. In order to do that there needs to be an increase in the services. There was a stop at article 16 and will resume.

Lemnios continued to go through and summarize the articles taking any questions by members of the board who were primarily looking for clarifications. Article 27 will become the new Article 26, the original article was removed due to acceptance of a law that encapsulated the content of that article. In article 27 there were a few questions regarding points of clarification specifically about points 2 & 3 (2 appears to be repetitive, 3 gives too much power). Some recommendations about changing the language. Lampke asked the board members to email him their feedback and he will redraft the article. The Warrant needs to be signed by Tuesday March 29th. Olivieri doesn't see article 28: Ban on Smoking as being enforceable, and therefore does not support the article.

Move - Olivieri To extend meeting to 11 pm

Second - Brannan

Vote - Passed unanimous

Blackall put out a reminder of the March 26th 9-12 open forum on the DCR property.

Move - Reilly To approve a memorial at Cross and Main Street subject to

approval of the VA association or War Memorial Commission for

John H. Kinnear

Second - Blackall

Vote - Passed unanimous

Move - Reilly To dedicate the Green Hill playground in honor of Commander

Joseph Dunn

Second - Olivieri

Vote - Passed unanimous

Move -Olivieri To adjourn the meeting

Second - Blackall

Vote - Passed unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 pm

April 3, 2012
Approved