

Hull Board of Selectmen

Minutes

January 24, 2012

The meeting of the Hull Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday evening, January 24, 2012 at the Hull Municipal Building, 253 Atlantic Avenue, Hull, Massachusetts.

Present: John D. Reilly, Jr., Chairman, Kevin Richardson, Clerk, and Domenico Sestito, Member. Also present were: Philip E. Lemnios, Town Manager and James Lampke, Town Counsel.

Absent: Christopher Olivieri, Vice-Chair and John C. Brannan, Member.

Appointments-

Daddy's Ventures, Inc., dba Daddy's Dry Dock, Jeffrey Lemkin, Manager – Pledge of License

Lemkin met with the Board to discuss his request to pledge his liquor license. He explained that this was part of refinancing he was doing. Lampke had distributed to the Board a memo explaining the pledge process. The Board routinely does this when requested.

Moved- _____ Move to approve the pledge of the all alcoholic liquor license held by Daddy's Ventures, Inc., dba Daddy's Dry Dock to Rockland Trust Company for the purpose of securing a loan, with the proviso that the pledgee has not rights to use the license, sell or transfer it without the prior approval of the Town and the ABCC.

Seconded- _____

Vote- Unanimous in favor.

Meeting with Board of Library Trustees

Present from the Board of Library Trustees were *Daniel Johnson, Library Director, Candyce Carragher, Mary Dunphy, Michael Ashley, Karis North, and. Teresa Brady, Trustees.*

The Library Trustees were present to discuss **the** Library Budget, Programs, Capital Needs and a vacancy on the Board of Library Trustees.

Carragher invited the Board to the library to better understand what they will be discussing tonight. She said the library is a consumer center, and offers free access to computers (look for jobs, communicate), free access to books from its collection and 27 other libraries, includes e-books, audio books and movies, free access to newspapers and magazines. It also provides free museum passes and a wealth of information that citizens wouldn't have access to

North spoke about the budgetary priorities and staffing needs. Keeping the library certified has two major components: hours of operation and materials budget. The Town is required to meet certain requirements. The budget request asks for an increase in staffing hours. Presently there are 38 hours of

library service five days a week and it is closed on Fridays and Sundays, only opened two evenings a week and a few hours on Saturday. Budget request would bring one employee whose hours were cut up to 35 hours. It would bring some of the part time staff up to more hours. It would allow more hours of open operation. They would be able to add one night a week and more afternoons. The Library also needs materials and funding to have materials to meet the demands of the clients.

Ashley spoke regarding capital needs. The first capital need is a new roof to replace the current the present roof that is currently 30 years old. The next capital need is a front desk. They are looking at designs and options and a re-design which would improve the work place of the employees (effectiveness) and have a level of security. It would give the employees a direct line of sight into the children's area. The Library needs two staff members on duty. The new front desk would give more visibility to what is happening in the library. The next capital need is computers. The computers are five years old, technology goes very quickly. They are still functioning, so it's not an immediate need. There is internet access, but it's spotty and hard to be connected at times. The last thing to be considered is the front porch. It's not designed well, it retains water. Preventative maintenance is a lot cheaper than catch up maintenance.

Brady spoke next about the area where the desk is located not being viable as far as security is concerned or efficiently. It's difficult when there are only two people working at the library. It's a serious issue because it doesn't matter how efficient the two staff members are, it's not an effective way to keep things in order, or people roaming around for library staff members to assist them.

Mary Dunphy sums up with a quote that she saw on Tuesday that reads "Imagine a world without free knowledge." It made her stop and think, imagine a world where we had to pay for everything. The library, the value of it, it's an investment of the community. Libraries are a huge, wonderful and positive resource. It's the great equalization, it doesn't matter what background you have, if you work 9-5, etc.

Johnson said he has been discussing these matters with the Town Manager who has been understanding of the needs, but giving the fiscal limitations of the town, only so much can be done

Reilly said he wants to put on the agenda for next week to establish a capital planning committee and also to put on the town meeting agenda to adopt additional meal's and room's taxes.

Lemnios spoke a bout the budget for 2013 that will be presented next Tuesday evening. The budget for 2013 is a little different from previous budgets, with restoring services that have been cut and one of those is the library. The budget goes back to a traditional level of functioning, which includes more hours, but it doesn't include everything that was asked for. Part of a boning plan will include funds to improve the roof. In terms of the internet access, the offer was made to install fiber in the library but people at the time said no, because of change of possible location.

Reilly asks if the town building is part of the historic district commission. Johnson replies in the affirmative.

North brings up the issue that they are a board of six and they had a resignation last year and now down to five. They would like to defer filling that seat to the election, since it's only a couple of months out. She said they would like to participate in a temporary placement process. Anyone can find out from the Library the commitment involved. Reilly advises that by law it would have to be a meeting and for a person to be nominated for an election at that meeting if the vacancy was going to be filled at this time. and if the trustees can operate and manage before that election please.

Correspondence

Ligia Jordao re: Keeping the Beat 5K run/walk.

This would be the second annual fundraiser to take place in Hull on April 29, 2012 at noon. It is endorsed by and benefits Children's Hospital Boston. Last year \$18,000 were raised. The race will start at the Mary Jeanette Bath House, along the beach for 3.1 miles. Ligia would like a request to support for this event. Expects to have at least 500-600 participants this year. Website to learn more is www.keepingthebeat4kids.com.

Reilly asked about the need for police attendance for safety reasons and whether that is covered in the budget. If approved, they it have to be subject to the approval of the police and fire chief and whether they felt they needed to properly supervise it for the public safety. We have to work that out with the police details.

Moved- Reilly To approve the request, subject to the police and fire department approval and working out the logistics of the details.

Second- Sestito

Vote- Unanimous in favor.

MBTA Advisory Board – re: Fare Increases and Service Cuts

Sestito gave an update. Two weeks ago, there was a kick-off meeting at the high school. Several committees were there regarding the saving of the ferry. The MBTA will be having a public hearing in Hull on Wednesday, March 7, 2012 at the Memorial Middle School. The big parts of the campaign will be a letter writing campaign, but we need people to come in and testify, as the MBTA needs to hear it. There is also a public hearing in Hingham on February 8th at the Hingham Town Hall. There will be another hearing on February 15, 2012 in Quincy at the Thomas Crane Public Library from 6-8 p.m. In addition one of the committees put together a website called savethehullferry.com, all the information is provided on that site. It has the emails and phone numbers to contact people as well.

Lemnios said that the Ride service would change the fare structure and make it more expensive, as well as eliminating the 220 Bus Service. Information will be posted on the website, as well as the save the ferry website.

Lemnios said that. Sestito has stepped up and leading the charge on this matter, as well as a group of citizens to be the coordinators of these issues, whether it was with website development, petition gathering, reaching out, etc. On February 7, he would like to have Joan Meschino present to give the Board an update on these issues.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned,

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