

Hull Board of Selectmen

Minutes

March 6, 2012

The meeting of the Hull Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday evening, March 6, 2012 at the Hull Municipal Building, 253 Atlantic Avenue, Hull, Massachusetts.

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

The Chairman held a moment of silence on the passing of Joseph W. Lucas, father of Retired Sargent Joseph Lucas and current Police Officer Matthew Lucas. He was a Graduate of Northeastern University and worked as a Mechanical Engineer for the U.S. Government. He was also a member of the Disabled American Veterans and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

APPOINTMENTS

7:30 p.m. – French General Consulate – re: Presentation

Reilly explained to the audience regarding the French Legion of Honor Award Presentation. Friends and family gathered at the Town of Hull to witness Mr. Gordon J. O'Brien, as a second lieutenant with an anti-aircraft battery group during the D-Day invasion of Normandy on June 6, 1944, receive the highest decoration in France for his bravery and efforts, presented by Consul General Christophe Guilhou of the Republic of France. Congressman Stephen Lynch also spoke to the audience and stated he asked the architect of the Capital to fly a flag over the US Capital in recognition of this award given today.

Concluded: 8:15 p.m.

8: 20 p.m. – Representative Bradley and Senator Hedlund re: Updates

Representative Bradley and Senator Hedlund addressed the Selectmen regarding updates. The House has yet to release its budget. The handout presented to the Board highlights an overview of the Governor's budget recommendations. There are no clear revenue projections, which is key for this discussion. Recent history shows there have been fluctuations and benchmarks from year to year. A number of recent years, they failed to meet revenue projections put forward by House and Senate Ways of Means. By way of a quick overview, the scenario that the picture paints for the Town of Hull is not a positive one in their opinion based on the Governor's recommendations. As it stands now, the Governor's recommendations and the House, they see that Chapter 70 numbers come in about 4.136 billion. The Governor's predictions in more recent years have been optimistic.

Concluded: 9:00 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE

Read aloud by Richardson a **letter from Marie Courtney to the Board of Selectmen** regarding restricted parking at 37 Hampton Circle. Noted.

Read aloud by Richardson a **letter from Sarah Fine to the Town of Hull** setting forth her strong objections for the MBTA budget cuts. Noted.

Read aloud by Richardson a **letter from Susan Carmichael and Martin Flaherty for use of the A Street Pier for a Wedding**. Lemnios opposes this due to the need to have a structural engineer inspect the property before allowing a large amount of people utilize the pier. Noted.

Reilly recognizes Town Clerk, Janet Bennett. Bennett speaks that the election went well, but slow.

Read aloud by Richardson a **letter from Chief Billings regarding the 2012 COPS Hiring Program (CHP) Funding – Application Update Period Beginning March 1st**. Grant that can cover up to 75% of the entry level salary and benefits for three years for newly hired officers sworn in officers or rehired officers that were laid off or scheduled to be laid off. Deadline to submit is March 22, 2012.

Motion – Reilly: Motion to allow the 2012 COPS Hiring Program as submitted.

Moved - Richardson

Second – Sestito

Olivieri asked how does health benefits be used to offset these costs. Lemnios says that all grants provide for health insurance. All grants the Town receive, come with a health insurance benefit. Lemnios said he is seeking a local law to require this of grants.

Vote - Unanimous in favor.

Concluded: 9:15 p.m.

Reilly announced the 2nd Annual Snow Ball Dinner Dance to take place at the Nantasket Beach Resort on Friday, March 9, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Reilly further discusses the Snow Row at the Windmill Point boathouse on Saturday, March 10th.

Reilly has some letters prepared that he would like to sign on behalf of the Board to the following 1) Kevin Morris to thank him for his outstanding service at the Chamber of Commerce; 2) Retirement of June St. Croix of the Treasury Department to thank for her many years of service; and 3.) Retirement of Edward Petrilak from the Hull Sewer Plant, to thank for his many years of service.

Motion – Reilly: Motion in response to the prepared letters as submitted.

Moved – Olivieri

Second – Sestito

Vote - Unanimous in favor.

LICENSES

Unanimously approved a one-day all alcohol for March 17, 2012 from 7 p.m. – 12 midnight to the K of C, 440 Nantasket Avenue on a Motion by Olivieri seconded by Sestito.

Unanimously approved a one-day all alcohol for March 31, 2012 from 7 p.m. – 12 midnight to the K of C, 440 Nantasket Avenue on a Motion by Richardson seconded by Olivieri.

LICENSE RENEWAL

Unanimously approved the application for renewal to Jason Means, dba Means Auto, 410 Nantasket Avenue, Class II Auto on a Motion by Olivieri seconded by Sestito.

NEW BUSINESS

Brannan discusses the parking situation. There was a public meeting, and as a result of that meeting, the Parking Committee specifically does not believe that Hampton Circle continues to be an interest area for restricted parking. They are holding another public meeting and it will be announced in the *Hull Times*. They will come to the Board with recommendations based on this.

Secondly, Brannan mentioned an article in *The Beacon* regarding 25 communities receiving park grants. Brannan would like to have some clarity from the DCR as to who owns and is responsible for the Fort Revere area. Lemnios felt that the DCR doesn't want to pursue the land exchange with Fort Revere. There is a Fort Revere Preservation Society that is organized, which may be a starting point. Lampke said that our legislative delegation needs to call a meeting together for all the state agencies involved in the land swap and develop a schedule of proceeding forward.

Olivieri would like to congratulate the Hull's Girls' Basketball league and good luck to all the seniors.

Richardson mentioned that the link on the budget plan doesn't go to a page directly and needs to be corrected.

Sestito says that the public hearing for the MBTA is Wednesday, March 2012. He also said that the deadline of March 15th for the submission of March 15th for the Hull Hero's award.

Reilly announces that the next Selectmen meeting will be held on March 20, 2012.

Lemnios announces the Nantasket Mile at 10:00 a.m. on May 5th and would like a motion to approve.

Motion – Sestito to approve the request for the Paragon Carrousel to hold a fundraiser event on May 5, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.

Second – Brannan

Vote - Unanimous in favor.

The Selectmen meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Motion - Reilly sought a motion to go forward to executive session and not reconvene into open session and declared as Chair that an Open Session would have a detrimental effect on the bargaining, litigating and negotiating positions of the Town.

Moved – Sestito- to go into Executive Session for the purposes of:

- A.) To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel/sale, lease, deployment sec. personnel,
- B.) To consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property,
- C.) To discuss strategy with respect to litigation, and that as chair, declare that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the body,
- D.) To comply with, or act under the authority of the Attorney-Client privilege
- E.) To consult with legal counsel and obtain legal advice pursuant to the Attorney-Client privilege.

Second - Olivieri

Roll Call Vote: Aye, Olivieri , Aye, Brannan, Aye, Richardson, Aye, Sestito Aye Reilly.

The Board moved into executive session at 9:30 p.m. and thereafter adjourned.

Approved: APRIL 3, 2012