

Hull Board of Selectmen

Minutes

January 8, 2013

The meeting of the Hull Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday evening, January 8, 2013 at the Hull Municipal Building, 253 Atlantic Avenue, Hull, Massachusetts.

Present: John D. Reilly, Jr., Chairman, Domenico Sestito, Clerk, Dr. Christopher Olivieri, and, John C. Brannan, Members. Also present were: Philip E. Lemnios, Town Manager, James Lampke, Town Counsel and Karen Morgan, Recording Secretary.

Absent: Kevin Richardson, Vice-Chair, (late arrival).

The Board held a moment of silence in memory of the victims of the Newtown, CT tragedy.

MINUTES

Unanimously approved in a Motion made by Olivieri, seconded by Sestito on the following minutes: January 10, 2012, August 21, 2012, September 4, 2012, November 13, 2012, November 27, 2012, December 4, 2012 and December 11, 2012.

APPOINTMENTS

7:40 p.m. – Beach Management Committee – re: Updates and Reappointments

Members of the Beach Management Committee: Rhoda Kanet, Paul Epstein, Rob Gilman and Peter Larsen came before the Board to discuss recent updates. The discussion involved the DCR seawall failing and that it was built too far seaward. This causes significant erosion on that part of the beach. At the recommendation of the CAC, it supported beach nourishment and moving the seawall back 30 to 40 feet. The BMC reported that the DCR spoke to the Selectmen and talked about how, in their view, impractical it was to nourish the beach, but never addressed moving the seawall, except to say that it was not too far seaward in their opinion. It should be noted that over a 25-year span that moving the seawall back had the highest upfront cost but the lowest long term cost.

Reilly stated that he has not heard anything from the DCR about the seawall on the beach since they put the boulders in place. He feels in their minds, that they are done. The DCR are supposed to come back to us about putting sand over the rocks and discuss landside usage issues. The last that Reilly heard was that the DCR ran out of money due to paying consultants. Epstein continued to say that it is only a matter of time before a major storm will occur affecting that area. This work needs to be done beforehand.

Kanet is requesting the Board to take a stand on this matter as without it, the information cannot be relayed to the legislature. It does not mean that money will be available or the DCR will approve the project, but it puts the Town of Hull on record as to what they would want to happen. Without that stand, nothing will happen.

Reilly feels that this is a multi-step process, *i.e.*, removal of parking is involved. Kanet said if one row of parking was removed and changed the diagonal parking in front the hotel, there are more than enough spaces behind Horizons to accommodate that change. If more green space were to be added, that would bring up more issues not addressed yet.

Lemnios spoke of this proposal to move back the seawall and of asking the DCR to consider this for the long term, but the other question is putting the funding in place. The best engineering should be sought when the seawall is replaced and for the DCR to consider this. Someone needs to come up with bond authorization for \$75M or \$100M to make these changes to occur. The cost for seawall improvement is an expensive process. The issue of making sure what it is that needs to be repaired or replaced and the best engineering, makes sense. He does not see a lot of money being allocated through the State level with that magnitude. This is not a simple engineering solution.

Brannan agrees with Lemnios that a well laid out plan needs to be implemented.

Gilman stated that he would much rather see a dune system put in place because it is soft and waves are not going to hit and go back and cause erosion. Lemnios feels in his opinion that the recommendation of a dune system can just go so far out of the box. If we are going to make a recommendation, it needs to be tied to something more achievable.

Reilly stated to the Committee to try to start the dialog with the DCR especially the landside use. He would like to hear more about the plans and report back in March in the hope to hear something from the DCR.

Reilly at this point discussed the topic of the approval of reappointments. He stated that the Advisory Board will be in charge of reappointing Peter Larsen.

Motion -	Olivieri:	To approve the reappointments of Rhoda Kanet, Paul Epstein and Rob Gilman to Beach Management Committee.
Second -	Sestito	
Vote -	Unanimous in favor	
Motion -	Olivieri:	To approve the 3 year terms to expire in 2016.
Second -	Sestito	
Vote -	Unanimous in favor	

Kanet summarized an article from the *NY Times* pertaining to Hurricane Sandy in relation to dunes doing their jobs and preventing major financial damages to nearby homes.

Gilman further spoke to the Board regarding storm impacts in Hull due to climate changes. The storms are becoming more frequent in the last few years. It was interesting to see the impacts with Hurricane Sandy. The Town arranged a training exercise with MEMA just a week before Sandy hit and we had a theoretical big storm impact in eastern MA. A few points about Sandy are that it left 132 dead, 650,000

homes were destroyed or damaged. More than 8M people were without power. It severely crippled a major part of the U.S. We can all identify with these communities. These are small coastal communities in the northeastern part of the US that have very limited resources to deal with these issues. In Hull, we are not as subject to tropical storms or hurricanes making a direct hit and causing a tremendous storm surge, there is no history of it. The biggest concern is the northeast storms (*i.e.*, the Blizzard of '78, the No Name Storm), which strength off-shore and either stall and continue to build up in the water or approach the land cause wave damage. Those are the town's biggest concerns. As a Committee, they are going to focus on the storm threat in the hopes that they can get state and federal help if needed. This is a brief idea about how coastal storms behave.

Kanet further states that it is good to have the other beach management communities out there and it is good to work in groups and not in isolation. It would be helpful for everyone to be involved or informed as to what some of the issues are as. Reilly said that the DCR gets five different viewpoints when it comes to Hull for us to head out in a direction. Kanet said the DCR gets contacted by many different people. She hopes to have help in the coordination with everyone so that everyone is in the loop and on the same page.

NEW BUSINESS

Kanet announced that on January 22, 2013 the No Place for Hate Committee will be sponsoring two events. At 9:00 a.m. there will be an "all you can eat" breakfast at St. Lutheran Church. At 5:30 p.m. there will be an "all you can eat" pasta dinner at the Temple.

APPOINTMENTS CONT.

8:00 p.m. – Greg Grey – re: Boosters update (needs to be rescheduled)

8:15 p.m. Mark Einhorn (reappointment) – Zoning Board of Appeals (unable to attend)

8:20 p.m. – Mark Gladstone (new applicant) – Zoning Board of Appeals (unable to attend)

8:32 p.m. – Jason McCann (new applicant) – Zoning Board of Appeals

Mr. McCann introduced himself and spoke of his experience.

8:40 p.m. – Naomi Johnson (reappointment) – Cable TV Commission

Ms. Johnson introduced herself and spoke of her experience.

Motion -	Olivieri:	To approve of the reappointment of Naomi Johnson to the Cable TV Commission. (term to expire in 2017).
Second -	Sestito	
Vote -	Unanimous in favor	

8:45 p.m. – Joyce McFadden (new applicant) – Fort Revere Restoration Committee

Ms. McFadden introduced herself and spoke of her experience.

Reilly then addressed the vacancy for the Cable Commission.

Motion -	Olivieri:	To approve Gregory Bennett for the Cable Commission Committee (term to expire in 2017)
Second -	Sestito	
Vote -	Unanimous in favor	

8:48 p.m. – John Meschino (reappointment) – Conservation Commission

Mr. Meschino introduced himself and spoke of his experience.

8:52 p.m. – Elizabeth Fish (new applicant) – Conservation Commission

Ms. Fish introduced herself and spoke of her experience.

Motion -	Olivieri:	To approve the reappoint of Paul Paquin (term to expire in 2014), Max Horn (term to expire in 2014), Sean Bannen, John Meschino and appointment of Elizabeth Fish (terms to expire in 2015).
Second -	Sestito	
Vote -	Unanimous in favor	

CORRESPONDENCE

Read aloud by Sestito correspondence from Bartley Kelly – re: The Gun Rock House, Inc.

In a letter dated December 18, 2012 from Kelly to the Selectmen, he informed the Town that the Gun Rock House, Inc. intends to close on December 31, 2012. They are not going to renew their lease due to the weak economic climate.

Read aloud by Sestito correspondence from Police Chief Billings – re: Winter Parking Ban.

In a notice from Billings he addressed the Winter Parking Ban. The Winter Parking Ban in Hull will be in effect from 12/1/2012 through 3/31/13. No on-street parking whatsoever will be allowed on the following streets between the hours of 1:30 a.m. and 7:00 a.m.: Nantasket Ave., Atlantic Ave., Spring St., and Main St. All other streets: Parking will be allowed on the even numbered side of each street, except when said parking is prohibited, in which case, parking will be restricted to the odd numbered side of the

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street. Failure to comply will result in parking violation fines and/or towing of the offending vehicles at the owner's expense.

NEW BUSINESS CONT.

Reilly addressed the Board about a card sent from Girl Scout Gold Award recipient Jessie Walters thanking the BOS in helping her achieve the Girl Scout Gold Award.

LICENSES RENEWAL

*Unanimously approved the license for K & R Auto Relocation, Inc. Rabih Habchy, Manager, 30 C Street – Class II Wholesale Auto on a Motion made by **Olivieri**, seconded by **Sestito**.*

*Unanimously approved the license for West Corner, Inc., dba Pizza Box, 14 Nantasket Avenue – Common Victualer on a Motion made by **Olivieri**, seconded by **Sestito**.*

*Unanimously approved the license for J & S Bakeries, Inc., dba Weinberg's Bakery + Café, 519 Nantasket Avenue – Common Victualer on a Motion made by **Olivieri**, seconded by **Sestito**.*

*Unanimously approved the license for Carmen Arroyo, dba Nantasket Charter Service, 71 Kenberma Street – Livery License on a Motion made by **Olivieri**, seconded by **Sestito**.*

*Unanimously approved the license for Carmen L. Arroyo, 71 Kenberma Street – Livery Badge on a Motion made by **Olivieri**, seconded by **Sestito**.*

*Unanimously approved the license for Debbie Rock, 71 Kenberma Street – Livery Badge on a Motion made by **Olivieri**, seconded by **Sestito**.*

*Unanimously approved the license for Stanfam Restaurants, Inc., dba Wise Guys Pizza & More, 754 Nantasket Avenue – Common Victualer on a Motion made by **Olivieri**, seconded by **Sestito**.*

*Unanimously approved the license for C Note, LLC., dba The C Note, Charles J. Fruzzetti, Manager, 159 Nantasket Avenue – Automatic Amusement Device (2-Video Games, 1-Pool Table) on a Motion made by **Olivieri**, seconded by **Sestito**.*

*Unanimously approved the license for Nantasket Beach Café, dba Saltwater Diner, 512 Nantasket Avenue – Common Victualer on a Motion made by **Olivieri**, seconded by **Sestito**.*

NEW BUSINESS CONT.

Lemnios spoke about the Pemberton Float. The original float is back and re-installed. One more additional ramp is needed to be completed, but it is operational.

Olivieri said thank you to Representative Bradley who sent a letter in support of the Atlantic Avenue project.

9:10 p.m. - At this point there is a five-minute recess

Reilly stated that the next Selectmen's meeting will be held on January 22, 2012.

At this point the Board makes a Motion to Executive Session

Motion: Reilly requested a Motion to move to Executive Session to discuss the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health rather than the professional competence of an individual, or to discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual; and to conduct collective bargaining; and to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining litigation and that I, as Chair, declare that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining and litigating position of the body; to comply with or act on the authority of Attorney-Client Privilege, to consult with legal counsel or obtain legal advice pursuant to the Attorney-Client Privilege and not be reconvening into open session.

Motion- Olivieri, so moved

Second: Sestito

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

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

The Selectmen moved to Executive Session at 9:17 p.m. and not reconvening into open session.

Recorded by Karen Morgan

Approved by

FEBRUARY 12, 2013