

## Hull Board of Selectmen

### Minutes

**September 10, 2013**

The meeting of the Hull Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday evening, September 10, 2013 at the Hull Municipal Building, 253 Atlantic Avenue, Hull, Massachusetts.

Present: Kevin Richardson, Chairman, Domenico Sestito, Vice-Chair, Dr. Christopher Olivieri, Clerk, John C. Brannan, Member. Also present were: Philip E. Lemnios, Town Manager, James Lampke, Town Counsel and Karen Morgan, Recording Secretary.

Absent: John D. Reilly, Jr., Member

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### APPOINTMENTS

#### **7:30 p.m. – Premier Swimming – re: Nantasket Beach Triathlon**

*Chris Hebert and Bill Burnett spoke of the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Nantasket Beach Triathlon to take place on September 22, 2013 beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the DCR's Mary Jeanette Murray Bathhouse. Beginning in 2013, a portion of the registration fee collected will be donated to the War Memorial Fund. It is estimated that approximately 435 athletes will attend this year. The triathlon will take place rain or shine.*

Motion - Olivieri To approve the Nantasket Beach Triathlon as presented.

Second - Sestito

Vote - Unanimous in favor

### CORRESPONDENCE

#### **Read aloud by Richardson correspondence from Trustees of the Public Library – re: Vacancy of the Library Board of Trustees**

*In a letter from K. North to Richardson re: Vacancy on the Library Board of Trustees, she wrote of Teresa Brady resigned from her position as member of the Trustees of the Hull Public Library. The remaining Trustees request that the BOS and the Trustees meet to make an appointment to fill the vacated seat.*

*Lemnios said to Richardson that J. Bennett does the advertising for this and he will speak with her and have the advertising posted in the next couple of weeks.*

**Read aloud by Richardson correspondence from Office Manager – re: Council on Aging and Veterans Council Appointments**

*In a memo from Office Manager to BOS dated September 5, 2013 re: Council on Aging & Veterans Council Appointment. In the text of the memo, Barbara Lawlor has requested Herbert Altsher be appointed to the Council of Aging for a term to expire in 2014. Also, Bob Neal, Chairman of the Veterans Council, has requested that Philip Bellone be appointed to the Veterans Council for a term to expire in 2014.*

Motion -       Olivieri                   To appoint Herbert Altsher to the Council of Aging for a term to expire in 2014

Second -       Sestito

Vote -           Unanimous in favor

Motion -       Olivieri                   To appoint Philip Bellone to the Veteran's Council for a term to expire in 2014

Second -       Sestito

Vote -           Unanimous in favor

**TOWN MANAGER**

*Lemnios spoke about Rep. Bradley and Sen. Hedlund and announced that the State will be having a program for seawall grants. We did apply for two stretches of seawall (one across from the yacht club running to the sewage treatment plant). Joe Stigliani did great work to get this application in. This application is in process. We will not hear from the agencies responsible for granting for several months.*

*Lemnios said that the Parking Committee will be having a meeting on September 23<sup>rd</sup> to review how the parking program went this year. He will be attending this meeting along with the Police Chief and other staff members.*

*Lemnios also spoke of being at the Advisory Board recently and discussed the Fiscal 2015 Budget preparation.*

*Lemnios reached out to the owner of the Aquarium Building to update where he is at and he indicated that he is involved in a large commercial project in Braintree. Once that wraps up, he will refocus on the Aquarium Building and come back to the Board with a revised plan for the building.*

**OTHER BUSINESS**

*Richardson said that the 9/11 services will begin at 7:00 a.m. at the bandstand.*

*Brannan spoke of the blighted property law was passed by the AG's Office. The amendments that passed Town Meeting had to go through a review process at State level and the blighted property, one that was approved at Town Meeting, was approved by the AG's Office. The zoning overlay was also approved by the AG's Office. We now have some more interesting opportunities.*

#### **APPOINTMENTS CONT.**

##### **8:00 p.m. – Bill Smyth – re: DCR Police Station Proposal**

*Judeth Van Hamm and Bill Smyth of the Hull Artists, along with Dr. Fulvia Quilici from the Historical Commission spoke of a lease of the closed DCR Police HQ at the DCR Reservation for their art studio. Currently the group has a Federal non-profit status as a charitable, educational organization. One of their goals is to have the Police HQ listed on both the MA and the National Register of Historical Places. Their vision is: to display art work for sale, use the facility as a teaching space and to hold workshops/lectures open to the public. Goals: to remove toxins from the building, winterize the building, and update utilities.*

*Lemnios addressed the BOS about Van Hamm and Smyth visiting his office representing the Hull Artists group and they have been in search for many years for a home to work out of, they would like to have studio and gallery space. They want to have an active gallery so people can see what the Hull Arts committee is working on, etc. The Hull Artists had the conversation with DCR to see if it is possible to gain access to the police headquarters building. The DCR was interested and had a discussion as to how this can be done and to have this building placed on the historic register. Van Hamm and Smyth are interested in hearing from the BOS of their support with this idea. This concept needs to be explored; it may be beneficial for the BOS to have a presentation from the Historical Commission as to how a building can get on the state or federal register because this is DCR's property. This presentation would describe the process, what the benefits of the process are and what needs to get done to move forward (renovations, zoning, overlay district, intersection of the overlay).*

*Smyth said he would like to restore and detoxify the building in question. He may have to seek contributions of funds in doing so. The next step is historically to put it back the shape. The vision of the artists is to create a gallery of visual artwork and for the public to see displays from local artists. They also want to have classes and having artistic events and workshops. The artists will like to winterize the building according the requirements and have the utilities updated as the building was built in 1902 and closed in 1979.*

*Van Hamm said that she agreed with Lemnios suggestion to speak with Rep. Bradley and Sen. Hedlund to discuss the matter further. She wants to ask for a commitment from the DCR and to prepare the forms that are necessary to put these buildings on the national register. One of the reasons DCR has not done this so far is because of time and personnel.*

*Lemnios reiterated about having the Historical Commission make a presentation on the mechanics of making a building into the state or federal list. He would like to make sure that it is not just the BOS endorsement. We need to explore this issue further as to what exactly is the Town's role.*

*Olivieri said that there is article law that passed that the Town has been granted for lease of the property including all those buildings from the legislature. We did issue a RFP and no one responded and we are working on another one right now.*

*Lemnios said that before anyone goes forward with support of one way or another, we need to get an understanding of the ramifications and what and who is involved in this process. He is not convinced that the DCR could have done this unilaterally.*

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Richardson announced that the next BOS meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 24, 2013.

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**Motion:** Richardson requested a Motion to adjourn

Motion- Olivieri, so moved

Second: Sestito

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

**The Selectmen adjourned at 8:48 p.m.**

*Recorded by Karen Morgan*

Approved: September 24, 2013

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The following documents were included in the Board of Selectmen's packets or were presented during the meeting and are available in the Board of Selectmen's Office upon request:

1. Agenda for the September 10, 2013 Meeting
2. Statement of Interest from the Hull Artists
3. Handout from Van Hamm re: DCR Nantasket Beach Reservation
4. 2013 Special Event Permit Application for Nantasket Beach Triathlon
5. Memo from Office Manager to BOS dated September 5, 2013 re: Council of Aging & Veteran's Council Appointments
6. Letter from North to Richardson re: Vacancy on the Library Board of Trustees