

Hull Board of Selectmen

Minutes

January 20, 2015

The meeting of the Hull Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday evening, January 20, 2015 at the Hull Municipal Building, 253 Atlantic Ave., Hull, Massachusetts.

Present: Christopher Olivieri, Chairman; Kevin Richardson, Vice-Chair; Domenico Sestito, Clerk; and John D. Reilly, Jr., Member. Also present were Philip E. Lemnios, Town Manager; James Lampke, Town Counsel; and Catherine Goldhammer, Recording Secretary.

Absent: John C. Brannan, Member

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APPOINTMENTS

7:30 p.m. - Fire Chief – re: Fire Hydrant Presentation

Acting Fire Chief Christopher Russo made a PowerPoint presentation on the status of the town’s fire hydrants. He stated that of 28 (approximately 8%) of the town’s 348 hydrants are currently out of service. Of the 28, 12 are listed as high priority replacements. He stated that some of the out-of-service hydrants are redundant due to their close proximity to other hydrants and will not be replaced. Russo noted that 20 hydrants were replaced between 2011 and 2014; that all hydrant locations are cataloged and geo-tagged; and that new hires have to know where every hydrant in town is located prior to going on calls. The department and the dispatch center know where secondary hydrants are located in the event of a hydrant breaking during a fire. Hydrants are maintained twice a year. Russo said that every fire suppression starts with water from the tank trucks before hydrant water is used. The town is in meetings with Aquarion Water Company to implement a hydrant replacement and flushing program to lower cost and increase functionality of hydrants. [PowerPoint presentation attached.]

Olivieri pointed out that the hydrant that failed in the recent Standish Ave. fire was not one of the out-of-service hydrants, but broke while being opened, and that even a new hydrant could break unexpectedly. Lemnios said that there is no way of knowing when a hydrant will break; it could work one day and break the next. Russo stressed the fact that people in town do not have to worry that the department won’t be able to deliver water to a fire.

Jeffrey Farrell, Operations Manager at Aquarion Water in Hingham, was present and said that he looked forward to the cooperative effort between the department and Aquarion. Russo said that he would report back in three months.

8:00 p.m. – Bill Horne – re: North Truro Street Request

Adam Brodsky, attorney for Bill Horne, presented Horne’s request that selectmen approve an extension of the constructed portion of North Truro Street to allow the Hornes access to a property they own on that street for the purposes of constructing a home. Brodsky presented a photograph of the property as well as maps showing the existing road and the proposed continuation, which includes a storm water management system. He said that the road has been in existence as a public way since 1933, but the portion in question was never paved. The Hornes have gained permission from the DEP, the Conservation Commission, and the Planning Board to construct the street extension. The Hornes would assume the costs of constructing and maintaining the road and the storm water management system.

Abutter Kevin Conway, of 218 North Truro St., expressed his opposition to the project, stating that it denied him access to part of his own property where he keeps his boat. Kathleen Emery, of 195 North Truro St., stated that when the sewer was put in it was only supposed to service a set number of residents, but that if the road extension was approved it would set a precedent and could change the nature of the area. Lloyd Emery, of 195 North Truro St., asked who would maintain the existing walking trail and was informed that the Hornes would. Arthur Horne, who is the father of Bill Horne, said that the Hornes want to have access to their property.

Selectman Olivieri noted that the street has always been there as a street, just not a constructed street, and that the only difference was that it was now going to be paved. Lampke said that road and storm water system maintenance would be paid by the owners of the property in perpetuity. The town would plow and maintain sewer and electrical lines.

Sestito asked whether there should be a site visit by the selectmen. He said that he would like to see the property. Richardson said he had seen it. Olivieri and Reilly said that they did not feel the need to see it in order to vote.

Lampke noted that there is a difference of opinion as to the extent the lot is subject to certain building requirements and zoning, as the lot was created before zoning. He also noted that there had been two sets of plans, one shown here and one shown at Land Court, which showed different frontage.

Motion	Richardson	Move to approve the request of William J. Horne and WJ Horne, LLC to complete the portion of North Truro Street as shown on the plans submitted to the town, subject to the entering into of a “Covenant for construction within unbuilt portion of North Truro Street, including maintenance obligations” in a form approved by the Board, Town Manager, and Town Counsel.
Second	Reilly	
Vote	Approved	Olivieri - Aye Richardson - Aye Reilly - Aye Sestito - Abstain Brannan – Absent

An addendum was made by Reilly as follows:

Motion	Reilly	Move to authorize the chairman of the board to sign once this covenant is agreed to and signed by the petitioner.
Second	Richardson	
Vote	Approved	Olivieri - Aye

		Richardson - Aye Reilly - Aye Sestito - Abstain Brannan – Absent
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LICENSE RENEWALS

The board unanimously approved a license for Louis Gainor, 123 Beach Ave. for a Livery Badge renewal, on a motion by Richardson, seconded by Sestito.

The board approved a license for Loretta West, dba LW Auto Sales, 4 Lincoln St. for a Class II Auto Wholesale renewal – on a motion by Richardson, seconded by Sestito, with Reilly abstaining.

CORRESPONDENCE

Read aloud by Olivieri: Letter from Chief Billings regarding new restricted parking signs. Billings stated that he agreed with the Parking Committee’s recommendation to install new signage at each block from Phipps St. to X and Y Streets east of Nantasket Ave. This would be approximately 36 signs stating “Restricted Parking. Minimum fine \$50.00. Each violation strictly enforced. Violators re-ticketed after 4 hours.” When the signs are in place, other existing signs within the restricted areas would be removed, thus decreasing sign pollution, labor, maintenance, and costs.

Motion	Reilly	Motion to approve
Second	Sestito	
Vote	Approved	Unanimous

Planning Board – re: 0 Rockland Circle. A memo from the Planning Board requested comments on the Rockland Circle project to be received a week prior to the hearing date. A failure to respond would indicate a lack of opposition. Application documents were attached. Lemnios said that the selectmen could send their responses to him and he would forward them to the Planning Board.

NEW BUSINESS

Lemnios said that many months ago the board made an offer of permanent appointment to Stephen O’Neil, who is currently a permanent intermittent officer, contingent on his attendance of the police academy. The board now needed to revote since he has passed the police academy test. Lampke is drafting the specific wording of the offer.

Motion	Richardson	Motion to make a conditional offer of appointment consistent with current Massachusetts Police Academy standards and to authorize the chairman of the board to sign that agreement on behalf of the board.
Second	Reilly	
Vote	Approved	Unanimous

Lemnios announced that the budget presentation would take place on the first Tuesday in February rather than at the end of January as originally slated.

Reilly noted that he would like to invite the War Memorial Commission and the veteran's agent in for an update on plans for the memorial regarding adding additional names to the monument. He also suggested looking into the town acquiring twelve houses on Harborview Rd. for potential use by veterans' families.

Richardson asked for an update on the cemetery. Lemnios said that Joe Stigliano is looking at the state of the columbarium, and that there are enough graves to get through the next nine months. He said that they are in the early stages of looking at making more space where the land was filled following construction of the sewer treatment plant.

Lemnios reported that the Surfside rebuild has wrapped up for the season and will resume in the spring to finish the project. The Stony Beach seawall is on track and will start running two crews.

Reilly said that a number of street lights between La Dalat and the Carousel were out. Lemnios would investigate.

Reilly asked for an update on the DPW barn. Lemnios said that the needed repairs exceeded what was initially expected and that alternatives to a full rebuild were being explored.

Olivieri noted that 2015 is the 300th anniversary of the Town Meeting vote to convey Little Brewster Island to the then Province of Massachusetts for the purpose of constructing a lighthouse, and 2016 is the 300th anniversary of the construction of Boston Light. He suggested looking ahead to a commemoration of these events.

Reilly suggested creating a marker or square dedication in commemoration of Joseph Kennedy, Jr., who was born on Beach Ave. in Hull and died in World War II.

MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Olivieri requested a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining and that I as Chair declare that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the body; to go into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to litigation, and that I as Chair declare that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the body; to go into Executive Session to comply with or act under the authority of the Attorney-Client

privilege; and to go into Executive Session to consult with legal counsel and obtain legal advice pursuant to the Attorney-Client privilege; and to not reconvene in open session.

The following subjects were to be discussed in the executive session:

- Police union grievance for appointments
- Police bypass appeal case
- McDonald v. Hull, et al

Motion	Sestito	To go into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining and that I as Chair declare that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the body; to go into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to litigation, and that I as Chair declare that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the body; to go into Executive Session to comply with or act under the authority of the Attorney-Client privilege; and to go into Executive Session to consult with legal counsel and obtain legal advice pursuant to the Attorney-Client privilege; and to not reconvene in open session.
Second	Richardson	
Vote	Approved	Roll call vote: Aye, Olivieri Aye, Richardson Aye, Sestito Reilly requested clarification from Lampke about the matters to be discussed and was advised that he should recuse himself from the first two matters.

The board will meet again on February 2, 2015.

The board moved into Executive Session at 8:56 p.m., not reconvening into open session.

Recorded by Catherine Goldhammer

Approved June 9, 2015

Documents

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:

- Agenda for the January 20, 2015 meeting
- Added agenda for the January 20, 2015 meeting
- Memo from the Planning Board dated 1-8-15 regarding Notice of Public Hearing regarding 0 Rockland Circle project, including maps and drawings related to the proposed 5-unit townhouse development at 0 Rockland Circle
- License applications for Louis Gainor, 123 Beach Ave. – re: Hackney/Livery Badge; Loretta West, dba LW Auto Sales, 4 Lincoln St. – re: Wholesale Class II auto (renewal).
- Letter from Richard K. Billings regarding new restricted parking signage.
- North Truro Street photograph and two plans, revised through Sept. 13, 2014
- Board of Selectmen minutes of December 30, 2015