

Hull Board of Selectmen

Minutes

May 19, 2015

The meeting of the Hull Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday evening, May 19, 2015, at the Hull Municipal Building, 253 Atlantic Ave., Hull, Massachusetts.

Present: Kevin Richardson, Vice-Chair; Domenico Sestito, Clerk; John D. Reilly, Jr., Member, and Christopher Mitchell, Member. Also present were Philip E. Lemnios, Town Manager; James Lampke, Town Counsel; and Catherine Goldhammer, recording secretary. Absent: John C. Brannan, Member.

APPOINTMENTS

7:30 p.m. Peter Wilde, Lifesaving Museum – re: Illumination activities

Peter Wilde, Director of the Hull Lifesaving Museum, was present at the meeting to discuss the upcoming Illumination Night, to be held on Saturday, July 25. Wilde said that this year there will be a parade of lighted boats before the flares are lit, the goal being to add another element and attract more people to the celebration. In addition, the museum wants to have an event at the L St. field, consisting of bands and food vendors. They have received approval from Parks and Recreation with the stipulation that the music begins at 6 p.m. and ends at 8 p.m. They are seeking approval from the selectmen as well. The board voted to approve the addition of music to the event.

Motion	Sestito	To approve as presented the addition of music from 6-8 p.m. the evening of the Illumination.
Second	Mitchell	
Vote	Unanimous	

Wilde also explained that on August 8, the Coast Guard ship Joshua James will be commissioned in Boston and will sail by Hull on August 2. The ship will be offshore for a few hours and this would be an opportunity to put on a town event. Wilde offered to help plan with town officials. Lampke pointed out that August 1 is the 300th anniversary of the Town Meeting vote to transfer Little Brewster Island to the state for construction of the Boston Light, completed in 2016, and that this might be incorporated into the event.

Motion	Reilly	To establish a committee to work with the Hull Lifesaving Museum in recognition of the upcoming visit of the James Coast Guard Cutter and anniversary of Boston Light, and that it consist of a member of the Board of Selectmen, the Harbormaster, Fire Chief, Town Manager, and Town Counsel, as well as a member of the public at large.
Second	Sestito	
Vote	Unanimous	

Motion	Reilly	To appoint Chris Mitchell as the Board of Selectmen’s representative to the committee and one alternate to be determined at the next meeting.
Second	Sestito	
Vote	Unanimous	

7:45 p.m. Public Hearing, Continued: Tiger Wind, dba Nantasket Liquors, Hong Jiang Wang, Manager, regarding All Alcohol License change of location

Attorney Michael Nuesse represented Tiger Wind, dba Nantasket Liquors, in a continuation of a hearing regarding the change of location for an All Alcohol License from 379 Nantasket Ave. to 307 Nantasket Ave. The selectmen have conducted a site visit of the location.

Nuesse presented a list of conditions submitted by the applicant in response to previous concerns voiced by the selectmen, including the cleanliness of the site, signage, parking

and traffic flow, lighting, and maintenance of the property. Lemnios noted that the signage for the business would have to be approved by Design Review.

Reilly asked when and where deliveries were made. The applicant said that they are made in the back, usually between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Reilly also said that he had looked into the sale of nips, a concern voiced at the previous meeting. He said that the selectmen have not limited it for other package stores, and that in order to restrict the sale of nips town-wide, Town Meeting would need to create a bylaw to prohibit them.

John Cullen, Island View Rd., said that the town signage laws aren't being enforced and added that he did not want the sale of nips in his neighborhood. Vernon Wood, Sagamore Terrace, pointed out that there would now be two liquor stores flanking the Bay St. circle. He said that he recently counted 20 discarded nip bottles just between two phone poles.

Barry Boor, who said he was the "facilitator" of the transaction at 305/307 Nantasket Ave., supported the application, stating that the applicant would be more likely to take care of the property than the current owner, who is ill. Jim Norton, an employee of the applicant, pointed out that the applicant employs only Hull residents, and also contributes to Hull civic causes.

Mitchell noted that he would abstain from the vote as the site visit occurred prior to his election to the board.

Motion	Reilly	To approve the transfer of the liquor license from 379 Nantasket Ave. to 307 Nantasket Ave., with the nine stipulations as outlined in Attorney Nuesse's memo to the Board of this date, May 19.
Second	Sestito	
Vote	Passed	Richardson - Aye Sestito - Aye Reilly - Aye Mitchell - Abstain

8 p.m. Public Hearing: Mohamed Zeidan for Class II Wholesale Car Dealer's License

Mohamed Zeidan was present to discuss his application for a Class II Wholesale Car Dealer's License at 55 Whitehead Ave. Zeidan explained that he intends to purchase cars at auction and send them to Africa. In order to get a license to purchase cars at auction, he first needs to get a dealership license. The cars will be sent directly

overseas by the auction house, without making any appearance in Hull. Zeidan has a gas station in Cohasset and they told him that he had to apply for the dealership license in Hull, where he resides.

Lampke said that there may be limits under state law regarding what license he can have in one town, and he will inquire about that.

Lemnios proposed having a restriction on the license limiting the applicant from bringing cars to Hull or repairing cars in Hull. The applicant was agreeable with that, as he has no plans to do so, and no plans to have any walk-in business, people, or cars on the premises.

Barbara Cox, Whitehead Ave., voiced her opposition to the license and was concerned that it would affect property values. Robert Zoebisch, Whitehead Ave., said that Zeidan was a fantastic neighbor and was very honest, and he was in support of the license. Cathy Concannon, Whitehead Ave., said that while they are great neighbors, an internet search would reveal that a used car business was in the neighborhood and that could hurt property values.

Lemnios explained that this is no different than having any business office in a home and that there are five or six other such businesses in town, with no issues. There are provisions under law for people to do business in that fashion and in this case there would be very clear restrictions in place.

Sestito proposed delaying the vote until the next meeting to give Lampke the opportunity to check on why Cohasset wouldn't let Zeidan apply there. Richardson continued the hearing to 7:45 on Tuesday, May 26.

8:15 p.m. Public Hearing: Environmental Partners regarding application for utility grant of location – proposed water main in multiple locations

A Public Hearing was held regarding the proposed water main replacement on Atherton Rd., Berkley Rd., Rockland Terr., Circuit Ave., Milford St., Sunset Ave., and Cadish Ave., scheduled for the coming summer and fall. Stephen Olson, project manager, of Environmental Partners was present at the meeting, as was Jeff Farrell, Director of Operations for Aquarion Water Company.

Olson said that plans were submitted to the town in February and permission for the project has been given by the Conservation Commission, whose conditions have been put into the contract documents. Aquarion has engaged a contractor. Measurements have been taken and will be put on the plan. The pipes will be made of high-density polyethylene, which is resistant to corrosion and good in a wet environment. The old pipe would be abandoned in place. Farrell noted that they are adding two hydrants and replacing four, working with the Fire Department. They are also replacing six hydrants in the next few weeks under the town budget. In addition, final pavement of Prospect St. will be in the fall.

Lemnios noted that DPW Director, Joseph Stigliani, has been in extensive conversations with the above parties regarding the project and has submitted a memo with his comments.

John Struzziery, Sunset Ave., an abutter, said that there is a history of breaks in the area, which also needs hydrants, and that the water quality is not as good as in other areas. He expressed concern about the sinkholes in the area and the general management of the roadway. Charles Evans, Sunset Ave., asked if it was possible to schedule Sunset for the end of the project because of the number of people who walk there in the summer. He was also concerned about the noise and about the equipment making the sinkholes worse.

Lemnios asked Olson if it would be a problem to start after Labor Day. Olson said that it would be a problem getting the job completed if it were started that late. Olson also said that there needs to be a settlement period for paving. Lemnios said that the key was to get it done before winter.

Olson and Farrell explained that work would take place between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, progress would move quickly past each house, and no holes would be left at the end of the day. There would always be access and the road will not be shut down. They would expect to complete 150-200' per day. Reilly suggested meeting with residents before beginning the project.

Motion	Reilly	To approve the grant for Aquarion Water Company for Atherton Rd., Berkley Rd., Rockland Terr., Circuit Ave., Milford St., Sunset Ave., and Cadish Ave., subject to final approval by Director of Public Works and Town Manager, with stipulations that there be a resident meeting for the three grants, and also to keep in mind the time and season and try to minimize the effect on the neighborhoods.
Second	Sestito	
Vote	Unanimous	

8:45 p.m. Gregory H. Cunningham – re: Request permission to cut and remove portion of sidewalk

Cunningham was not present at the meeting but his documentation and request were. Lemnios explained that the sidewalk in front of Cunningham’s home is wider than the sidewalk on the rest of the street. They would like permission to cut and remove the excess 4’ of sidewalk at their own expense and install a wall no higher than 30” across

the front of their property. Lemnios said that DPW Director Stigliani is in favor of the request.

Motion	Reilly	Motion to approve the request for a license in front of 884 Nantasket Ave, with stipulations set forth by Director of Highway and subject to final approval by Town Manager and appropriate licensing verbiage by Town Counsel.
Second	Sestito	
Vote	Unanimous	

CORRESPONDENCE

Read aloud by Richardson: Letter from Aquarion Water Company regarding approach to water demand for 2015.

A letter from Aquarion Water explained the upcoming summer season planned improvements, water restrictions, and penalties for violation of restrictions.

Read aloud by Richardson: Letter from Pat and Yvette McDuff requesting permission to have a wedding ceremony on the beach at K St.

A letter from the McDuffs requested permission to have a wedding vow renewal ceremony on the beach in front of their house on July 11 from 6-8 p.m. They are planning to host 35-45 guests and would like to set up a tent and chairs on the beach. They are planning to use a police detail.

Lemnios said that the town typically does not allow tents. Usually the parties set up and take down chairs an hour before and after, hold the reception elsewhere, and arrange for a police detail or offsite parking.

Motion	Richardson	Motion to approve with no tent and subject to Police Department and Town Manager approval.
Second	Sestito	
Vote	Unanimous	

NEW BUSINESS

Reilly asked about the toppled headstones at the cemetery. Lemnios said that they are in contact with the appropriate business about repairing them.

Sestito reported that the opiate task force has had two administrative meetings in addition to a public information event. The task force will meet again in three weeks.

Richardson thanked the Class of 2018 for installing a bench and cleaning up at the Gut and the Class of 2016 for painting the guard rail.

Sestito welcomed new selectman Chris Mitchell and thanked Christopher Olivieri for his twelve years of service.

Resident Gerald Whelan asked what the protocol or rotation policy for the Chairmanship position was. It was explained to him how this worked. Whelan also asked when an independent study of town buildings would take place. It was explained to him that the nonbinding referendum was for a school study, and that discussions are ongoing regarding a town-wide study, which would involve participation by the School Committee, the Advisory Board, the Capital Planning Committee, the Board of Selectmen, and others.

Resident Janet Surridge asked how to get an item on the agenda regarding the town bus and its stops and schedule.

Resident Randy Gould asked to schedule a discussion of the parking situation at the Gut.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m. The board will meet again on May 26, 2015.

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:

- Board of Selectmen agenda and added agenda for May 12, 2015
- Letter and application from Mohamed Zeidan for Public Hearing regarding Class II Wholesale Auto Dealer's License
- Application for Tiger Wind, dba Nantasket Liquors, Hong Jiang Wang, Manager – re: All Alcohol License change of location
- Response packet from Tiger Wind regarding concerns raised in previous hearing.
- Letter from Environmental Partners regarding Application for Utility Grant of Location – proposed water main in multiple locations
- Letter from Joe Stigliani regarding grants of location
- Letter from Gregory H. Cunningham requesting permission to cut and remove portion of sidewalk
- Letter from Pat and Yvette McDuff requesting permission to have a wedding ceremony on the beach at K St.
- Letter from Aquarion Water Company regarding approach to water demand for 2015