

Hull Board of Selectmen

Minutes

April 21, 2015

The meeting of the Hull Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday evening, April 21, 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. John C. Brannan, Member, was absent.

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A moment of silence was held for Ray Thomas, a longtime member of the Hull Fire Department.

APPOINTMENTS

Frank Kerr – re: Applicant for Logan Airport Committee

Frank Kerr was interviewed for appointment to the Logan Airport Committee. Kerr stated that he has a communications background and has been involved in starting a grassroots group against air traffic noise and the website www.quieterskies.org.

Motion	Reilly	Motion to appoint Frank Kerr to the Logan Airport Committee
Second	Sestito	
Vote	Unanimous	

Robert Foley – re: Applicant for Logan Airport Committee

Foley was interviewed for appointment to the Logan Airport Committee. He stated that he moved to Hull four years ago after residing in Scituate for 30 years. He is familiar with the problem of air traffic noise and would like to contribute his time to the town.

Motion	Richardson	Motion to appoint Robert Foley to the Logan Airport Committee
Second	Sestito	
Vote	Unanimous	

John Coggins – re: Three veteran memorials

John Coggins from the Memorial Commission requested that the selectmen approve three square dedications on Memorial Day for the following veterans:

- Leo de Filippo: N St. and Central
- Gabriel Striglio: Intersection of Prospect St., Newport Rd., and Coburn St.
- Frank Lyons: A St. and Nantasket Ave.

Motion	Richardson	Motion to approve three square dedications on Memorial Day
Second	Reilly	
Vote	Unanimous	

Public Hearing – re: All Alcohol License change of location for Tiger Wing, Inc. dba Nantasket Liquors, Hong Jiang Wang

Attorney Michael Nuesse spoke on behalf of Tiger Wind Inc., doing business as Nantasket Ave. Liquors. The owners are requesting that the location of their All Alcohol license be changed from 379 Nantasket Ave. to 307 Nantasket Ave. The new location provides more interior space and more parking. In addition, the landlord at 379 Nantasket Ave. is renovating and the business needs to relocate. The entrance of the new location would be at the back of the building with an emergency exit in the front. Wang said that there are 20-40 parking spaces at the rear of the building. The new location would open in the end of June after the applicant completes interior renovations.

John Cullen of Island View Rd. expressed concern over the sale of nips, because of the trash that ends up on the streets and on the HRA property. He also expressed concern about the condition of the building itself which he stated should be fixed and inspected by the Building Department. He also mentioned the advertising signs in the windows of the current site and stated that the sign laws needed to be enforced.

Robert Patel, owner of Quick Pick convenience store, also spoke in opposition to the change of address. He said that it would be bad for his business to have another alcohol seller so close to his location at Anastos Corner. Patel stated that he does not sell nips or single cans.

Reilly stated that there is a history of not wanting nips or singles sold in town and he said he would like to carry that over in this case. Lemnios pointed out that the store is located next to a residential area and in the middle of a \$2.4 million street/sidewalk upgrade. He said that selling nips or single beers provides a quick fix to those wanting alcohol and doesn't promote a good quality of community. He said that an argument could be made about how many liquor stores are needed in one block.

A site visit for the purposes of looking at the interior and exterior of the building was scheduled for Wednesday, April 29, at 6:30 p.m.

Anne Herbst – re: Flood Mitigation

Herbst announced the acquisition of a Coastal Zone Management grant of \$45,000 to conduct a climate change vulnerability assessment of municipal infrastructure and develop recommendations to minimize risk. She requested that the board empanel a steering committee assigned to oversee the project deliverables. The proposed committee consists of: Herbst (Conservation), Joseph Stigliani (DPW), James Dow (Sewer), Robert Fultz (Planning), Panos Tokadjian (Light Plant), Christopher Russo (Emergency Preparedness), Sheila Connor (Conservation Commission), Jeanne Paquin (Planning Board), and Rick Mattila (Sewer Commission).

Motion	Reilly	Motion to appoint a nine-member committee, with members from Conservation, the DPW, the Sewer Department, Planning and Development, the Light Plant, and Emergency Preparedness, in addition to a member from the Conservation Commission, Planning Board, and Sewer Commission, each to serve one-year terms.
Second	Sestito	
Vote	Unanimous	

Herbst also gave an update on FEMA flood insurance and flood maps. She stated that some towns have filed successful appeals challenging the flood maps, but that experts have looked at Hull's base flood maps and have stated that they think that they are pretty accurate. The town is waiting for a proposal for further review. A potential solution for individual homeowners is to prove that their home elevations are higher than FEMA states. She said that 18 people in town have had success in doing this.

Regarding flood insurance, Herbst said that although it is a costly process, home elevation can decrease insurance premiums by up to 70%. Homes with crawl spaces rather than basements may also qualify for lower insurance. She said it may soon be possible to insure for only the amount of the property's existing mortgage or to have a higher deductible.

Beach Management Committee Report

Rhoda Kanet, Chairman of the Beach Management Committee, reported for the committee on the following matters.

1. Dogs on the beach. Kanet reported that the Beach Management Committee met on Thursday, April 16, with the proponents of the Warrant Article regarding dogs on the beach during early morning and late evening hours during the summer. Kanet stated that the committee voted not to endorse the article, and recommends a vote of no action, which would allow the article to be resubmitted next year. The committee also recommended a summer of effective enforcement of the current bylaw, with patrols by bicycle officers and an animal control officer.
2. Kanet also addressed the recent discovery of a pair of piping plovers near the beach. The committee made a series of suggestions that included protecting the area with a fence of stakes and caution tape, with an educational sign on every stake. Ball playing and kite flying should be restricted within the area. A program of volunteers would observe the plovers and educate the

public. The committee also recommended a decision on what actions should be taken against violators of the policies.

3. Kanet said that the committee will meet with Park and Rec regarding surfing regulations.
4. She stated that beach sand that is washed up on streets should be removed and stored before it absorbs too many contaminants.

Richardson suggested having a future conversation regarding illegal dune openings and erosion.

CORRESPONDENCE

Read aloud by Olivieri: Letter from Robin Flint, administrator, Hull Nantasket Chamber of Commerce.

A letter from Robin Flint announced the third annual Stem to Stern town-wide yard sale and proposed that the sale be held on May 30, 2015.

Motion	Sestito	To approve the Stem to Stern yard sale to be held on May 30, 2015.
Second	Reilly	
Vote	Unanimous	

Read aloud by Olivieri: Letter from James M. Sorrentino regarding the Robert Guiney Motorcycle Ride.

The letter stated that the ride is scheduled for May 17, 2015. It will depart from the Red Parrot at 11 a.m. and return at about 1 p.m. All proceeds will go to assist Boston Police officer John Moynihan, who was shot in the line of duty and is undergoing a long rehabilitation.

Motion	Richardson	To approve the Robert Guiney Motorcycle ride for Sunday, May 17, 2015.
Second	Reilly	
Vote	Unanimous	

LICENSES AND RENEWALS

The selectmen approved a license for Sand Dollar Parking, James Reilly, Manager, for parking 900 cars at the HRA lot.

Motion	Richardson	To approve a license for Sand Dollar Parking, James Reilly, Manager for parking 900 cars at the HRA lot.
Second	Sestito	
Vote		Aye: Olivieri, Richardson, Sestito Abstain/recused: Reilly

TOWN MANAGER

Lemnios stated that Governor Baker was not able to secure the entire month of February for FEMA emergency relief. The state is looking into the possibility of appealing the ruling. Emergency aid for the first storm was approved.

He said that street sweeping has commenced, with town sweepers being aided by an outside company.

He reported that on Friday, May 29, at 10 a.m. at Town Hall there will be an auction of the following properties:

- A buildable lot at 5 Mountford Rd., offering price \$150,000
- A condo at 9 Park Ave., offering price \$225,000
- Two buildable lots on Rockaway Ave., offering prices \$105,000 and \$106,000
- One buildable lot on Dellawanda Rd., offering price \$100,000
- One lot on Barnstable St., offering price to be determined

NEW BUSINESS

Olivieri inquired about needed repairs to Atlantic Ave. Lemnios said that he had looked at the road with DPW director Joe Stigliani, who said that the road is too far gone for patches and that they will need to do an overlay, probably in late spring or early summer.

Richardson asked if it was too late to amend the Warrant Article taking the positions of Chief of Police and Fire Chief out of civil service and add the positions of Deputy Chief and Captain to the article. Lampke said that it would need to be determined whether the change is within the scope of the current article. He said he would discuss it with the Town Meeting moderator.

Sestito said that the new opiate task force would meet on Monday, April 27. He said that there has been a great deal of interest in the task force and asked if the selectmen would vote to increase membership from nine members to eleven.

Motion	Sestito	To expand the opiate task force from nine to eleven members
Second	Richardson	
Vote	Unanimous	

Sestito was appointed the Board of Selectmen's representative to the committee.

Motion	Richardson	To appoint Domenico Sestito as the board's representative to the opiate task force
Second	Reilly	
Vote	Unanimous	

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

The board will meet again at Town Meeting on May 4, 2015, at 7:30 p.m. at Hull High School.

Motion	Sestito	Motion to adjourn
Second	Richardson	
Vote	Unanimous	

Recorded by Catherine Goldhammer

Approved June 23, 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 April 21, 2015
- Email from Frank Kerr regarding appointment to Logan Airport Committee
- Resume of Robert Foley, Jr., regarding appointment to Logan Airport Committee
- Project description of climate change study committee
- Report from Beach Management Committee regarding dogs on the beach
- Report from Beach Management Committee regarding piping plovers
- Letter from James M. Sorrentino regarding the Robert Guiney Motorcycle Ride
- Email from Robin Flint regarding Stem to Stern yard sale
- Parking lot application from Sand Dollar Parking
- Application to change location of All Alcohol License for Tiger Wing, Inc., dba Nantasket Liquors, Hong Jiang Wang