

Hull Board of Selectmen

Minutes

July 28, 2015

The meeting of the Hull Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday evening, July 28, 2015, at the Hull Municipal Building, 253 Atlantic Ave., Hull, Massachusetts.

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

APPOINTMENTS

Note: The following scheduled appointments were cancelled prior to the meeting:

- Chief Billings – re: Pemberton Parking – Public Safety Proposal
- Planning Board

7:30 p.m. Jean Lucreziano regarding appointment to the Parking Study Committee

Lucreziano was present to request appointment to the Parking Study Committee. She is a resident and town business owner and has served on several town boards over the years.

Motion	Reilly	Motion to approve Jean Lucreziano’s appointment to the Parking Study Committee
Second	Richardson	
Vote	Unanimous	

[Note: Later in the meeting, Brannan informed the selectmen that the Parking Study Committee, with participation from the public, has met three times in the past eight days to work on a multi-stage approach to addressing Pemberton parking issues, and they will make a presentation on August, 18, as scheduled.]

CORRESPONDENCE

Jill Greenleaf, regarding permission to hold wedding ceremony on Gunrock Beach

A letter from Jill Greenleaf requested permission to hold a wedding on Gunrock Beach on Saturday, September 12, at 4:30 p.m. They expect approximately 100 people to attend, with 12 chairs to be set up and removed after the ceremony.

Motion	Reilly	Motion to approve subject to police approval
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Second	Sestito	
Vote	Unanimous	

Requests for appointment to the Canine Control Committee

The following residents submitted requests for appointment to the Canine Control Committee.

- Robert DeCoste
- Alisa Lowenstam-Ball
- Jill C. Orpen
- Judy Pritchard
- Megan Saucier
- Jeffrey M. Strong
- Kim Shaffer
- Jim Dow
- Mary-Ann Calcagno

Interviews were scheduled for September 1, 2015.

Stephanie Aprea, regarding notification of small tent for a wedding

A letter from Stephanie Aprea notified the board that a wedding will be held at Jo’s Nautical Bar on August 9, 2015, with a small tent to be set up outside the establishment for those who want to eat outside. No alcohol will be allowed outside of the licensed area. Employees will be carefully monitoring the event.

Bhavesh Patel, Quick Pick Food Shop, regarding change of Sunday opening hour for wine and malt sales to 10 a.m.

A letter from Bhavesh Patel notified the board that Quick Pick will be changing its opening hour for sale of beer and wine to 10 a.m. on Sundays. [The establishment has a beer and wine license and is required to inform the board of changes in hours of sales.]

Raylene Ternullo, regarding request for permission to hold a wedding ceremony on beach

An email from Raylene Ternullo requested permission to hold a wedding on the beach at Malta St. and Beach Ave. on September 26, at 2 p.m. Approximately 50-60 people will be attending and parking will be taken care of off-site. The reception will be held at a private home.

Motion	Richardson	Motion to approve subject to police approval
Second	Sestito	
Vote	Unanimous	

Joseph Stigliani, regarding rehabilitation of Atlantic Avenue

A letter from DPW Director Joseph Stigliani informed the board that work will be commencing on Atlantic Avenue on Thursday, July 30. This will involve planing the top two inches of pavement from School St. to 208 Atlantic Ave., and then from 126 Atlantic Ave. to the Cohasset line. Following the planing, the road will be resurfaced. Variables such as drainage structure adjustments make the exact timeframe uncertain, but it is estimated that the work will take four business days. A Code Red call has been made by Fire Chief Russo to inform residents. There was short notice of the project, as the contractor was fitting the work into a window in their schedule. Chapter 90 funds are paying for the project.

Lemnios noted that this paving would not be an issue with the ongoing TIP application process, which is for a much larger roadway improvement.

LICENSES AND RENEWALS

The selectmen voted to approve a one day All Alcohol license for August 8, 2015 from 3-7 p.m., for Knights of Columbus, 440 Nantasket Ave.

Motion	Reilly	So moved.
Second	Sestito	
Vote	Unanimous	

The selectmen voted to approve Knights of Columbus license to park 25 cars at 440 Nantasket Ave. The application was accompanied by a diagram and a letter from Building Commissioner Peter Lombardo.

Motion	Reilly	So moved.
Second	Sestito	
Vote	Unanimous	

The selectmen voted to waive the fee for the Knights of Columbus parking permit as it is a local charitable organization.

Motion	Reilly	Motion to waive fee for Knights of Columbus parking permit
Second	Sestito	
Vote	Unanimous	

The selectmen voted to approve a one day All Alcohol license for Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Avenue, for August 2, 2015 from 7:30-11:30 p.m.

Motion	Reilly	So moved.
Second	Richardson	
Vote	Unanimous	

MINUTES

The selectmen voted to approve the minutes for the Board of Selectmen meeting of July 8, 2015.

Motion	Sestito	Motion to approve.
Second	Reilly	
Vote	Unanimous	

JOINT MEETING WITH THE ADVISORY BOARD

The Advisory Board was present for a portion of the meeting to discuss the potential debt exclusion, previously discussed at various meetings of the Board of Selectmen and, separately, the Advisory Board.

David Clinton, Chairman, of the Advisory Board, noted the following:

- The Advisory Board is taking a more active role in the budgetary process this year.
- This will involve developing a series of questions for Lemnios and department heads and taking a closer look at departmental and overall budgetary needs.
- A strong educational process will be needed in order to put a debt exclusion before the public, which needs to have confidence that the proposal is the result of sound thought and fiscal sense.
- The Advisory Board has contributed amendments to Lemnios' initial debt exclusion presentation, as previously given to the Board of Selectmen on July 8, 2015.
- These amendments involve the inclusion of the Memorial School debt in addition to the Jacobs School debt.
- The Advisory Board has not yet taken a vote on whether to support a debt exclusion, but is engaged in serious discussions about it.

Richardson asked if a Special Town Meeting could be held in the fall in order to hasten the process. The consensus was that a longer process would be beneficial in order for the boards to delve into the budget and present a well-thought out proposal to the public.

All agreed that the will of the town to continue to use any funds generated by a debt exclusion for capital improvements is key to its success.

Clinton noted that before the Advisory Board takes a vote to support a debt exclusion they would like to know from the selectmen if it would include the Memorial School debt. Lemnios also noted that that decision should be made before the Capital Outlay Committee is in place.

Reilly pointed out that the town bylaws specify a Capital Outlay Committee that is different in make-up than the one recently created by the selectmen. A conversation was had about possibly renaming the new committee, which is a selectmen-appointed committee rather than one created by by-law.

Richardson said that he was ready to support the concept of including both schools and made the motion to do so. Reilly seconded. Sestito noted that he supported the concept as the next step forward in potentially presenting a debt exclusion to the public as a solution to ongoing capital needs. Brannan said that he would like to get more information on the financial impact on homeowners of including both schools and that he would like to see a spreadsheet of home values and potential tax increases before making that decision.

Motion	Richardson	Motion to include both schools in a debt exclusion
Second	Reilly	
Vote	Approved	Richardson – Aye Reilly – Aye Sestito – Aye Mitchell - Aye Brannan – Nay (Is not against the concept but would like more information on tax increases first.)

The Advisory Board adjourned its meeting at 9:37 p.m. and the Board of Selectmen continued.

NEW BUSINESS

Reilly noted that there is now a full-size town bus and thanked Lemnios for his part in making that happen.

Richardson thanked Reilly for the success of the Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. memorial dedication, and also thanked Hull Lifesaving Museum Director Peter Wild for a successful Harbor Illumination.

Sestito announced that the Hull Hero awards event will be held on October 1, 2015, and that nomination papers are available at many locations in town as well as on the town website.

Mitchell said that the Hull Lifesaving Museum will be offering tours of the new Coast Guard cutter James on August 5, 2015.

Lemnios noted that the fifteen-minute announced power outage was due to work National Grid is doing on the line that feeds Hull. Lampke said that the previous week’s outage was due to a branch on a line in Hingham. In that case, workers had to wait for another technician to arrive and that Hull Light Department Operations Manager Richard Miller and other departmental employees were present to look out for the Town’s interest and offer assistance. Lemnios said that Hull Light cannot work on lines outside of town boundaries.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m. The board will meet again on August 10, 2015.

Recorded by Catherine Goldhammer

Approved by: September 8, 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 amended agenda for July 28, 2015
- Board of Selectmen's minutes for July 8, 2015
- Application from Temple Beth Shalom for one-day All Alcohol for August 2, 2015
- Application from Knights of Columbus for one-day All Alcohol for August 8, 2015
- Application from Knights of Columbus for parking for 25 cars, with diagram and memo from Building Commissioner
- Email from Robert DeCoste requesting appointment to the Canine Control Committee
- Email from Megan Saucier requesting appointment to the Canine Control Committee
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- Letter from Mary-Ann Calcagno requesting appointment to the Canine Control Committee
- Letter and packet from Joseph Stigliano regarding Atlantic Avenue rehabilitation
- Email from Raylene Ternullo requesting permission to hold wedding ceremony on beach
- Letter from Jean Lucreziano, regarding appointment to the Parking Study Committee
- Amended Debt Exclusion presentation document