

## Hull Board of Selectmen

### Minutes

August 11, 2015

The meeting of the Hull Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday evening, August 11, 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.

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### APPOINTMENTS

**Note: The following scheduled appointment was cancelled prior to the meeting:**

- Francis Parker, regarding appointment to Capital Outlay Committee. [The appointment will be rescheduled.]

### 7:30 p.m. Hull Redevelopment Authority

The Hull Redevelopment Authority (HRA) convened to update the selectmen on their current activities and future plans. Bartley Kelly, James Tobin, Robert DeCoste, and Spencer O'Loughlin were present for the HRA. The following were some of the subjects discussed by the committee:

- A traffic study is ongoing, co-funded by the HRA and the DCR, to determine the feasibility of converting Hull Shore Drive to two-way traffic. The committee is working with a consulting firm and hopes to have a completed study in the fall.
- An RFP for the development of the HRA land parcels is being revised and updated. The committee hopes to have the RFP ready for distribution in the fall.
- In relation to its land, the HRA also owns about two acres of beach and sidewalk beyond the new seawall to the little bathhouse.
- The HRA won the most recent appeal filed by developer Stuart Bornstein. The developer is now appealing to the State Supreme Court, which meets in October.
- James Tobin, Treasurer, gave a presented the organization's financial overview. [See document.]
- The HRA is offering a flood insurance seminar for residents who want to learn about how to lower their flood insurance costs. Representatives from the town Building and Conservation Departments, as well as local relators and insurance agents, will be present.
- The HRA this year extended parking to people with municipal stickers to the lots on the ocean side. It also made numerous bay side improvements, including adding trees, benches, and fencing. More such improvements are planned for 2016. In addition, they are hoping to establish a thriving food truck area.
- HRA is working in tandem with the DCR on a number of projects and the two entities are working closely with the town as well. Working relationships are very collaborative and positive.

The selectmen expressed appreciation to the HRA members for their work and gratitude for the numerous good works and contributions it has made to the town over the years.

**8:05 p.m. Capital Outlay Committee applicants**

Four residents were present to interview for appointment to the newly formed Capital Outlay Committee.

- **Joan Meschino** is an attorney and former selectman, who currently runs a nonprofit, is the town’s representative to the Metropolitan Area Planning Council, the MBTA Advisory Board, and the Metropolitan Beaches Commission. She lives in Precinct 1.
- **Robert Foley, Jr.** is a retired businessman who worked in corporate finance and continues to consult with small businesses. He has taught corporate finance and capital budgeting at Boston College and Northeastern University. He lives in Precinct 3.
- **Marie Pizziferri** is a retired nurse and nurse manager with extensive experience in the Department of Veterans’ Affairs Boston healthcare system. She lives in Precinct 2.
- **Danny Silverman** is a Senior Systems Engineer working in technology. He has also been president of a large condo complex in Cambridge and oversaw and five-year capital planning process there. He has lived in town for four years. He lives in Precinct 1.

The board noted that it would make its decisions on the makeup of the committee after all other applicants have been interviewed.

**8:40 p.m. David B. Kenyon, regarding application for hackney badge**

Kenyon was present to apply for a hackney badge. He works for Seaport Livery. His application was accompanied by a letter from Police Chief Billings, stating that based on current information, the applicant appears to be suitable to receive a livery badge.

<b>Motion</b>	Richardson	Motion to approve a hackney badge for David B. Kenyon
<b>Second</b>	Reilly	
<b>Vote</b>	Unanimous	

**8:45 p.m. Anna M. DeCoste, regarding application for a hackney badge**

DeCoste was present to apply for a hackney badge for Seaside Transport. Her application was accompanied by a letter from Police Chief Billings, stating that based on current information, the applicant appears to be suitable to receive a livery badge.

<b>Motion</b>	Richardson	Motion to approve a hackney badge for Anna DeCoste
<b>Second</b>	Reilly	
<b>Vote</b>	Unanimous	

## LICENSES AND RENEWALS

The selectmen voted to approve a one day All Alcohol license for Hull High Boosters on August 2, 2015 from 7-11 p.m., for a fundraiser at Fascination.

<b>Motion</b>	Sestito	Motion to approve
<b>Second</b>	Richardson	
<b>Vote</b>	Unanimous	

## CORRESPONDENCE

### Letter from Michael Dunphy, regarding request to replace bench at Connolly Park

A letter from Michael Dunphy requested permission to replace a bench in Father John Joseph Connolly Park in Hampton Circle. He and his family would like to purchase and install a new bench (at their own expense) in memory of their parents Paul F. Sr., and Mary V. Dunphy.

<b>Motion</b>	Richardson	Motion to approve, subject to coordinating with DPW
<b>Second</b>	Reilly	
<b>Vote</b>	Unanimous	

### Memo from Joseph Stigliani, regarding surplus vehicles

A memo from DPW Director Stigliani requested permission to declare two DPW vehicles as surplus. The vehicles are a 1997 Ford Expedition and a 1999 Chevrolet 3500 Silverado one-ton dump truck (no dump body). These are only suitable to be junked or sold for parts and the DPW has received quotes from a local scrap yard of \$400 (Chevrolet) and \$350 (Ford).

<b>Motion</b>	Sestito	Motion to approve as presented
<b>Second</b>	Mitchell	
<b>Vote</b>	Unanimous	

### Memo from Chief Billings, regarding Civilian Police Academy graduation

A memo from Billings invited the selectmen to the Civilian Police Academy graduation on August 13, at 7 p.m. This is the first Hull High School class of juniors and seniors to have gone through the Academy.

**Email from Joseph Stigliani, regarding Atlantic Ave. paving**

An email from Stigliani notified the board that paving of Atlantic Avenue would be completed on August 12.

**OTHER APPOINTMENTS**

**9 p.m. National Grid, regarding Grants of Location**

Barbara Kelleher, Acting Permits Representative from National Grid, was present at the meeting to ask the selectmen to approve work to be done at various locations in town, including portions of R Street, O Street, Q Street, and P Street. This work would install new gas main and abandon in place the existing mains.

Brannan noted that one issue is that the pavement of the trenches never seems to come back to street level. Resident Steve Flynn, of R Street, said that this work would disrupt all of R Street and he would like an assurance that the street would be paved curb to curb rather than just the trench, which settles. Arthur Augenstern, Cadish Ave., also expressed concerns about the condition of the main that serves his home.

A memo from DPW Director Stigliani put forth numerous comments in response to National Grid’s proposal and map. These included the need for a pre-construction meeting; methods of pavement restoration and patching; and scheduling.

Since Kelleher was filling in for Permits Representative Dennis Reagan, who was on vacation, she was unable to provide answers to some of the selectmen’s questions. Therefore, the selectmen voted to continue the discussion at a time when Reagan can be present to answer the board’s questions about the details of the project.

<b>Motion</b>	Reilly	To continue the hearing to the next available meeting of the board
<b>Second</b>	Richardson	
<b>Vote</b>	Unanimous	

**NEW BUSINESS**

Reilly noted that there seemed to be a spate of activity regarding Fort Revere. Resident Patrick Finn explained that there was a petition to put an article on the Town Meeting Warrant asking the town to put the fort and tower into the sole ownership of the DCR. Reilly noted that the proponents might want to present their ideas at a selectmen’s meeting. Lemnios said that in 1999 Town Meeting passed an article directing the MDC/DCR to transfer a beach parking lot to the Town of Hull in exchange for DCR getting the fort, but they didn’t want to do it. Lampke said that every time this gets close to any kind of closure, the DCR delays it.

Richardson asked if Lemnios would schedule Plymouth County Treasurer Thomas J. O'Brien for a selectmen’s meeting. He also asked if they could talk with the Planning Board about the Community Compact Cabinet.

Richardson thanked the Hull Lifesaving Museum for its efforts in the commissioning activities for the Coast Guard Cutter James. Mitchell thanked Peter Wild and others who contributed to the success of the event.

Sestito said that the town’s opiate task force now has a name: Hull Alliance for Prevention of Substance Addiction (HAPSA). HAPSA is also in a coalition with Hingham, Cohasset, and Norwell, which makes it eligible for larger grants. Information about the task force can now be found on the town website, with a Facebook page to follow. The next meeting is August 17.

Brannan said that the Parking Committee will make its presentation regarding Pemberton parking at the next meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

**MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Brannan requested a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to litigation, and that he as Chair declared 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 Executive Session:

- Hull v Kansky
- Code enforcement
- Encroachment claim
- Property claim – 55 Gallops Hill Rd.

<b>Motion</b>	Richardson	Move to go into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to litigation, and 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.
<b>Second</b>	Sestito	
<b>Vote</b>	Approved	Aye, Brannan Aye, Reilly Aye, Richardson Aye, Sestito Aye, Mitchell

The board moved into Executive Session at 9:45 p.m., not reconvening into open session.

The next meeting of the Board of Selectmen will occur on August 18, 2015.

*Recorded by Catherine Goldhammer*

Approved by: September 8, 2015

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## **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 August 11, 2015
- Application from Hull Boosters for one-day All Alcohol for August 2, 2015
- Application from Anna DeCoste for hackney badge
- Application from David B. Kenyon for hackney badge
- Email from Joan Meschino requesting appointment to the Capital Outlay Committee
- Resume from Robert Foley, Jr. regarding appointment to the Capital Outlay Committee
- Letter and resume from Marie Pizziferri requesting appointment to the Capital Outlay Committee
- Email from Frank Parker requesting appointment to the Capital Outlay Committee
- Letter from Danny Silverman requesting appointment to the Capital Outlay Committee
- Letter from Michael Dunphy regarding bench replacement
- Memo from Chief Billings regarding Civilian Police Academy graduation
- Petition of National Grid for gas main locations, with two maps
- Memo from Joseph Stigliani regarding National Grid petition
- Memo from Joseph Stigliani regarding surplus vehicles
- Email from Joseph Stigliani regarding Atlantic Avenue paving
- HRA financial overview
- Hull Times article on the HRA