

Hull Board of Selectmen

Minutes

August 18, 2015

The meeting of the Hull Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday evening, August 18, 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

Capital Outlay Committee applicants

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

- **Francis Parker** is a professor at Boston College business school with a specialty in real estate and sustainability. He has spent numerous years on town boards and committees, including the Conservation Commission, the Planning Board, the Capital Planning Committee, and the Trustees of the Hull Public Library. He is a lifelong town resident. He lives in Precinct 1.
- **Robert Cambra** retired this year from the construction business. He has worked on many buildings and projects in town, including the seawalls, St. Ann's, and the high school. He has lived in town for over 40 years and lives in Precinct 2.

The board noted that it will make its decisions on the makeup of the committee at a future meeting.

Council on Aging Presentation

Barbara Lawler, head of the Council on Aging, was present at the meeting to offer an overview of the services that are being provided to the town's senior citizens.

- The Anne M. Scully Senior Center provides numerous programs encouraging individual and community involvement.
- The programs include education, senior outreach, educational programs to promote health and wellbeing, exercise classes, transportation to medical services and food shopping, Meals on Wheels, and day trips.
- The over-sixty population of Hull was 2,481 in the 2010 Census. It is now over 3,000. The center serves about 600 members of this population.
- The staff also assists its clients with such matters as Social Security, Medicare, and fuel assistance.

Lawler said that the center would like to seal its wheelchair ramp before the weather ruins the wood; to sell their small van and replace it with a car, so that employees can more easily drive clients. (They are not allowed to drive clients in staff's personal vehicles.) They would also like custodial help for small repairs as well as someone to mow the lawn and shovel the snow. Lemnios said that he would get them someone for these tasks. He also will look into the situation regarding the center's vehicles.

The selectmen thanked Lawyer for her care of the town's senior residents, and also thanked Brian McCarthy, the Council on Aging's chairman.

Veterans Presentation

Veterans Agent William Leamy gave a presentation on the town's work with its veterans and their families. The following were some of the points covered:

- The Department of Veteran's Services advocates on behalf of the town's Veterans, widows, and dependent.
- It is a half-time position; the requirement for a full-time position is determined by state law, based on town population
- Its duties are assisting veterans and their families, ceremonial (protocol, parades, burials, etc.); referral to resources; and providing needed financial assistance
- The department works closely with the senior center, board of health, town accountant, and Wellspring
- Hull veteran, widow, and dependent population is 1,350
- There are 54 Iraq and Afghanistan veterans in Hull
- Annual Hull MGL Chapter 115 Expenditure is \$445,553, with 75% of this amount reimbursed by the state

The selectmen thanked Leamy for his service to the town's veterans.

National Grid, regarding Grants of Location for O St., P St., Q St., and R St.

Dennis Reagan, 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 gas main, abandoning in place the existing mains. Reagan said that the work would start after Labor Day and that they would span about five to six weeks. They will backfill each day, except for one plate at the stopping point at the end of the day. They will put plates down for residents who need to leave their driveways while the trench is open.

DPW Director Joseph Stigliani explained that the grind and overlay method he is requesting for the whole job will address trench compression. Reagan said that National Grid has agreed to all of Stigliani's stipulations.

Motion	Richardson	Motion to approve the grants of location
Second	Reilly	
Vote	Unanimous	

Parking Committee Presentation

The Parking Committee presented its proposal of a solution to the parking issues at Pemberton Point. It was tasked by the selectmen to come up with a plan that would alleviate some of the parking problems stemming from commuter parking at the point. Members of the committee are John Brannan, Moe Fishel, Amy Lemkin, Chris Mitchell, and Jean Lucreziano. Brannan noted that the committee has held six meetings in the past four weeks and has involved members of the Police Department, the Superintendent of Schools, chairman of the School Committee,

Town Manager, numerous residents, naming Pat Finn and Randy Gould in particular, residents of the Pemberton area, and the high school principal.

Brannan, who is also the Chairman of the Parking Committee gave a PowerPoint presentation which proposed the following solutions:

- Make the commuter lot a municipal parking lot.
- Change the Helen Street lot from a municipal lot to unrestricted parking.
- Establish Stoney Beach as an unrestricted parking lot.
- Maintain only school parking in school parking lot while school is in session.
- Maintain existing 10 each 2 hour parking spots at Hull Gut for local residents.
- Reallocate current 10 designated overnight spaces in main commuter lot as follows:
 - First 5 spaces are 2 hour recreational parking for Pemberton area residents
 - Next 5 spaces will be designated for overnight parking
 - Move Peddocks Island parking places (5) to the Helen St. lot

Standard municipal stickers would be needed for the municipal lot areas (\$14). An overnight parking sticker would cost \$100. No stickers would be required for Helen Street or Stony Beach parking. The schools would work to restrict student/teacher parking in the commuter parking locations.

The suggesting timing of implementation was as follows:

- 8/18: Board of Selectmen vote.
- 9/1: Develop and distribute educational materials to communicate the program and parameters. These can include flyers and signs, and can also utilize the town's electronic sign. Begin sale of stickers.
- 10/1: Effective realistic start date. Municipal stickers on sale immediately at the police station (with driver's license, car registration, and water or electric bill required). Tickets will be on sale at the ferry dock booth for two weeks. Municipal stickers can also be purchased on the town website.
- Goal of two enforcement officers in place for two weeks assisting with parking questions and organization.
- Warning tickets for parking violations through 10/14/15.
- Enforcement from 6:30-10 a.m. five days a week, excluding weekends and national and state holidays.
- Bus transportation agreement with MBTA is in process. The bus will currently stop with a raised arm requesting a stop. The present schedule allows for 4 of 6 buses in time for ferries.
- A bus stop is required at Stony Beach and must handle ADA needs. Discussion for proper location TBD.

A second stage of the program will explore new parking options and assess the pros and cons of the first stage, and will be completed before May, 2016. Fishel noted that the point was to keep it simple for stage one. He said that there were already many great ideas for stage two. Sestito said that he would like to see some spots for carpool parking. Reilly suggested revisiting that idea in the fall.

After a discussion, the selectmen voted to approve the plan, with minor changes.

Motion	Reilly	Motion to approve the Pemberton Parking plan as presented this evening with the following stipulations: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The northern sign of the two hour parking [at the Gut] will be moved north toward the Nautilus structure. 2. Overnight parking with stickers will be authorized in the first twenty spaces on the easternmost end of the lot, along the seawall. There will be no overnight parking at Helen Street. 3. There will also be five spaces for Peddocks Island parking and five two-hour parking spaces for Pemberton Beach in the main parking lot. 4. The Parking Committee will look at the carpool situation and come back by October 15 with recommendations.
Second	Sestito	
Vote	Unanimous	

In addition, Reilly made a motion that it is the goal of the Board of Selectmen to direct the Parking Committee to study what would be necessary to eliminate commuter parking at the Gut.

Motion	Reilly	Move that it is the goal of the Board of Selectmen to direct the Parking Committee to study what would be necessary to eliminate commuter parking at the Gut.
Second	Richardson	
Vote	Unanimous	

NEW BUSINESS

Sestito announced that nomination forms for Hull Hero awards are available at numerous locations throughout town and that the deadline for nominations is August 27.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 p.m. The board will meet again on September 1, 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 August 18, 2015
- Council on Aging presentation handout
- Veterans Agent presentation handout
- Parking Committee presentation handout
- Email from Frank Parker requesting appointment to Capital Outlay Committee
- Email from Robert Cambra requesting appointment to Capital Outlay Committee
- Petition of National Grid for gas main locations