

Hull Board of Selectmen

Minutes

April 7, 2015

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

Present: Christopher Olivieri, Chairman; Kevin Richardson, Vice-Chair; Domenico Sestito, Clerk; and John C. Brannan, Member. Also present were Philip E. Lemnios, Town Manager; James Lampke, Town Counsel and Catherine Goldhammer, Recording Secretary. John D. Reilly, Jr., Member, was absent.

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A moment of silence was held for Robert Abbot, Robert Chase, and Elizabeth Finneran.

APPOINTMENTS

7:30 p.m. – Robin Killeen – re: Substance Abuse Task Force [Initially scheduled for 8:00 p.m.]

Robin Killeen, Public Health Nurse from the Board of Health, gave a presentation about the opiate epidemic and the need for a community substance abuse task force. Killeen said that between 2012 and 2013, opioid-related deaths state-wide increased from 711 to an estimated 1023. State Police report using the opioid antagonist Narcan over 200 times in first three months of this year, not including use in Boston, Worcester, and Springfield. Hull Fire Department reported to Killeen that since 2012 they have administered Narcan 66 times. Prescription opiates include codeine, Vicodin, morphine, OxyContin, oxycodone, Dilaudid, and fentanyl. Users of the street opiate heroin risk not only overdose, but contracting hepatitis C and HIV from intravenous use.

Killeen recommended that the board vote to form a Hull community task force called Hull Against Substance Abuse to provide public education, a conduit for critical data, and a peer-led support network. The task force would be started with a grant from Community Health Network Alliance (CHNA).

Arlene Goldstein, program manager of CHNA, said that the noncompetitive grant of \$1,500 is given to help newly-formed coalitions form a solid foundation.

Motion	Richardson	That the selectmen form the task force Hull Against Substance Abuse and that it include one member each from the Board of Selectmen, the Board of Health, the School Department, the Fire and Police Departments, Wellspring, and three members of the public; all appointed to one year terms.
Second	Sestito	
Vote	Unanimous	

8:00 p.m. – Representative Bradley – re: Update [Initially scheduled for 7:30 p.m.]

Representative Garrett Bradley presented his report on the Governor’s FY16 budget and other matters.

The report stated that on March 4 Governor Baker filed his FY16 budget recommendations, proposing \$38.1 billion in state spending, a 3% increase over the current budget. Bradley said that the House Committee will release its own budget in mid-April, but he predicted that the Governor’s numbers would hold. The figures included \$5.6 billion for local aid; \$979 million in unrestricted general government aid; \$4.5 billion in Chapter 70 aid; and Chapter 90 aid of \$419,705 for FY15 and \$279,290 for FY16.

The budget would include \$3,729,036 in Chapter 70 aid for Hull’s FY16 budget, an increase of \$20,840 from FY15; and general government aid of \$1,953,645, an increase of \$67,887.

Bradley said that he was able to insert spending requests for the town of Hull into the Environmental Bond bill approved by the Legislature. This could include approximately \$9 million to resurface and reconstruct 2.2 miles Nantasket Ave., close the town landfill and construct a transfer station, and repair the seawall between Stony Beach and Point Allerton.

Bradley also commented on substance abuse treatment legislation to help handle the epidemic of opioid use. He pointed out that one increase in Mass Health payments is to treat Hepatitis C, which can now be cured, but costs about \$100,000 per person.

Lemnios expressed gratitude to Bradley for the role he played in helping the town handle the snow this winter, particularly in arranging to quickly bring the National Guard to town to help with snow removal. He praised Bradley for his assistance and attentiveness to the town’s needs over the years.

CORRESPONDENCE

Robert E. Foley, Jr. – re: Requesting appointment to Logan Airport Committee

A letter from Robert E. Foley, Jr. requested appointment to the Logan Airport Committee. The board will schedule a time to interview Mr. Foley.

Frank Kerr – re: Requesting appointment to Logan Airport Committee

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Memo from Plymouth County Registry of Deeds regarding surcharge funds collected

A memo from John R. Buckley, Jr., Plymouth County Registry of Deeds, enclosed a report regarding Registry of Deeds surcharge funds collected in 2014 from towns in Plymouth County.

LICENSES AND RENEWALS

The selectmen approved a license renewal for Rick Lawrence, DBA Dream Machine, 197 Nantasket Ave. – Arcade

Motion	Richardson	To approve a license renewal for Rick Lawrence, DBA Dream
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		Machine, 197 Nantasket Ave. – Arcade
Second	Sestito	
Vote	Unanimous	

The selectmen voted to approved licenses for Knights of Columbus, 440 Nantasket Ave., for (A) One day All Alcohol for April 25, 2015 from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., (B) One day All Alcohol for May 2, 2015 from 12 noon to 4 p.m., (C) One day All Alcohol for May 3, 2015 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Motion	Richardson	Knights of Columbus, 440 Nantasket Ave. for (A) One day All Alcohol for April 25, 2015 from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., (B) One day All Alcohol for May 2, 2015 from 12 noon to 4 p.m., (C) One day All Alcohol for May 3, 2015 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Second	Sestito	
Vote	Unanimous	

TOWN MANAGER

A memo from Eileen White, Treasurer-Collector, informed the selectmen that the Land Court had entered a final judgement in favor of the town’s request for tax lien foreclosure on Dellawanda Rd. parcel 43-080. Lemnios said that this is another foreclosure and that there will be others forthcoming.

OLD BUSINESS

Richardson referenced the March 30, 2015 meeting with the Advisory Board and said that he would like to continue the discussion about the possibility of a debt exclusion. He proposed that the board form a Capital Financing Committee to see what it would look like to have a debt exclusion and dedicate the proceeds to capital improvements.

Lemnios recapped the Advisory Board meeting by pointing out three policy initiatives that the board could vote to establish. The first of these would be to see if the board would seek a debt exclusion for the remaining Jacobs school debt, dedicating that money for capital needs only. He said that the proposed committee would need to identify which projects would be done annually, as well as what major projects need to be funded. He also recommended identifying which items in the existing capital plan have already been done, and the compilation of a five-year plan.

The second initiative would be to propose that if the town is going to undertake a significant project it should go through the process of debt exclusion to fund that project.

The third initiative would be to establish a capital stabilization fund for one-time income from foreclosures and other unexpected revenue sources.

Richardson recommended that the first task of a Capital Financing Committee would be to form guidelines regarding these three initiatives. He pointed out that the payment on the Jacobs School debt amounts to about \$11 million over the remaining eighteen years of the loan. He said that the annual cost to the average household of a debt exclusion for that debt would be about \$150 per year or \$2,000 over remaining life of the loan.

Lemnios recommended getting an evaluation of town buildings in order to identify all existing issues, needed upgrades, and the cost parameters of staying in the building for a projected 20 or more years.

He said that dealing with budgetary constraints is the task facing the School Department, specifically how they propose to close the gap between the 3% increase available and the 5% that they would like to have, and whether one way to close the gap would be to consider what they would save by going to two schools rather than three. He also recommended that an educational evaluation be part of that process.

Olivieri recommended inviting the School Committee to a Board of Selectmen meeting so that they can update the board on their progress and continue the discussion of space needs and educational objectives.

NEW BUSINESS

Olivieri asked about the sand on the roads. Lemnios said that street sweeping had begun and the town has hired a company to help during the second half of April.

Sestito mentioned a problem with the ramp at the commuter boat. Lemnios said that a piece of the ramp had been stolen and repairs are in process.

Rhoda Kanet informed the selectmen that the annual beach grass initiative succeeded in planting 20,000 plants over two days. She said the beach doesn't look bad given the severe winter, but the dune fencing will have to be replaced.

Lemnios said that the Governor has submitted the filing for FEMA reimbursements.

MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Olivieri requested a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining, and that I as Chair declare that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the body; to go into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to litigation, and that I as Chair declare 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 MTRS
- Love v Hull
- Fraternal Order of Police claims
- Saunders v Hull
- Claim of 2A Realty Trust

Motion	Sestito	To go into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining, and that I as Chair declare that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the body; to go into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to litigation, and that I as Chair declare 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.
Second	Richardson	
Vote	Approved	Aye, Sestito Aye, Olivieri Aye, Richardson Aye, Brannan

The board will meet again on April 21, 2015.

The board moved into Executive Session at 9:20 p.m., not reconvening into open session.

Recorded by Catherine Goldhammer

Approved: October 6, 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 7, 2015
- Report to Hull Board of Selectmen from Rep. Garrett Bradley
- Memo from Eileen White, Treasurer-Collector, regarding Dellawanda Rd. Parcel 43-080
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