

Hull Board of Selectmen

Minutes

September 24, 2015

The meeting of the Hull Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday evening, September 24, 2015, at the Hull Municipal Building, 253 Atlantic Ave., Hull, Massachusetts.

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

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[Note: Decisions on Capital Outlay Committee appointments, which were on the agenda, were postponed to September 29.]

MINUTES

The selectmen voted to approve minutes for the Board of Selectmen meeting of September 1 and September 8, 2015, with the following change requested for the September 1 minutes:

Change “creation of beautification committee” to “solicitation of members for the beautification committee.”

Motion	Richardson	Motion to approve, with amendment as requested by Mitchell
Second	Sestito	
Vote	Unanimous	

CORRESPONDENCE

Memo from Anne Herbst regarding Community Rating System program

Herbst notified the board that the town has completed its annual Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan as required by FEMA’s Community Rating System program. Residents are able to receive a 10% discount on their flood insurance premiums due to the town’s participation in this program. The document will be posted on the town website and will be provided to the press.

Letter from Hull Hero Award Committee regarding 2015 ceremony and awards

The Hull Hero Award Committee announced that its 2015 recipients will be Barbara Lawlor, Larry Knox, Robin Flint, Peter Seitz, Ed Sartell, and Hull Seaside Animal Rescue. The awards ceremony will be held on October 1, 2015.

Letter from Leonard Colten regarding Veteran’s Day Ceremony

Colten’s letter suggested that at this year’s Veteran’s Day Ceremony all World War II Veterans now living in Hull be recognized and thanked for their service. The selectmen communicated their support of this concept. The letter has also been sent to Veterans’ Service Agent William Leamy and to Jerry McLaughlin, Chairman of the War Memorial Commission.

Letter from Bill Carpenter, Mayor, City of Brockton, regarding holiday parade

Carpenter’s letter notified the board of Brockton’s annual holiday parade this year marking the 125th anniversary of the first department store Santa Claus, and inviting Plymouth County towns to join the celebration. The letter will be forwarded to Hull schools as well.

Committee appointment requests were received from the following individuals. They will be scheduled for appointments.

- Email from Edward Burke requesting appointment to the War Memorial Commission
- Letter from Dr. John A. Silva requesting appointment to the War Memorial Commission
- Email from Richard T. Manewal requesting appointment to the Canine Control Committee
- Email from Diane Flynn requesting appointment to the Canine Control Committee
- Letter from Randy Gould requesting appointment to the Parking Study Committee

In addition, an email was received from Louis Gainor requesting appointment to the Beach Management Committee. Rhoda Kanet, Chairman of the Beach Management Committee, was present at the meeting and said that there are currently no openings on the committee, however they may need alternates.

LICENSES AND RENEWALS

The selectmen voted to approve the following licenses:

Motion	Richardson	To approve a one-day charity wine license for Friends of the Paragon Carousel, for September, 25, 2015
Second	Sestito	
Vote	Unanimous	

Motion	Richardson	To approve a one-day charity wine license for Wellspring, Inc., 814 Nantasket Ave., for November 6, 2015
Second	Sestito	
Vote	Unanimous	

Motion	Sestito	To approve a one-day all alcohol license for Hull Artists' Peddocks Island Gala, on October 3, 2015, from 3-7 p.m.
Second	Richardson	
Vote	Unanimous	

NEW BUSINESS

Lemnios noted that the new Pemberton parking plan commences on September 28. The first two weeks are advisory. Handouts are being given to ferry commuters. Resident stickers will be on sale on the boats.

Lemnios also stated that a report on recent power outages will soon be available on the light plant's website. He said that there have been eleven outages in the last year and seven have been related to fixing the lines in Hingham that feed Hull. They have replaced 62 poles and have done tree work and are near the end of the process. He said that he has asked Richard Miller, Operations Manager, to buy a new SCADA system. This will monitor the entire system and be accessible via smart phone and tablet as well and will alert them to issues as they occur in the system as well as monitor the quality of power. They are also preparing to convert street lights to LED bulbs and install strategic smart bulbs, which can communicate with tablet and smart phones as a redundancy to SCADA.

He explained that the first consideration in whether to put out a Code Red announcement is the duration of the outage. He stated that the first call, if the outage is projected to be over an hour, is a notification. A second call goes out at the two hour mark. Richardson asked if the system has the capability to target groups, such as restaurant owners or medical device users. Lemnios will investigate, but pointed out that it could be inadvisable to offer what could be changeable information to these groups.

APPOINTMENTS

Planning Board Update

The Planning Board was present at the meeting to provide an update on its projects and activities. Jennifer Berardi-Constable made the presentation. Also present for the board were Jeanne Paquin, Harry Hibbard, Joseph Duffy, Jr., Stephen Flynn, and Jason McCann.

Recent activities include improving the process and efficiency for the Nantasket Beach Overlay District, approval of the first NBOD development at 0 Rockland House Rd., and reconstituting the Zoning Bylaw Committee.

The board recommends that the town opt into the Community Preservation Act, which creates a local fund for the preservation of open space, development of outdoor recreational facilities, historic preservation, and creation and preservation of open housing. Participation in the program has to be authorized by Town Meeting and a general election vote. The program is funded locally by contribution by property owners, based on a percentage (1-3%) of property value, and matched by state funds. In 2014, \$36 million was distributed to 158 municipalities in the Commonwealth, including a number of nearby communities.

A second initiative recommended by the board is participation in the Commonwealth Community Compact's "Best Practice" program, which provides support to communities for projects related to community development. The

board recommended housing and economic development as one of the town's targeted areas. The board requested that the town apply for this within 45 days. Lemnios noted that Robert Fultz, Community Development and Planning Director, is currently working on an application and Lemnios will bring it back to the selectmen for their approval.

Design Review Board Update

Don Ritz was present to offer an update on the function and activities of the Design Review Board. The following were some of the points covered:

- The board is empowered to review every building other than one and two family houses. It is brought in by the Building Department, the Planning Board, and the Board of Appeals.
- The board functions in an advisory capacity and does not have the authority to compel action.
- It works on both high and low end projects, from larger design projects to signage, storefronts and lighting, with consideration always given to the available budgets of the property/business owners.

Ritz stated that people are often not aware of the need to consult with the board. Lampke suggested that reaching out to existing businesses, realtors, contractors, and the Chamber of Commerce might be an effective way to let people know that consultation with the board is required.

NEW BUSINESS, CONTINUED

Richardson asked that the Plymouth Country Treasurer be given a spot on an upcoming agenda. He also stated that there is a need to make an appointment to the Hull Retirement Board. He asked if there was any development on the handicapped parking space in Kenberma. Lemnios said that it is being reviewed with the Chief of Police currently.

Mitchell stated that in a few months he would like to have a six-month follow-up discussion and review of the selectmen's priorities.

Sestito noted that the railing on L Street that extends from the playground to the school is broken in some places. Lemnios said that they are waiting for FEMA storm reimbursement, as it is expensive stock to replace.

Brannan noted that a letter received from DPW Director Joseph Stigliani cited problems with the National Grid gas line work. Lemnios said that Stigliani isn't going to issue any further permits until the issues are resolved.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:52 p.m. The board will meet again on September 29, 2015.

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 amended agenda for September 24, 2015
- Board of Selectmen's minutes for September 1, 2015 and September 8, 2015
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- Presentation packet, Planning Board
- Presentation packet, Design Review Committee