

Hull Board of Selectmen

Minutes

October 13, 2015

The meeting of the Hull Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday evening, October 13, 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, and John D. Reilly, Jr. Also present were Philip E. Lemnios, Town Manager; James Lampke, Town Counsel; and Catherine Goldhammer, recording secretary.

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NEW BUSINESS

Brannan announced that the town had been awarded a \$3 million grant for the reconstruction of the seawall and revetment at Crescent Beach. The announcement was made this morning in Scituate. Brannan, Lemnios, and Conservation Administrator Anne Herbst were in attendance. The grant consists of \$1.5 million in straight grant and \$1.5 million in a low-interest loan from the state. The town will complete the amount with \$3.75 million, which will be bonded at a standard rate. Special Town Meeting would be asked to approve the bond on Thursday, October 15. Lemnios commended Herbst for all her hard work in obtaining this grant.

APPOINTMENTS

Light Board Presentation

Richard Miller, Director of Operation, and Panos Tokadjian, Assistant Operations Manager/Engineer, were present at the meeting to provide an update on the light plants projects and activities. Members of the Light Board were also present, including David Irwin, Pat Cannon, Stephanie Landry, and Max Horn.

The following were some of the points from the presentation, edited for this document. The full presentation is available on the town's website.

- The mission of the Light Plant is to provide low cost, reliable electric service to its ratepayers.
- Staff includes Lemnios, who is the Light Plant Manager, Miller, and Tokadjian, Janis Ford, Office Manager/Business Manager, as well as three customer service representatives, a stockroom personnel and technician, a lineman foreman, two linemen, and one groundman/lineman.
- The plant has 6127 customers, including 5750 residential, 313 commercial, and 64 municipal customers.
- Peak service in summer is 14.3 MW; in winter it is 4.5 MW.
- The first wind turbine was commissioned in the eighties and was replaced in 2001. Its capacity is 660 kW. Hull Wind II was commissioned in 2006 and has a capacity of 1.8 MW. The town receives 10% of its power from the wind turbines.
- The department has received numerous energy and environmental awards.
- Its goals are the installation of a modern Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition system (SCADA), which will allow the plant to monitor all infrastructure. Using the SCADA and a CAD platform it will be able to increase the reliability of the system.
- The department is also looking into forming a policy regarding how it will handle solar customers; other alternative renewable energy sources; and a potential town-wide transfer to LED lights.

Lemnios commended Miller and Tokadjian for their efforts in improving the lines that run through Hingham and service Hull. He said that the work was the result of years of effort and would not have occurred without their tenacity. Most of the outages of the last year were the results of the replacements of poles and wires during that project. Lemnios also cited the dedication of the line crew during last winter's storms.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Lifesaving Museum regarding 2015 Head of the Weir River Race

A letter from Peter Wild, Executive Director of the Hull Lifesaving Museum, requested the selectmen's support for the museum's annual Head of the Weir race, scheduled for Saturday, October 24. The race starts at West Corner at 10 a.m. and finishes at Pemberton point. 40-55 boats were anticipated.

Motion	Richardson	Motion to support the Head of the Weir
Second	Reilly	
Vote	Unanimous	

Office Manager regarding appointments/vacancies

A memo was received from Town Clerk Janet Bennet listing the vacancies and appointments needing renewal for all town boards and committees. The selectmen would like a list that contained all members currently sitting.

Motion	Reilly	Motion to ask the chairman to speak with the Town Clerk and to review the list and post openings in the paper and also on cable.
Second	Mitchell	
Vote	Unanimous	

LICENSES AND RENEWALS

The selectmen voted to approve a new hackney vehicle license for Michael Ashe, dba Seaside Transport, for a 2013 Mazda CX-9. The application was accompanied by an inspection report from the Police Department.

Motion	Reilly	Motion to approve
Second	Richardson	
Vote	Unanimous	

NEW BUSINESS

Reilly noted that the Special Town Meeting would be held on Thursday, October 15, at 7:30 p.m. at the Hull High School auditorium. Sestito asked if the path next to the school could be well-lit for those walking between the school and the Helen Street parking lot, as many were expected to attend. Brannan encouraged listeners to attend the meeting.

Brannan announced that he would like to step down from his appointment as a representative to the Capital Outlay Committee, as he does not have the time in the upcoming months. He suggested that Reilly take his place on the committee.

Motion	Brannan	Motion that as Brannan is not going to serve on the Capital Outlay Committee and that Reilly and Richardson will be the representatives for the Board of Selectmen, with Reilly serving as the chair at the first meeting for organizational purposes.
Second	Richardson	
Vote	Unanimous	

Alana Swiec noted that the Zoning Bylaw Committee had met and identified five items from the previous committee’s report that have been sent to the Planning Board. Two others were sent to the Building Department. She asked that the Board of Selectmen forward to the committee any zoning bylaw issues they would like looked at.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m. The board will meet again on October 20, 2015.

Recorded by Catherine Goldhammer

Approved by:

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 October 13, 2015
- Memo from Town Clerk Janet Bennet regarding appointments/vacancies
- Lifesaving Museum regarding 2015 Head of the Weir River Race
- Application for a new vehicle hackney license for Michael Ashe, dba Seaside Transport