

Hull Board of Selectmen

Minutes

November 3, 2015

The meeting of the Hull Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday evening, November 3, 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: Two scheduled applicants for the Board of Appeals withdrew their applications before the meeting. These were Maureen Capplis and Robert Pahl.]

Andrew Corson regarding application to Board of Appeals

Andrew Corson was present to offer his application to the Board of Appeals. He is a graduate of Norwich University and currently works at MIT. He feels that his background will enable him to serve the board well.

CORRESPONDENCE

Jerry McLaughlin regarding World War II veterans

A note from Jerry McLaughlin, Chairman of the Hull War Memorial Commission, invited all World War II veterans to the Veteran’s Day Memorial Observance Ceremony at the Hull War Memorial on November 11. The observance this year is to be dedicated to the town’s World War II veterans.

DCR regarding Chapter 291 of the Acts of 1998 (Fort Revere land swap)

The Board has received a letter from the DCR responding to requests for completion of the 1998 “land swap” legislation regarding parcels of land at Fort Revere and a parcel of beachfront land on Hull Shore Drive. The letter indicates that after consulting with the Department of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM), the DCR declines to accept the parcels involved unless a number of criteria are met. Criteria include archeological surveys, restoration of the tower, assessment of structures, and reconstruction of Farina Road. [See document.] The letter follows a meeting that was held last week with the DCR representatives, Lemnios, Brannan, Lampke, Senator Robert Hedlund, Representative Garrett Bradley, Community Planner Robert Fultz, and HRA Chairman Bartley Kelly.

Lemnios noted that the DCR cannot go forward without DCAMM review. He also said that the legislation left the state a lot of leeway when it passed the Act, and that there is no enforcement mechanism. Sestito asked if Lemnios and Lampke would put together a list of other options. Reilly noted that it might be possible to put pressure on the state on a federal level, as it is a historical grave site. He suggested writing a letter to Congressman Lynch and possibly to the French Consulate. Susan Ovans asked what happens to the HRA parcel. Brannan said that it is not included in the letter and that there is hope that that part of the situation is still possible. Mitchell noted that the fort is an important icon for the town and wondered if it would be useful to reseat the Fort Revere Preservation Committee.

Lemnios noted that there are items on the list that the DCR could also work on and that it would benefit both parties to cooperate. He also noted that there has already been an assessment of the tower. Reilly suggested putting the fort and its needs on the Capital Outlay Committee’s survey. Brannan noted that one pressing need is to get the relief map table at the top of the tower out of harm’s way and put it somewhere where it would not be destroyed by the elements. Resident Pat Finn said that the DCR is moving forward with the restoration of the officers’ quarters.

APPOINTMENTS, CONTINUED

Patrick Finn regarding Application to Board of Appeals

Finn was present to put forward his application to be a full member of the Board of Appeals. Finn currently serves as an associate member on the board on a term ending in 2018. He is requesting to be a full member to replace Mark Einhorn who is resigning from the board. Finn has served on numerous boards and committees.

At this time Einhorn’s letter of resignation was read and a motion was made to send him a letter of appreciation for his service.

Motion	Richardson	Motion to write a letter of appreciation to Mark Einhorn for his service on the Board of Appeals.
Second	Sestito	
Vote	Unanimous	

Robert Bisson regarding Application to Historic District Commission

Bisson recently moved to Hull and has an interest in historical architecture and balancing historical integrity with individual needs and budgets. There is an alternate’s spot open on the commission.

Diane Flynn regarding Application to Canine Control Committee and Historical District Commission

Flynn is applying for both the Canine Control Committee and the Historical District Commission. She is a new resident to Hull but a lifelong dog owner. She would like to serve on both, but would prefer the Historical District Commission, if she had to choose one or the other.

Ruth O’Connell regarding Application to Conservation Commission

O’Connell is applying for a vacancy on the Conservation Commission. She has had many conversations with Conservation Administrator Anne Herbst and has been observing the conditions of the marsh near which she lives. She has the time to give and would like to be of service in an area that interests her.

Logan Airport Committee Presentation

David Carlon, Chairman of the Logan Airport Committee, was present at the meeting to provide an update on the committee’s activities and projects. The following points were part of the presentation, and have been edited for this document. The full presentation is available on the town’s website.

- The committee consists of David Carlon, Chairman, Bob Pahl, Frank Kerr, and Bob Foley.

- Its objectives are to mitigate the impact of plane flights over Hull and reduce noise and air pollution.
- Its action plan is to continue to work with legislative leaders, facilitate Massport and FAA to take action on mitigation opportunities, have an active participation in the new Massport CAC, continue grass roots campaign to mobilize residents, and continue coalition building.
- There has been a dramatic increase in the concentration of flights over Hull due to the implementation of RNAV (FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012 Public Law 112–95 [H.R. 658] Feb. 14, 2012), flight path changes from Runway 22 departures and Runway 33 arrivals, and a corresponding dramatic increase in airplane noise. The fly-over window continues to increase for both departures and arrivals.
- Hull has a unique potential for mitigation opportunities because of its geography. Flight paths could be adjusted to provide relief to Hull without impacting other communities.
- Noise complaints can be made online or by phone and flight tracking and noise complaints can be monitored online.

The selectmen thanked the committee for its past and continuing work on behalf of the town and its residents.

In addition, Carol Chandler was present to request appointment to the committee. She has been attending and participating in meetings and would like to be an official member. She was unanimously appointed.

Motion	Reilly	So moved
Second	Richardson	
Vote	Unanimous	

Police Department Presentation

Police Chief Richard Billings was present at the meeting to provide an update on the roles and activities of the Police Department. The following points were part of the presentation, and have been edited for this document. The full presentation is available on the town’s website.

- The department operates under the Legal Authority of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 41 Section 98.
- It provides police services 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. These services include preventive patrol, criminal investigation, traffic accident investigations, traffic enforcement, alarm response, assisting other emergency services, monitoring Homeland Security and intelligence information, coordinating with area towns, working with the school department, providing referral services, crime prevention, public information, emergency planning and response, and involvement with special events.
- Personnel includes one chief, one captain, one lieutenant, five sergeants, two detectives, and 20 patrol officers, for a total of 28. The department has a School Resource Officer. There are also two administrative staff and one maintenance employee. In addition, the department has K-9 unit.
- The department’s current annual budget is \$2,791,093. It was the recipient of \$122,957 in grants over the past five years.
- Its equipment includes nine marked police vehicles, four unmarked vehicles, one HIUMVEE, three motorcycles, one pickup truck, 14 bicycles, a speed detection trailer and a message sign board.
- Its dispatch center is the South Shore Regional Emergency Communications Center, which it shares with Cohasset, Hingham, and Norwell.
- It works with town departments, nearby community police departments, and the Metropolitan Law Enforcement Council (Metro-LEC). The Old Colony Police Anti-Crime Task Force consists of police departments from fourteen towns: Marshfield, Scituate, Norwell, Hingham, Hull, Hanover, Hanson, Pembroke, Duxbury, Rockland, Kingston, Plympton, Carver, and Whitman.

The selectmen thanked Chief Billings and the department for their service to the town.

NEW BUSINESS

Lemnios asked the selectmen to take a vote to make Wednesday, November 25, 2015 (the day before Thanksgiving) a day off for town workers.

Motion	Reilly	Move that we close on Wednesday, November 25, the day before Thanksgiving, and further move that the Town Manager establish the documents necessary not to set a past practice with the various unions involved.
Second	Sestito	
Vote	Unanimous	

Reilly noted that the Capital Outlay Committee will meet on November 10, 2015, at 6 p.m. in the selectmen's meeting room. One of the items to be discussed is the creation of a survey about what projects residents see as priorities.

Mitchell brought up the list of 100 items that the selectmen had created in May and June, and proposed that he work with the Lemnios to assess progress and update the board and the public.

Brannan noted that a new program at the Attorney General's office will impact how towns review and handle dilapidated and abandoned buildings. It is a system in which the state works with towns and other involved parties to resolve such cases and provide support for towns' efforts. Brannan also reminded the public to let the Board of Health and/or the Town Manager know about any properties they are concerned about.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10 p.m. Brannan made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining and that the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect of the bargaining 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 matter to be discussed was the DPW contract.

Motion	Richardson	Motion to go into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining and that the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect of the bargaining 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	Reilly	

Vote	Unanimous	Richardson – Aye Brannan – Aye Sestito – Aye Mitchell – Aye Reilly – Aye
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The open meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m. The board will meet again on November 10, 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 November 3, 2015
- Andrew Corson letter and resume regarding application to Board of Appeals
- Letter and resume from Patrick Finn regarding application to Board of Appeals
- Email from Robert Bisson regarding application to Historic District Commission
- Letter from Diane Flynn regarding application to Canine Control Committee
- Email from Diane Flynn regarding application to Historical District Commission
- Letter and resume from Ruth O’Connell regarding application to Conservation Commission
- Logan Airport Committee presentation handout
- Invitation memo from Jerry McLaughlin regarding World War II veterans
- Letter from DCR regarding Chapter 291 of the Acts of 1998 (Fort Revere land swap)
- Town of Hull Emergency Management handout
- Directory of town board and committee members and applicants
- Email from Maureen Capplis regarding application to Board of Appeals [withdrawn]
- Email from Robert Pahl regarding application to Board of Appeals [withdrawn]