

Hull Board of Selectmen

Minutes

October 20, 2015

The meeting of the Hull Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday evening, October 20, 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. John D. Reilly, Jr. was absent for the latter half of the meeting. Also present were Philip E. Lemnios, Town Manager; James Lampke, Town Counsel; and Catherine Goldhammer, recording secretary.

CORRESPONDENCE

Memo from Police Captain Robert Sawtelle regarding Halloween trick-or-treating hours

A memo from Sawtelle stated that the Police Department is not requesting any set hours for trick-or-treating this year. Additional patrols and personnel will be assigned. A public safety press release was included.

APPOINTMENTS

Harbormaster Update

Harbormaster Kurt Bornheim was present at the meeting to provide an update on the Harbormaster Department's projects and activities. 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 department supervises 27 miles of coastline, 13,300 acres of water, two Harbor Islands, and Straits Pond. In addition it oversees five town piers, 12 town floats, five gangways, one commuter ferry terminal, one waiting station, four boat ramps, three granite block retaining walls, and 22 channel markers, no wake markers, and safety markers.
- Its staff includes Bornheim and three seasonal assistant harbormasters. Its equipment includes a 25-foot patrol vessel, a 23-foot pump-out vessel, a Ford pickup truck, and an office on Steamboat Wharf.
- The department oversees mooring and slip permits for 820 boats at 570 moorings and 250 slips located at seven mooring fields and three private marinas.
- The harbormaster is also the shellfish constable. Shell fishing is regulated by state law.
- From May 1 to October 15, 2015, the department received 124 calls for assistance.
- The department has received numerous grants (both matching and straight), including recent grants that helped purchase a new patrol vessel and a new pump-out vessel.
- Concerns include the aging of waterfront infrastructure, dredging needs, limited funding, and increased need for staffing

Board of Health Update

Joyce Sullivan, BSN, RN, Health Director, was present at the meeting to provide an update on the roles and activities of the Board of Health. 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 Board of Health staff includes Sullivan; Robin Killeen, RN-Public Health Nurse/Animal Inspector; Sandi Grauds, Community Outreach Coordinator and Family Support Director; Bartley Kelly and Bob

Egan, Inspectional Services; and Ellen Barone, Office Manager. Board members are Donald Gillis, Virginia MacDonald, RN, and Jennifer Butler-Rickard, RN, MS, FN-C.

- The department conducts inspections on about 1,200 rental units per year, averaging 90-100 a month.
- It also conducts immunization and blood pressure clinics, monitors communicable disease outbreaks and reports, conducts wellness programs, tests beach water quality, oversees the opioid task force, monitors smoking regulations, water quality, and food recalls, and enforces lead paint regulations.
- Animal Inspector Robin Killeen, RN is responsible for farm animal inspection as well as the monitoring of animals that have been bitten by other animals or have bitten humans.
- Sandie Grauds, Community Outreach and Family Support Services Coordinator, helps connect residents to services, programs and information through a wide variety of resources and assistance programs, including fuel assistance, substance abuse counselling, food stamps, and numerous other services.
- The Health Department has been the recipient of numerous grants including those for the opiate task force, sharps and medical waste disposal, and employee wellness.
- Challenges include trash, hoarding, animal complaints, crisis intervention, substance abuse, domestic abuse, mediating landlord/tenant disputes, and staffing. Grauds also noted the difficulty of those on Mass Health or related insurance plans to obtain mental health care.
- In addition the department is working with Emergency Preparedness, Red Cross, MEMA, and South Shore Hospital regarding emergency sheltering in situations where Hull is affected and regional shelters are not open.

MINUTES

The selectmen voted to approve the minutes for the Board of Selectmen meetings of July 14, 2015 and September 29, 2015.

Motion	Richardson	Motion to approve minutes for the meetings of July 14, 2015 and September 29, 2015.
Second	Sestito	
Vote	Unanimous	

CORRESPONDENCE, CONTINUED

Email from Fire Chief Christopher Russo regarding the Thanksgiving bonfire

An email from Russo asked for the support of the selectmen for the annual Thanksgiving bonfire.

Motion	Richardson	Motion to approve
Second	Sestito	
Vote	Unanimous	

Applications for appointment to Public Lands Committee

Emails were received from Irwin Nesoff and Nazzareno DiVito, Jr. requesting appointment to the Public Lands Committee. The Town Clerk will schedule interviews for a future meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Brannan noted that the Capital Outlay Committee, which meets for the first time on October 27, had not yet been given a distinct mission. Mitchell said that he had formed a list of charges as follows:

The Capital Outlay Committee will:

- Plan capital improvement projects for the next five years that can be funded with the Debt Exclusion
- Ensure all projects benefit as many, if not all, of the residents of Hull
- Ensure projects utilize "green" practices whenever possible. Examples are low energy lighting, green building materials, etc .
- Ensure projects have the longest life expectancy possible. Example: If a project only costs a little bit more to last twice as long, that should be considered.
- Determine if projects are eligible for grants or are able to receive matching funds in any way. Also determine if projects can/should be piggy-backed or "paired" with other existing or new projects.
- Determine if the project addresses needs outlined in existing town plan.

Lemnios said that he would present the list to the Capital Outlay Committee at their first meeting next Tuesday for their review and modification and that he would then bring their modified list back to the Board of Selectmen.

Lemnios also said that a committee alternate had asked whether the committee would have the final say in the projects or whether the selectmen would. Sestito said that he didn't think that the board had defined that, but he didn't think that the committee would have the final say. Brannan said that he thought that the committee would do the majority of the legwork and make recommendations to the Board of Selectmen, which would make the final decision.

Brannan asked if anyone had any commentary on last week's Special Town Meeting. Mitchell passed. Sestito and Richardson recommended that board members should plan to make comments at a future meeting. He also asked that a discussion on the town bylaw governing how many voter signatures were needed to call for a Special Town Meeting be put on the agenda.

A notice was made that a celebration of the contributions and retirement of Jack Phillips, was being held on October 22 at the Mary Jeannette Murray Bathhouse. Phillips is retiring from his decades long position at the Nantasket Beach Reservation with the former Metropolitan District Commission and current Department of Conservation and Recreation, where he was very involved in maintaining the Reservation property, especially its noted landscaping sites,

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:37 p.m. Brannan made a motion to go into Executive Session to consider the discipline or dismissal of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member, or individual; to go into Executive Session to comply with, or act under the authority of the Privacy Laws, including G.L. c.214, sec. 1B; 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. A personnel issue will be the subject of the Executive Session.

Motion	Brannan	Motion to go into Executive Session to consider the discipline or
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Second	Richardson	
Vote	Unanimous	Richardson – Aye Brannan – Aye Sestito – Aye Mitchell – Aye Reilly – Absent (recused himself from the Executive Session matter)

The open meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m. The board will meet again on October 27, 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 20, 2015
- Board of Selectmen’s minutes for July 14 and September 29, 2015
- Memo from Police Captain Sawtelle regarding Halloween trick-or-treating hours, with safety press release
- Email from Fire Chief Russo regarding the Thanksgiving bonfire
- Email from Irwin Nesoff regarding application to Public Lands Committee
- Email from Nazzareno DiVito, Jr. regarding application to Public Lands Committee
- Harbormaster presentation handout
- Community Outreach handout
- Notice of Jack Phillips’ retirement celebration