

Hull Board of Selectmen

Minutes

January 12, 2016

The meeting of the Hull Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday evening, January 12, 2016, 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 Phillip Lemnios, Town Manager; James Lampke, Town Counsel; and Catherine Goldhammer, recording secretary.

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APPOINTMENTS

HAPSA update

Robin Killeen, Board of Health Nurse, and members of the Hull Alliance for the Prevention of Substance Abuse (HAPSA) were present at the meeting for the presentation of an update on the group's activities and progress since its creation several months ago.

The following were some of the points included in the presentation:

- The mission of the group is to “combat the opioid epidemic by promoting prevention, education and access to resources by creating public awareness and bringing hope to the community of Hull.”
- The group meets every third Monday at 6 p.m. at the Estuary Center.
- Members of the committee include representatives of the Board of Selectmen, the Board of Health, the Fire and Police Departments, the School Department, Manet Community Health Center, and Wellspring, as well as town residents.
- In addition to monthly meetings, HAPSA has been present and active at National Health Clinic Week and Endless Summer, and has held addiction information sessions, a community movie night, and Narcan administration training.
- It has worked with Hull High School art classes on developing its logo.
- Upcoming events include Drug Story Theater in conjunction with the Hull Public Schools.
- HAPSA has formed a regional coalition with similar organizations in Hingham, Cohasset, and Norwell, which will improve eligibility for larger grants.
- The group had an initial startup grant of \$1,500 from Community Health Network Alliance (CHNA) and has recently been awarded a second CHNA grant of \$1,750 for 2016.
- Goals for 2016 include increasing membership base, facilitating two weekly support groups, continuing to have effective speakers and community events, and exploring the possibility of a medication roundup.

The selectmen commended Killeen and the group for its work and its dedication to an important problem facing the region and the town and for the amount it has accomplished in a short time.

Sean Bannen, regarding reappointment to the Conservation Commission

Bannen has been a member of the commission since 2010 and would like to continue to serve. He said that he has learned a lot about environmental issues and assessing projects. Chairman Brannan made a motion to appoint Bannen, but withdrew it so as to finish other interviews before appointing commission members.

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Motion	Brannan	Motion to appoint Sean Bannen
Second	Mitchell	
Vote	Withdrawn	

Pizza Box, Inc. regarding Class II Wholesale license

This is an application for a renewal of a license. Booras would like to add to the license the ability to leave one vehicle in transit at the premises. It was noted that this was a significant change to the current license and abutters had not been notified. The selectmen pointed out that in other cases such licenses do not allow for the presence of any vehicles on the premises and that it was perhaps not a good precedent to set. The selectmen voted to approve the license in its existing form, with no changes as requested.

Motion	Reilly	Motion to approve the license in its current form with no amendment at this time.
Second	Brannan	
Vote	Unanimous	

Christopher Olivieri regarding appointment to the Conservation Commission

Former Selectman Christopher Olivieri was present to interview for a seat on the Conservation Commission. He said that during his 12-year tenure on the Board of Selectmen he had occasion to work on a variety of conservation-related issues and that he would like to put this experience to use by serving on the commission.

Representative Garrett Bradley regarding state opiate update

Bradley was present at the meeting to update the selectmen on the state's initiatives regarding the opiate epidemic. The Governor's plan and the amendments put before the House and Senate include proposals to regulate prescribers, increase the numbers of treatment sites and available beds, and update Section 35 regulations; as well as many other initiatives to mitigate the problem of opioid use and addiction, and increase and improve opportunities for treatment.

The selectmen thanked Bradley for his work on behalf of the community and state on this issue. Lemnios further thanked him for his overall leadership in serving the town.

NEW BUSINESS

Proclamation to Police Chief Billings

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While at the meeting, Representative Bradley thanked Police Chief Richard Billings for his service to the town, and read aloud a proclamation issued by the state. Chairman Brannan read aloud a proclamation from the selectmen on behalf of the town, thanking Billings for his service and commitment and wishing him well in his retirement. Billings thanked the selectmen and the town for allowing him to serve and thanked the members of the police force for their service and good work.

Appointment of Acting Police Chief

Note: Reilly recused himself from this discussion and vote, as his son serves on the police force.

The selectmen voted to appoint Captain Robert Sawtelle to the position of Acting Police Chief until a permanent chief is hired. Brannan noted that the selectmen had met with Sawtelle at length during an Executive Session last week and had at that time expressed the intention of making an official appointment.

Richardson said that he had made a motion in Executive Session to appoint Captain Sawtelle as Acting Chief subject to negotiations and contract and that he would like to reiterate that motion.

Motion	Richardson	Motion to appoint Captain Sawtelle as Interim Chief until the search [for permanent chief] is completed. Richardson amended the motion to “Acting Chief” rather than “Interim Chief.” Brannan noted that the term of agreement is from 12 a.m. January 15, 2016 through June 30, 2016, but could end sooner if a permanent chief is hired before that time.
Second	Sestito	Sestito accepted the amendment to “Acting Chief.”
Vote	Approved	Brannan – Aye Richardson – Aye Sestito – Aye Mitchell – Aye Reilly – Recused

Sawtelle thanked the selectmen for their confidence in him and thanked the men and women of the police department for their exemplary work.

APPOINTMENTS, CONTINUED

Elizabeth Fish regarding reappointment to the Conservation Commission

Fish has been a two-year member of the Conservation Commission and would like to continue to serve. She noted that she has learned a great deal and that more experienced members of the commission have been key to her learning process.

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BOARD AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

The selectmen proceeded to make appointments to the Conservation Commission and the Board of Appeals. A memo from the Town Clerk listed the applications for appointment and reappointment to each.

Conservation Commission Appointments

The board appointed new members to the Conservation Commission. Prior to the discussion, Richardson pointed out that the list indicated that Louis Sorgi, applicant for Conservation Commission, had withdrawn his application, but Richardson recalled that a previous list had him as being still interested. Discussion during the votes included comments on the make-up of the commission and the need for both new and experienced members. Conservation Commission Chairman Sheila Connor said that experienced members were a valuable asset to the commission.

The motions were as follows:

Motion	Reilly	Motion to appoint Chris Olivieri to the Conservation Commission for a term to expire in 2018 and to appoint Louis Sorgi for a term to expire in 2017
Second	Sestito	
Vote	Withdrawn	[See following substitute motion.]

Motion	Brannan	Substitute motion to appoint Ruth O'Connell and Richard Hennessey to the Conservation Commission
Second	Mitchell	
Vote	Defeated 3-2	Brannan – Aye Mitchell – Aye Richardson – No Sestito – No Reilly – No

Motion	Brannan	Motion to appoint Richard Hennessey and Louis Sorgi to the Conservation Commission
Second	No second	

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Vote	No vote	
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Motion	Reilly	Motion to appoint Chris Olivieri to the Conservation Commission for a term to expire in 2018
Second	Sestito	
Vote	Approved 3-2	Brannan – No Mitchell – No Richardson – Aye Sestito – Aye Reilly – Aye

Motion	Reilly	Motion to appoint Louis Sorgi to the Conservation Commission for a term to expire in 2017
Second	Sestito	
Vote	Approved 3-2	Brannan – No Mitchell – No Richardson – Aye Sestito – Aye Reilly – Aye

Motion	Mitchell	Motion to reappoint Elizabeth Fish, Sean Bannen, and Paul Paquin to the Conservation Commission for terms ending in 2018 (Fish), 2018 (Bannen), and 2017 (Paquin)
Second	Brannan	
Vote	Withdrawn	[See following substitute motions 1 and 2.]

Motion	Reilly	Substitute motion 1: To reappoint Sean Bannen to the Conservation Commission for a term to expire in 2018, and to appoint Richard Hennessey for term to expire in 2018, and Steven Becker for a term to expire in 2017
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Second	No second	
Vote	No vote	[See following substitute motion 2.]

Motion	Reilly	Substitute motion 2: To reappoint Sean Bannen to the Conservation Commission for a term to expire in 2018
Second	Sestito	
Vote	Approved	Brannan – Aye Mitchell – Aye Sestito – Aye Reilly – Aye Richardson – Abstain

Motion	Mitchell	Motion to reappoint Paul Paquin to the Conservation Commission for a term to expire in 2017
Second	Brannan	
Vote	Approved	Brannan – Aye Mitchell – Aye Sestito – Aye Reilly – Aye Richardson – Abstain

Motion	Reilly	Motion to appoint Richard Hennessey to the Conservation Commission for a term to expire in 2018
Second	Brannan	
Vote	No vote	[See following substitute motion.]

Motion	Sestito	Substitute motion to appoint Elizabeth Fish to the Conservation Commission for a term to expire in 2018
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Second	Reilly	
Vote	Approved	Brannan – Aye Mitchell – Aye Sestito – Aye Reilly – Aye Richardson – Abstain

In summary, Christopher Olivieri and Louis Sorgi were appointed to the commission as new members. Paul Paquin, Elizabeth Fish, and Sean Bannen were reappointed to new terms.

Board of Appeals appointments and reappointments

The board then appointed and reappointed members of the Board of Appeals as follows. Discussion included a prior expressed need for an attorney on the board.

Motion	Brannan	Motion to reappoint Alana Swiec as a full member on the Board of Appeals for a term to expire in 2017; and to reappoint Phil Furman as an associate member for a term to expire in 2018.
Second	Reilly	
Vote	No vote	[See following substitute motion.]

Motion	Sestito	Substitute motion 1: To appoint Neil Kane as a full member to a term to expire in 2017; and to reappoint Phil Furman as an associate member for a term to expire in 2018.
Second	Reilly	
Vote	Approved 4-1	Brannan – No Mitchell – Aye Sestito – Aye Reilly – Aye Richardson – Aye

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		[Note: This motion was voted on and passed after the following substitute motion was defeated.]
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Motion	Brannan	Substitute motion 2: To reappoint Alana Swiec as a full member on the Board of Appeals for a term to expire in 2017; and to appoint Neil Kane as an associate member for a term to expire in 2018
Second	Mitchell	
Vote	Defeated 3-2	Brannan – Aye Mitchell – Aye Sestito – No Reilly – No Richardson – No [A vote was then taken on substitute motion 1 , which passed.]

In summary, Neil Kane was appointed as a full member of the Board of Appeals and Phil Furman was reappointed as an associate member.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Captain Sawtelle regarding Civil Service requisition

A letter from Captain Sawtelle asked the selectmen to request from Civil Service a list of candidates for a position of permanent full time police officer. Reilly recused himself from this discussion and vote.

Motion	Richardson	To request the list
Second	Mitchell	
Vote	Approved	Brannan – Aye Richardson – Aye Sestito – Aye Mitchell – Aye Reilly – Recused

LICENSES AND RENEWALS

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The board voted as follows to approve licenses and renewals:

Motion	Reilly	License renewal for NeighborWorks Southern MA, dba NHS of the South Shore, 422 Washington St., Quincy, for a lodging house at 24 Park Ave., Donna Ackerman, Manager.
Second	Sestito	
Vote	Unanimous	

Motion	Sestito	License application from Knights of Columbus, 440 Nantasket Ave., for a one-day All Alcohol license on 1/22 from 7 p.m. to 12 a.m., for Hull Youth Football fundraising dance
Second	Reilly	
Vote	Unanimous	

CORRESPONDENCE, CONTINUED

Email from Robert Fultz regarding designation of Environmental Certifying Officer

An email from Robert Fultz requested that the selectmen reconfirm its designation of Town Manager Lemnios as the town's Environmental Certifying Officer and sign a document stating such. This is a document that must be included in the 2016 Community Development Block Grant application.

Motion	Reilly	So moved
Second	Brannan	
Vote	Unanimous	

NEW BUSINESS, CONTINUED

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Reilly noted that the Capital Outlay Committee forum held on Saturday was very well attended. He said that there was some concern expressed about hydrants following the recent fire on Bay Street. He asked Lemnios to get a report on the status of the hydrants. Lemnios said that Chief Russo is working on this.

Richardson asked that the Plymouth County Treasurer be put on a future agenda.

Mitchell said that one topic of conversation in Capital Outlay Committee has been the potential for TIPS grants for redoing Nantasket, Samoset, and Manomet Avenues. He asked Lemnios to talk a little about the TIPS process. Lemnios gave a brief overview of the process.

Sestito asked about the possibility of switching Board of Selectmen meetings to a night other than Tuesday. He requested that this be put on an upcoming agenda.

Regarding the hiring of a new police chief, Lemnios said that the town has advertised for citizen members of the preliminary search committee.

Resident Rhoda Kanet invited all to participate in upcoming Martin Luther King, Jr. activities at St. Nicholas Church and Temple Beth Shalom. She also asked the selectmen to put on their agenda a discussion about appointing two alternates to the Beach Management Committee. In addition, she said that on an upcoming trip to Israel she would like to explore a wave energy process in use there and asked the selectmen if it would be appropriate for her to do so. Lemnios said that as long as she was acting as a citizen and not acting as or presenting herself as an official representative of the town, she was welcome to do as she wished.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 p.m. The board will meet again on January 26, 2016.

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 added agenda for January 12, 2015
- License renewal application from Pizza Box, Inc., dba West Corner Auto, Peter Booras, President, regarding Class II Wholesale license
- License application from Knights of Columbus, 440 Nantasket Ave., for a one-day All Alcohol license on 1/22 from 7 p.m. to 12 a.m., for Hull Youth Football fundraising dance
- License application from NeighborWorks Southern MA, dba NHS of the So. Shore, 422 Washington St., Quincy for a lodging house at 24 Park Ave., Donna Ackerman, Manager - renewal
- Letters from Captain Sawtelle regarding Civil Service requisition
- Memo from office manager regarding board and committee appointments
- Email from Robert Fultz regarding designation of environmental certifying officer

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- Handout on opiate legislation from Representative Garrett Bradley

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