

## **Hull Board of Selectmen**

### **Minutes**

**February 16, 2016**

The meeting of the Hull Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7 p.m. on Tuesday evening, February 16, 2016, at the Hull Municipal Building, 253 Atlantic Ave., Hull, Massachusetts.

Present: John C. Brannan, Chair; Domenico Sestito, Vice-Chair; John Reilly, Jr., Member; and Kevin Richardson, Member. Also present were Phillip Lemnios, Town Manager; James Lampke, Town Counsel; and Catherine Goldhammer, recording secretary. Selectman Christopher Mitchell was absent due to a commitment.

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### **APPOINTMENTS**

#### **Notes regarding Police Chief Screening Committee interviews, discussion, and selection:**

- Selectman Reilly was not present during the interviews and has recused himself from participating in the selection process as he has a family member on the force.
- An email from applicant Robert DeCoste informed the board that he was withdrawing his application due to work commitments.

#### **Robert Zoebisch, regarding application for Police Chief Preliminary Screening Committee**

Robert Zoebisch was present at the meeting to be interviewed for the Police Chief Preliminary Screening Committee. Zoebisch has worked for 29 years as a Deputy Sheriff with the Suffolk County Sheriff's department in Boston. In that capacity he has worked with numerous state and federal law enforcement agencies. He stated that important criteria for an incoming police chief include managerial experience and experience with seasonal policing demands. He also noted the importance of hiring someone who is not coming in with a defined opinion.

#### **Pat Cormier, regarding application for Police Chief Preliminary Screening Committee**

Pat Cormier was present at the meeting to be interviewed for the Police Chief Preliminary Screening Committee. She is managing director of Kotter International and works with organizations and their leaders around issues of change and leadership. She states that the position of police chief is a powerful one and it is therefore important to assess what the individual's leadership style is. She further stated that whoever comes in will have to address the department's current and ongoing issues in an upfront manner.

#### **Discussion regarding appointment of Police Chief Preliminary Screening Committee**

The selectmen then discussed and voted to appoint members of the public to the committee and further to appoint representatives from the board to the committee. They voted as follows:

<b>Motion</b>	Sestito	To appoint Jim Canavan and Pat Cormier to the Police Chief Preliminary Screening Committee for a term ending when the committee is dissolved.
<b>Second</b>	Richardson	

<b>Vote</b>	Unanimous	

<b>Motion</b>	Sestito	To appoint Miriam Johnson and Robert Zuebisch to the Police Chief Preliminary Screening Committee for a term ending when the committee is dissolved.
<b>Second</b>	Richardson	
<b>Vote</b>	Unanimous	

<b>Motion</b>	Richardson	Move to send a letter of appreciation to the other four applicants and authorize the chair to sign it on behalf of the board.
<b>Second</b>	Sestito	
<b>Vote</b>	Unanimous	

<b>Motion</b>	Sestito	To appoint Kevin Richardson to the Police Chief Preliminary Screening Committee for a term to expire when the committee is dissolved.
<b>Second</b>	Brannan	
<b>Vote</b>	Unanimous	

<b>Motion</b>	Richardson	To appoint Domenico Sestito to the Police Chief Preliminary Screening Committee for a term to expire when the committee is dissolved.
<b>Second</b>	Brannan	
<b>Vote</b>	Unanimous	

Lemnios also noted that he had asked Norwell Police Chief Ross if he is interested in being on the committee and he is interested in doing so.

### **Discussion regarding review of preliminary Warrant articles**

The selectmen briefly discussed the draft of the Town Meeting Warrant Articles. This is a preliminary document, which includes annual articles as well as articles put in by citizens' petitions. The Advisory Board will meet to discuss the warrant through April. The document will be posted on the town website as a draft. The selectmen will discuss the Warrant in detail at a future date.

Reilly noted that Article 12, which asks the town to vote on compensating members of the Retirement Board, was in discussion before Reilly joined that board, but that he will offer to step down if it passes in order to eliminate any ethical issues or if other members want to serve.

### **Discussion regarding DCR presentation**

The selectmen discussed the recent DCR presentation of its master plan for the Nantasket Beach Reservation. Lemnios said that he will be developing a response to that presentation and that if the selectmen wish to contribute their thoughts to that document they can email him.

Reilly noted that the proposals put forward regarding putting stones on the beach and taking away parking area from the bathhouse to the hotel will kill the south part of the beach. There is no plan to preplace parking and no plan for a sand source. He said that the seawall work will be accomplished with federal money and the rest of the plan has no current funding.

Brannan said that it is important to work with and partner with the DCR, or that nothing will ever change. Richardson said he agreed, but that it seemed that the DCR does not want to partner with the town. Reilly noted that the town has had a good relationship with local staff, but there have been several DCR commissioners in the past several years, and many of the long-term DCR heads don't want change. Sestito suggested reaching out to the Governor.

Lemnios said that it is important to also shift attention to what is happening on the other side of the street because the town has more power over that than it has over what is going to happen with the beach. He noted that the DCR's goal is to provide access to the beach, not to contribute to the redevelopment of the town. He also said that as the town's demographic changes, people are less interested in the beach and more interested in the quality of year-round living. He said that the immediate plan is to create a response to the report, integrating comments from Robert Fultz, Anne Herbst, and the selectmen.

## **LICENSES AND RENEWALS**

The board voted to approve the following license renewals:

<b>Motion</b>	Reilly	John J. Cashman, 21 Shore Garden Rd., Hackney Badge (Seaport Livery) - Renewal
<b>Second</b>	Sestito	
<b>Vote</b>	Unanimous	

<b>Motion</b>	Reilly	David B. Kenyon, 214 Atlantic Ave. #7 (Seaport Livery) - Renewal
<b>Second</b>	Sestito	
<b>Vote</b>	Unanimous	

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **Presidential primary warrant for review and signature**

The selectmen voted to approve the warrant for the presidential primary on March 1.

<b>Motion</b>	Reilly	Motion to approve and post the primary warrant
<b>Second</b>	Sestito	
<b>Vote</b>	Unanimous	

In addition, Lampke presented the possibility of consolidating the town election presently scheduled for May 16 and the special state election scheduled for May 10 and have both of them on May 10, in order to place less of a burden on voters and registrars and less cost to the town. It may also increase voter participation. To do so would require a special act of legislation be put through at the state level. He asked the selectmen whether they wished him to pursue that. They authorized him to do so.

<b>Motion</b>	Brannan	Motion to pursue consolidation of elections.
<b>Second</b>	Sestito	
<b>Vote</b>	Unanimous	

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

### **Roger Atherton, regarding resignation from Board of Appeals**

An email from Roger Atherton informed the board of his decision to resign from the Board of Appeals in protest of Alana Swiec's not being reappointed.

### **Christine Carr, regarding letter of resignation from Advisory Board**

An email from Christine Carr informed the board of her resignation from the Advisory Board, due to work commitments.

The selectmen voted as follows to send letters of appreciation to both Atherton and Carr. Lemnios said that he would arrange for ads for the positions.

<b>Motion</b>	Reilly	Motion to send letters of appreciation to Christine Carr and Roger Atherton for their service on their respective boards
<b>Second</b>	Richardson	
<b>Vote</b>	Unanimous	

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Reilly said that there is a 6x6' patch in front of the approach to the hotel and wondered if there is a way to follow-up with Aquarion to have it addressed better.

Sestito asked about the snow budget. Lemnios said that \$75,000 is set aside for that each year and there has been little snow this year, so things are fine in that regard.

Lemnios announced that DPW Director Joseph Stigliani will be retiring at the end of May. He also announced that a Community Preservation Act Forum will be held on Wednesday, March 9, from 7-9 p.m. at the Nantasket Beach Resort.

**The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m. The board will meet next at 7:30 p.m. on March 1, 2016.**

*Recorded by Catherine Goldhammer*

Approved by:

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### **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 February 16, 2016
- License application from John J. Cashman, 21 Shore Garden Rd., Hackney Badge (Seaport Livery) – Renewal
- License application from David B. Kenyon, 214 Atlantic Ave. #7 (Seaport Livery) - Renewal
- Email from Robert DeCoste regarding appointment to the Police Chief Screening Committee
- Email from Roger Atherton regarding resignation from Board of Appeals
- Email from Christine Carr regarding resignation from Advisory Board
- Email from Bob Zuebisch regarding appointment to the Police Chief Screening Committee
- Email and resume from Pat Cormier regarding Police Chief Screening Committee
- DCR presentation
- Town meeting warrant draft

- Presidential primary warrant
- Community Preservation Act Forum flyer