

Hull Board of Selectmen

Minutes

April 26, 2016

The meeting of the Hull Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7 p.m. on Tuesday evening, April 26, 2016, at the Hull Municipal Building, 253 Atlantic Ave., Hull, Massachusetts.

Present: John C. Brannan, Chair; Domenico Sestito, Vice-Chair; Christopher Mitchell, Clerk; John 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

Kickball tournament

Hull High School students Victoria Fuda and Shea Burke were present at the meeting to announce a kickball tournament being held on Saturday, April 30, at the L St. Field. Proceeds will benefit the Hull Alliance for Prevention of Substance Addiction (HAPSA).

Fire Chief Interviews

The Board conducted interviews with the three finalists for the position of Fire Chief. The hiring process was conducted through Civil Service. Based on an assessment center held on April 7, 2016, the top three candidates were rated in the following order: Acting Fire Chief Christopher Russo; Captain William Frazier; and Deputy Chief Andrew Thomas.

During the interviews each selectmen asked each finalist two questions. Each of these questions were asked of each candidate. Candidates were interviewed individually, with the other two sequestered in another room. Interview order was randomly selected by drawing names. Town Manager Lemnios drew the names; Selectmen Reilly and Mitchell were witnesses to this action. The order of interviews was as follows:

- Acting Fire Chief Russo
- Captain Frazier
- Deputy Chief Thomas

The full interviews can be seen on the archived video of the proceedings.

After the interviews and a five minute recess, the candidates were invited back into the meeting for the selection of the new Fire Chief. The selectmen thanked all of the applicants and commented on the high level of their service to the town and qualifications for the position. Selectman Reilly then made a motion to appoint the number one candidate as identified by the assessment center, Acting Chief Christopher Russo, as the new Fire Chief for the town of Hull.

Motion	Reilly	Motion to appoint the number one candidate, who is Acting Chief Russo, as permanent Fire Chief.
Second	Richardson	

Vote	Unanimous	
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Russo was then sworn in at 8:45 p.m. by Acting Town Clerk Lori West.

Discussion of Town Meeting Warrant

The selectmen discussed and voted on Town Meeting Warrant Articles. The Warrant, with a full listing and descriptions of the articles is available in the archives of this meeting.

The selectmen voted as follows:

Motion	Reilly	Motion to approve Articles 7,8,9,10 [Budget and revolving funds]
Second	Sestito	
Vote	Unanimous	

Motion	Richardson	Favorable action on Article 13 [COLA increase for retirees]
Second	Reilly	
Vote	Unanimous	

Motion	Richardson	Favorable action on Article 14 [CPA]
Second	Sestito	
Vote	Unanimous	

Lampke recommended that the board wait to make any recommendation on Articles 15 and 16 regarding taking of portions of properties on Burr Rd. and James Ave. by eminent domain, as these matters may be settled by the time of Town Meeting.

Motion	Sestito	Favorable action on Article 17 [Increase in seasonal wages]

Second	Richardson	
Vote	Passed 4/0/1	Brannan – Aye Sestito – Aye Richardson – Aye Mitchell – Aye Reilly – Abstained and recused himself as his son worked as an assistant harbormaster the previous summer

Motion	Richardson	Favorable action on Article 18 [Zoning bylaw amendment]
Second	Sestito	
Vote	Unanimous	

Motion	Sestito	Favorable action on Article 19 [Zoning bylaw amendment]
Second	Mitchell	
Vote	Unanimous	

Motion	Richardson	Favorable action on Article 20 [Waveland Gas Station eminent domain]
Second	Mitchell	
Vote	Unanimous	

Motion	Reilly	Favorable action on Articles 21 and 22 [Animal control fees and revolving fund]
Second	Sestito	
Vote	Unanimous	

Motion	Reilly	Motion to support Articles 23 and 24 [Capital stabilization fund deposits and withdrawals]
Second	Sestito	
Vote	Unanimous	

Motion	Richardson	Motion for favorable action on Article 25 [Police Chief salary changes]
Second	Mitchell	
Vote	Passed 4/0/1	Brannan – Aye Sestito – Aye Richardson – Aye Mitchell – Aye Reilly – Abstained due to having family on the police force.

Motion	Sestito	Motion for no action on Articles 26 and 32 [Rescind/Repeal passage of Article 6 from Special Town Meeting]
Second	Reilly	
Vote	Unanimous	

Prior to voting on articles 27-31, which involve changes to Town Meeting procedures, and which the Advisory Board has referred to study, Reilly made the following motion.

Motion	Reilly	Motion to appoint a Town Meeting procedural committee/government study committee, to consist of Town Counsel as support staff; Town Moderator ex officio; Town Clerk ex officio; five members of the public appointed by the Board of Selectmen, Advisory Board, and Town Moderator, similar to how the Advisory Board is selected at this time.
Second	Sestito	

Vote	Unanimous	
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Reilly suggested that Lemnios place an ad seeking five members of the public for this committee.

Motion	Richardson	Motion to recommend that Articles 27, 28, 29, 30, and 31 be sent for further study [Town Meeting procedural changes]
Second	Sestito	
Vote	Passed 3/0/2	Sestito – Aye Richardson – Aye Mitchell – Aye Reilly – Abstain, as he thought some could be considered immediately Brannan – Abstain, as he thought some should be considered at Town Meeting

Motion	Richardson	Motion for unfavorable action on Article 33 [South Shore Women’s Resource Center funding as use of public funds in this manner is not permitted]
Second	Sestito	
Vote	Unanimous	

Motion	Reilly	Motion to support Article 34 [Joining South Shore Vocational School Study]
Second	Brannan	
Vote	Unanimous	

Motion	Richardson	Motion for no action on Article 35 [South Shore Vocational funding]
Second	Sestito	
Vote	Unanimous	

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During a discussion of Article 36, regarding cemetery bylaws, it was noted that the language of the article might need clarification before Town Meeting.

Motion	Reilly	Motion to withhold action on Article 36 [Cemetery lots]
Second	Brannan	
Vote	Unanimous	

Motion	Reilly	Motion to support Article 37 based on the Advisory Board's recommendation [Service of Special Town Meeting Warrants]
Second	Richardson	
Vote	Unanimous	

Motion	Richardson	Motion for no action on Special Town Meeting articles [action not needed]
Second	Sestito	
Vote	Unanimous	

MINUTES

Motion	Reilly	Motion to approve minutes of April 5 and April 12, 2016
Second	Richardson	
Vote	Withdrawn	Brannan requested that the minutes be approved next week, as he had not received them in time to review them.

APPOINTMENTS, CONTINUED

Discussion-re-Debt Exclusion/Budget

Reilly last week requested a discussion of the budget and this week withdrew his request with the following motion.

Motion	Reilly	Motion to withdraw request to discuss the budget this evening
Second	Brannan	
Vote	Unanimous	

Following a statement by Mitchell regarding his support of the debt exclusion, Sestito suggested that the selectmen vote to reaffirm their support of the debt exclusion, withdrawing that motion when Reilly suggested that the board reaffirm its support of the Capital Outlay Committee's recommendations regarding the debt exclusion.

Motion	Sestito	Motion that we support the debt exclusion as we have discussed in previous discussions.
Second	Richardson	
Vote	Withdrawn	

Motion	Reilly	<p>Motion that the Board reaffirm the following motion from its meeting of April 5:</p> <p>Motion that the Board of Selectmen adopt the recommendations of the Capital Outlay Committee that the five year plan for debt exclusion funds will consist of roadway repairs, playgrounds, and seawall emergency repair fund, in the amounts identified on page five of tonight's presentation. The total amount of these three items will be \$906,754 for the first year. It is further moved that the Board of Selectmen adopt the policy that in no way shall roadway expenditures be less than what is shown in the schedule, which would be \$691,754 for the first year, \$668,499 for the second year, etc., as specified on page five of the presentation.</p>
Second	Sestito	
Vote	Unanimous	

Mitchell further noted that there have been questions on the verbiage for the debt exclusion question on the election ballot. Lampke noted that the language specified by state law and cannot be deviated from.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Vetrans Agent William T. Leamy regarding O St. dedication for Army Veteran William K. White

Lemnios stated that Kelley Sullivan-White requested that this item be held until the May 17 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Sestito stated that there is an opiate-related movie at the high school tomorrow at 7 p.m. He also asked if the board should have a meeting on Wednesday, May 11, following the election on Tuesday, May 10, for purpose of reorganization.

Resident Rhoda Kanet asked the board to authorize the expenditure of funds to provide a shuttle bus to and from Town Meeting, as many were unable to find parking at the Special Town Meeting last fall. Lemnios noted that there might be some difficulties with this, but agreed to look into it.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:27 p.m. the board voted to go into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to Litigation, and that the chair declare that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the body; to go into Executive Session to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property, and that the chair declare that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating 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 matters to be discussed were:

- Burr Rd. and James Ave. property acquisitions and legal issues
- Hull v Kansky

Motion	Reilly	Motion to go into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to Litigation, and that the chair declare that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the body; to go into Executive Session to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property, and that the chair declare that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating 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	Sestito	
Vote	Passed	Richardson – Aye Brannan – Aye Sestito – Aye Reilly – Aye Mitchell – Aye

The open meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m. The board will meet next at 7:30 p.m. on May 2, 2016, at Town Meeting.

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 April 26, 2016
- Town Meeting Warrant facsimile
- Letter from William T. Leamy regarding street corner dedication
- Board of Selectmen's minutes from April 5 and April 12, 2016