

Hull Board of Selectmen

Minutes

July 14, 2016

The meeting of the Hull Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday evening, July 14, 2016, at the Hull Municipal Building, 253 Atlantic Ave., Hull, Massachusetts.

Present: Kevin Richardson, Chair; Christopher Mitchell, Vice-Chair; Domenico Sestito, Clerk; John Reilly, Jr., Member; and Jennifer Constable, Member. Also present were James Lampke, Town Counsel and Acting Town Manager; and Catherine Goldhammer, recording secretary.

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Moments of silence were observed for Cynthia Kellem, who taught for 25 years in Hull schools, served as Library Trustee and was active in the community, and for Jim Bornheim, the father of Harbormaster Kurt Bornheim, who was involved in his family's local hardware store and was active in the community.

MINUTES

The selectmen approved minutes as follows:

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| Motion | Reilly | To approve the minutes for June 23, 2016 |
| Second | Sestito | |
| Vote | Passed 4/0/1 | Reilly – Yes Sestito – Yes Richardson – Yes Constable – Yes Mitchell – Abstain [Was not present at the meeting.] |

APPOINTMENTS

Interviews for South Shore Vocational Technical School Study Committee

The selectmen interviewed the following candidates for the South Shore Vocational Technical School Study Committee.

- Ann Marie Papasodero stated that the children of Hull deserve this opportunity and explained that many people in town assume that the town is already a member. Since it is not, students can't go into the school until 10th grade and at a higher cost than if the town were already a member. She has already visited the school and has had tours of the facilities.
- Scott Miller has experience with Union negotiations for Eversource. He noted that not every child will or should go to college and they need different choices. He would like this committee to be able to bring the question back to Town Meeting for a final decision.
- Tim Haraden is general manager for a trucking company and hires technicians as part of his job. He stated that not a lot of young people are interested in those positions and many of his technicians are recruited from the south. He said that vocational technical training is an opportunity all students should have.

- Tony Green is an experienced teacher and coach who has worked in Hull schools for many years, as well as in schools in neighboring towns. He noted that students have different learning styles and all of them should have the option of vocational technical school.
- Paul Dunphy has been in the construction and code compliance business for his entire career, has been on the School Building Committee, and is an electrical inspector in town. He noted that the opportunity to attend the school will give children a leg up in their careers.

The selectmen thanked the applicants for their interest and their willingness to serve. Richardson noted that Papasodero and Miller live in the same household and it might be useful to have a wider range on the board. He asked if one of them would be willing to serve as an alternate. Papasodero said that she would be willing to do so if necessary. It was also suggested that the number of residents at large could be expanded to four. Since the position has been re-advertised with no cutoff date, and since it had been noted at a previous meeting that it could be extended to July 21, the board will wait until that time, interview any additional candidates, and make their decision then.

Police Chief Preliminary Search Committee Finalists

Richardson announced that the Preliminary Search Committee has decided on three finalists for the position of Police Chief. These are:

- John Dunn, Deputy Police Chief, Guilford, CT
- Richard Kane, recently retired Police Chief, Exeter, NH
- Robert C. Sawtelle, Acting Police Chief, Hull, MA

He read a letter on behalf of the committee, explaining that it, in conjunction with Mark Morse of MMA Consulting Group, had interview several candidates and decided to put these three applicants forward for interview by the Board of Selectmen. The letter recommended that prior to the interviews, the board conduct visits to the towns in which the candidates now serve, and that the candidates should be invited to tour the Hull department as well.

Richardson extended special thanks to resident committee members James Canavan, Pat Cormier, Miriam Johnson, and Norwell Police Chief Ted Ross. Richardson, Selectman Sestito, School Superintendent Kathleen Tyrell, and Town Manger Philip Lemnios were also members of the committee, which utilized the guidance of Morse, with support from Town Counsel Lampke. Lampke noted that the board functioned extremely well and he commended all of its members. Sestito noted that the town has three excellent candidates for the position.

Lampke will coordinate dates of site visits and interviews.

The committee was dissolved as follows:

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| Motion | Mitchell | Motion to disband the committee and send letters of thanks to its members. |
| Second | Sestito | |
| Vote | Unanimous | |

NEW BUSINESS

Lampke stated that the Fort Revere Bastille Day rededication event went extremely well. He will provide the selectmen next week with a list of those who participated so that they can be thanked. Particularly noted were three community members who responded separately to clean up last minute incidents of graffiti. These were Jim Dow,

DPW Director and Kim Scheafer on Friday evening, and resident Randy Gould on Saturday morning. Lampke also thanked the DCR for painting over existing graffiti the week prior. Mitchell noted that the graffiti has been a big problem for years and he stated that the police chief is very aggressively working on resolving that. Gould stated that Richmond Hardware in South Braintree provided four gallons of paint free of charge when they learned that there had been more graffiti at the fort. He said that the fort had been tagged again on Saturday and on Monday.

Lampke explained that the power outage experienced on Wednesday was quickly resolved by Hull Light, who restored power in an hour or two.

Constable said that there have been questions about the town parking meters. Lampke noted that Chief Sawtelle will be coming in to talk about parking in general. He explained that the meters at Kenberma are old and it is difficult to get parts for them. He stated that they are not there to get revenue, but to assure turnover. A discussion about pay stations is underway.

Gould said that the FAA is in the process of leveling the beacon at Pemberton and asked if that will become parking when it is gone. He also noted that some of the parking signage may have been lost when the fence was taken down.

Resident Kelly Huxtable asked for an update on the Gunrock stairs. Richardson noted that the painting is scheduled but the contractor has not been back in town.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m. The board will meet next at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday July 21, 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's agenda for July 14, 2016
- Applications for the South Shore Vocational Technical School Study Committee from Ann Marie Papasodero, Scott Miller, Tim Haraden, Tony Green, and Paul Dunphy.
- Letter from Police Chief Preliminary Screening Committee
- Minutes for Board of Selectmen meetings of June 23, 2016