

Hull Board of Selectmen

Minutes

July 7, 2016

The meeting of the Hull Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday evening, July 7, 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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A moment of silence was observed for Dick Miller, who passed away last week after a long illness. Miller was the Operations Manager of Hull Municipal Light Plant for many years.

APPOINTMENTS

Fort Revere Announcement

Richardson noted that on Bastille Day, Saturday, July 9, at 11 a.m. at Fort Revere Park there will be a rededication of the monument honoring French marines buried at Fort Revere and who fought with the patriots during the American Revolution. French Consul General Valéry Freland will be transported to the event on the vessel Miss Peddocks Island. Those who wish to attend are asked to park at Jacobs School, where a shuttle will be available for transport to the site. Richardson read a proclamation, to be presented to Counsel General Freland, which named July 9, Bastille Day at Fort Independence / Fort Revere.

Interviews for Land Use Committee

The selectmen interviewed the following three candidates for the Public Land Use Committee.

- Irwin Nesoff is a professor at Wheelock College. He is interested in the competing pressures of development and maintaining open space. He is an experienced grant writer.
- Nazzareno DiVito, Jr. has been on the Board of Assessors for 50 years. He stated that as a lifelong resident of Hull, he knows where many of the properties and accesses are and would be useful to the committee in that regard.
- Christian Krahforst is a professor at UMass Boston in environmental science. He has worked with Sheila Connor and Anne Herbst on other projects related to the beach and Straits Pond. He is an experienced grant writer

The selectmen thanked the applicants for their interest. Additional candidates will be interviewed on July 21.

MINUTES

The selectmen approved the minutes of the following meetings:

Motion	Reilly	To approve the minutes for May 2 and May 3, 2016
Second	Sestito	
Vote	Passed 4/0/1	Reilly – Yes

		Sestito – Yes Mitchell – Yes Richardson – Yes Constable – Abstain [Was not a member of the board at those meetings.]
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Motion	Reilly	To approve the minutes for May 11, May 24, and June 9, 2016
Second	Sestito	
Vote	Unanimous	

July Fourth Review

Lampke stated that the July Fourth weekend went very well. He commended the DPW, Fire Department, and Police Department for their good work in keeping the town and its residents safe. He noted that a series of automated calls were put out reminding residents that fireworks and bonfires are illegal. He said that the bonfires are a special concern, as it is often hazardous for town workers to remove and/or extinguish them. He stated that there was one traffic slow-down, but it was handled efficiently. The plover areas were expanded. Plover ambassadors were also thanked.

Resident Rhoda Kanet said that there was a dune grass fire on Saturday night, which was put out by residents prior to the arrival of the public safety personnel.

South Shore Vocational Technical School Exploratory Committee

Lampke asked the selectmen to confirm the composition of the South Shore Vocational Technical School Exploratory Committee. They did so, as follows:

Motion	Mitchell	Motion to set up the South Shore Vocational School Study Committee to consist of one person from the School Committee, one person from the Advisory Board, one from the Board of Selectmen, and two at large citizens.
Second	Reilly	
Vote	Unanimous	

Richardson noted that the application period for the committee was still open and candidates would be interviewed on July 21.

OTHER BUSINESS

Richardson announced that the preliminary search committee for the selection of a new police chief has selected three finalists who they recommend be sent forward to the Board of Selectmen for final interviews. The names will

be announced at the board's meeting on July 14. Each of the finalists will be visited at his or her workplace and will be invited to visit Hull prior to final interviews with the board.

LICENSES AND PERMITS

The following permits were approved:

Motion	Sestito Reilly	George Boylen, regarding the annual St. Mary of the Assumption Festival on August 14, 2016 Amendment to notify police and fire chiefs and also the harbormaster in his role as dock master. Amendment was accepted by Sestito.
Second	Mitchell	
Vote	Unanimous	

Motion	Reilly	John Donlon, regarding South Shore "3 Beach Minimum" half-marathon on October 15. Subject to final approval by the Police Chief and Fire Chief.
Second	Sestito	
Vote	Unanimous	

NEW BUSINESS

Reilly announced that band concerts will continue at the pavilion throughout the summer every Sunday at 2 p.m. He also thanked Lampke for his efforts in pulling together the Fort Revere rededication event. Reilly also congratulated Selectman Mitchell for his work in organizing clean-up efforts. Lampke acknowledged all of the many people involved in preparing for the ceremony, including the DCR, Susan Kane, Kevin Conway, the DPW, Historic Commission, Fort Revere Park and Preservation Society, Hull Light, Maxine Nash, Pat Finn, Randy Gould, Selectmen Constable and Mitchell, Dennis Riley, Mary Jane Silva, and John Coggins.

Reilly also asked Lampke to invite Representative Garrett Bradley to an upcoming meeting so that the board can thank him for his service to the town. In addition, Reilly asked when paving projects will begin. Lampke will find out from the DPW Director Jim Dow. Reilly also said that he had received an email from Jackie Twombly regarding overflow parking at Friend Park during a graduation party for her son. Lampke will discuss this with the Police Chief.

In regard to future meetings, Reilly asked that the town's leases with the Yacht Club and Salt Water Club be reviewed at an upcoming meeting, and that orphan lots be put on an agenda as well. Sestito asked if a town-wide parking review could be put on an upcoming agenda. Lampke will have the Police Chief come in for a discussion on Nantasket Ave. parking regulations. Constable requested that goal setting be put on an upcoming agenda. Mitchell suggested that it would be helpful to get information from department heads about what goals have been met, noting that there has been huge progress in some areas.

Constable also asked if the candidates for the vacancy on the Planning Board were notified of the upcoming interviews. Richardson said that he will make sure that they have confirmed.

Richardson asked the board's permission to write letters of thanks to Conservation Administrator Anne Herbst, who is leaving to take a new job at MAPC, and to Robert Fultz, Director of Planning and Community Development, who is retiring. Lampke noted that they have been outstanding administrators and the town extends its appreciation to them.

Rhoda Kanet stated that the annual summer Beach Management forum will be held on July 20 at 7 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Kelly Huxtable thanked the board for the additional signage at Gunrock. She asked if additional measures could be taken to improve the safety of parents and children coming up to Atlantic Ave. from Gunrock Beach. Lampke will contact DPW Director Dow and Police Chief Sawtelle about this. Richardson asked Lampke to have Sawtelle send the board a memo on this.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m. on a motion by Reilly, seconded by Sestito. 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 7, 2016
- Email from Irwin Nesoff regarding appointment to Public Lands Committee
- Email from Nazzareno DiVito, Jr. regarding appointment to Public Lands Committee
- Letter from George Boylen regarding St. Mary of the Assumption festival
- Permit application from John Donlon regarding half-marathon
- Minutes for Board of Selectmen meetings of May 2, May 3, May 11, May 24, and June 9, 2016