

## Hull Board of Selectmen

### Minutes

**June 23, 2016**

The meeting of the Hull Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday evening, June 23, 2016, at the Hull Municipal Building, 253 Atlantic Ave., Hull, Massachusetts.

Present: Kevin Richardson, Chair; Domenico Sestito, Clerk; and Jennifer Constable, Member. Also present was James Lampke, Town Counsel and Acting Town Manager.

Absent: Christopher Mitchell, Vice-Chair; John Reilly, Jr., Member.

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A moment of silence was observed for Bob Thorne, who had been active in community youth programs.

### APPOINTMENTS

#### **Public Hearings: National Grid regarding installation requests for a gas main in the area of Holbrook Ave. and Meridian Ave., and a gas main in the area of N Street, from house # 25 to house #55**

Dennis Reagan from National Grid asked the selectmen's consent for the gas company to install and maintain 1,160 feet of 2" gas main (plastic pipe) on Holbrook Ave. running easterly from Meridian Ave., and permission to install and maintain approximately 750 feet, more or less, of two-inch gas main on N St., from the existing two-inch gas main at house #25, northerly to house #55.

Reagan explained that abutters would be notified ten days before the work began, which would be after Labor Day. Richardson read a letter from former DPW Director Joe Stigliani, who will be supervising the project for the town. Stigliani stated that while Holbrook Ave. is in pretty good shape, N St. is not. He recommended that the selectmen grant the permit with the condition that National Grid works with Hull DPW on the manner in which the road will be restored on each project.

Comments from residents included:

- Concerns that the gas lines would break older sewer lines.
- Concerns about leaks in pipes connecting the mains to the houses.
- Questions about whether stubs would be put in for future connections.

Reagan stated that every service is checked while they are in the road but that the company is not allowed by the state to put in stubs for potential future service. Lampke asked if the company would reach out to residents along the route to notify them in case they want to switch to gas while the road is open. He asked that this be part of the notification. Reagan said that he would talk with the appropriate people and let the town know. Richardson said that he would email the Sewer Department regarding the concerns about the sewer lines so that they can inspect and do any other needed work while the road is open. Constable recommended that National Grid hold a neighborhood meeting in addition to the preconstruction meeting.

The board approved the requests as follows:

<b>Motion</b>	Sestito	Motion to approve the request to install and maintain approximately 1,160 feet more or less of two-inch gas main on Holbrook Ave., Hull, from the existing two-inch gas main from Meridian Ave, easterly to/from house 79. All of which is to replace and abandon the existing two-inch and 1¼ inch gas mains in Holbrook Ave. No work shall take place until
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		after Labor Day, 2016, and this is pending approval of Hull DPW and specifically Project Manager Joe Stigliani.
<b>Second</b>	Constable	
<b>Vote</b>	Unanimous	

<b>Motion</b>	Sestito	Motion to approve the request to install and maintain approximately 750 feet more or less of two-inch gas main on N St., Hull, from the existing two-inch gas main at house #25, northerly to house #55. All of which is to replace and abandon the existing two-inch gas main in N St. No work shall take place until after Labor Day, 2016, and all final approvals need to be completed by the DPW, and specifically Project Manager Joe Stigliani.
<b>Second</b>	Constable	
<b>Vote</b>	Unanimous	

#### **Public Hearing: Aquarion Water Company regarding North Truro Street roadway extension**

Steve Olson, Environmental Partners Group, Inc., on behalf of Aquarion Water, requested the board's permission to extend an existing water main 90 feet to the end of North Truro Street to service a new house. Aquarion is in agreement with the plans, which were submitted by the property owner. Olson stated that the work will not interfere with any other utilities. A preconstruction meeting is scheduled for June 28 at 10 a.m. at Town Hall.

Richardson had a memo from former DPW Director/Consultant to the Town Joe Stigliani noting that this project has been subject to extensive reviews by the Conservation Commission, the Planning Board, the DPW, and the DEP. He recommends that the work be approved with the stipulation that it be done according to stated requirements and any additional requirements by permitting agencies.

Olson said that the project would lay an estimated 20-50 feet of pipe a day, and would take a week or two. The road will be backfilled and plated daily, with no holes overnight. Paving is required every Friday. A temporary pavement will be in place for 60-90 days, until it settles, and then the final paving will be done. He also noted that Aquarion requires the homeowner to have an inspector there to make sure that construction is going as approved. The company doing the work is required to repair any damages incurred during the work.

Kevin Conway, an abutter at 218 North Truro St., stated that he has several concerns. These include:

- The possible need for blasting and the potential effects on his and other homes as well as potential fractures of other water lines in the neighborhood.
- The need for advance notice to residents as to when work will be occurring
- Whether it is more efficient for all of the utilities to be laid in at the same time, rather than one at a time.
- What safeguards are in place for neighbors whose water services might leak after work is completed.
- Potential detrimental effects to his property value and potential for damage to his buildings.
- Past damage to his shed and utility wires on the street.
- The need to notify subcontractors of mandated work hours.
- The dirt and dust which the neighborhood will be subjected to during construction.

Regarding blasting, Lampke noted that there is a protocol that is followed prior to any blasting is done. He said that it might not answer all of Conway's concerns, but that the contractor can't just decide to do it without going through a specific procedure first. Olson said that the protocols are more stringent and more regulated than previously and that nothing on the plans suggests that there will be blasting.

Lampke said that if Conway is not able to attend meeting, he can send Lampke his concerns and he will send them to DPW Director Jim Dow and Stigliani. In addition, Lampke will speak with them about possibly coordinating the installation of the utilities.

<b>Motion</b>	Sestito	<p>Motion to grant the request for Environment Partners Group on behalf of Aquarion Water Company. This request is for a proposed water main extension project for North Truro St. The project requires installation of approximately 90 linear feet of a 6-inch ductile iron water main and a 1" water service in order to serve a proposed permitted building at parcel 47-022. In addition to that also add the following stipulations:</p> <p>That it will require approval from Hull DPW, and the project manager on behalf of the town of Hull, Joe Stigliani, and any existing permits from other departments such as Building, Health, and so forth, will also be part of that, as well as any additional requirements from any permitting agency.</p> <p>The following notes were added by Lampke:</p> <p>That to the extent feasible the town is encouraging that all utilities be installed as contemporaneously to each other as possible; and that Olson take on the responsibility of notifying abutters at least 72 hours in advance of construction before it commences on the project.</p>
<b>Second</b>	Constable	
<b>Vote</b>	Unanimous	

Resident Rhoda Kanet noted that on Sunday a number of town residents had brown water and there was no notification. Sestito asked Lampke to contact Aquarion about this. Kanet will communicate the details to Lampke.

#### **Ann Marie and Scott Miller, 23 G St., regarding re-forming and becoming members of the South Shore Vocational Technical School Exploratory Committee**

The Millers were present to ask the board to appoint members to a committee so that the town can join the South Shore Vocational Technical School Exploratory Committee. Richardson noted that an advertisement has been posted for other applicants to the committee and that interviews will be conducted in July, as two board members were not present at this evening's meeting.

#### **Appointments to the Zoning Board of Appeals**

Regarding appointments to the Board of Appeals, Richardson said that he had contacted Mitchell and Reilly, who had concurred that the board could make their appointments this evening in their absence.

The board made the following appointments:

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<b>Motion</b>	Sestito	Motion to appoint Andrew Corson as a permanent member with a term expiring in 2017.
<b>Second</b>	Constable	
<b>Vote</b>	Unanimous	

<b>Motion</b>	Sesito	Motion to appoint Ms. Harper for a term expiring in 2019 as an alternate member, Mr. Hennessey as an alternate member for a term expiring in 2018, and Dr. Grenquist, as alternate member for a term expiring in 2017.
<b>Second</b>	Constable	
<b>Vote</b>	Unanimous	

Richardson asked Lampke if he would reach out to Andrew Golub (a fourth applicant) and ask him if he would like to move forward with an application to the Planning Board, as he had expressed interest in this at his interview.

#### **Justin Gould and Andy Spinelly, regarding Steamboat Wharf Marina food trucks**

Gould requested a permit to engage two food trucks for the weekend of July 24 and 25 during the schooner America's visit to Hull, and to continue having food trucks on a trial basis through the summer, primarily on weekends. One truck is a barbeque vendor; the other is a vendor of ice cream and popcorn.

Richardson said that absent board members had expressed concerns that the trucks would compete with local food establishments. Gould stated that if the trucks are a success, local vendors would be the first people they would approach going forward. Constable stated that she supports healthy competition, but is concerned about the proposal's potential effect on vehicle and pedestrian traffic in the area. She stated that she would prefer that the board revisit the issue of continuing weekends after a limited test run. She further stated that she would like a limit on the number of trucks at the site. She asked if the Police and Fire Departments could report back to the board following the initial weekends as to whether there were any problems.

The board agreed to approve the food trucks for two weekends and to revisit the request for additional weekends at their August 14 meeting.

<b>Motion</b>	Sestito	Motion to approve the two food trucks - the barbeque and the ice cream and popcorn category type food trucks - for the weekend of July 23 and 24, 2016, pending all reviews by the Board of Health and approval by the Police and Fire Departments.
	Constable	Amended motion to approve food truck vendors at Steamboat Wharf on weekends beginning July 23 through July 31, pending approval of the Board of Health, and Police and Fire Departments.  Amendment accepted by Sestito.
	Constable	

<b>Second</b>		
<b>Vote</b>	Unanimous	

#### **Discussion: Board of Selectmen Goal Setting**

This discussion was pushed forward to the next meeting so that all members could be present for it.

### **LICENSES**

The following licenses were approved:

<b>Motion</b>	Sestito	Jim Leahy for road closing from Whitehead Ave. to Edgewater Rd. on July 30 from 5-10 p.m. for annual block party.
<b>Second</b>	Constable	
<b>Vote</b>	Unanimous	

<b>Motion</b>	Sestito	Nazzareno Divito, Jr., for parking for 30 cars at Knights of Columbus, 440 Nantasket Ave.  Amended to waive fee.
<b>Second</b>	Constable	
<b>Vote</b>	Unanimous	

<b>Motion</b>	Sestito	To approve the update to the Board of Directors for the Hull Yacht Club as follows:  Richard Quebec – President Richard Peirce – Vice President J. Kevin Logue – Rear President Leonard J. Russell – Past President Malee Nuesse – Clerk
<b>Second</b>	Constable	
<b>Vote</b>	Unanimous	[Note: The board had previously approved a change in managers for the liquor license, but the state also required that they approve the change to the Board of Directors as relates to liquor license.]

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<b>Motion</b>	Sestito	Motion to approve Mark and Iris Carey's request for a wedding ceremony at Fort Revere on August 6, 2016, pending approval by the Police Chief and Town Manager.
	Constable	Amended the motion to include approval from the Fire Department.  Amendment accepted by Sestito.
<b>Second</b>	Constable	
<b>Vote</b>	Unanimous	

## CORRESPONDENCE

### **Memo from David DeGennaro regarding disposal of plow truck.**

Richardson read a memo from David DeGennaro, School Business Administrator, requesting that the board declare a plow vehicle as surplus and authorize the school department to dispose of it as they see fit. The vehicle is a 2003 Ford 350, VIN# 1FDSF31S53EB32358, with 130,193 miles. The trade-in value is \$1,500. Lampke suggested the following wording for the motion:

To approve declaring the vehicle as surplus property and authorizing it to be disposed of through trade in or other means by the school department.

<b>Motion</b>	Sestito	Approve as presented by Acting Town Manager Lampke
<b>Second</b>	Constable	
<b>Vote</b>	Unanimous	

## NEW BUSINESS

Sestito notified the board that on the Bastille Day celebration, Saturday, July 9, at 11 a.m. at Fort Revere Park there will be a rededication of the monument honoring 200 French marines buried at Fort Revere during the American Revolution. The event will also honor surviving World War II veterans. French Consul General Valéry Freland will be transported to the event on the vessel Miss Peddocks Island. Resident Rhoda Kanet asked if there would be a shuttle for people who needed a ride and couldn't walk to the event. Richardson stated that he would try to work on that.

Constable announced that the town's Complete Streets application has been approved and that the next step is to create a prioritization plan. She stated that the town should hear about its Community Compact application by the end of the month. She further stated that the town was not awarded the Community Development Block Grant it had applied for. The town will request feedback as to why.

Constable also thanked the community for its show of support to the city of Orlando at the recently held candlelight vigil.

Richardson thanked those involved in the recent election recount and read a list of those who participated, including numerous Town Clerks from other communities. He said that he would send letters to those individuals on behalf of the board.

Resident Rhoda Kanet asked if there are any regulations regarding drones on the beach. She said that recently a drone was being flown at the beach and was scaring the plovers. She noted that the youth who was flying the drone landed it immediately when asked to do so, but she is concerned that the practice could spread. She asked if the selectmen could set a regulation without a change of bylaws. Lampke said that there are new FAA regulations that apply to drones and he will get information and supply it to the Police Department.

Kanet also announced that the dune openings she brought up at the June 9 meeting have been closed, but there are now four new ones. They are trying to get those filled in as well. Kanet noted that there is a long stretch with no legal opening and wondered if it would make sense to create one. Lampke said that the town had approved an opening in that area for a medical need, and that perhaps it could be used as a town opening as well.

Kanet also stated that the annual summer Beach Management forum will be held on July 20 at 7 p.m. at the senior center.

She further announced that the current plover population is doing fine. There are four nests and 12 chicks currently.

Resident Kelly Huxtalbe asked if something could be done to increase the safety of the area where the stairs from Gunrock Beach emerge onto Atlantic Avenue. The last step is right on the road and there is little margin of error for parents with children. Richardson said that painting of the crosswalk has been scheduled. Huxtable noted that it is difficult for cars to see the area as they are coming into town and asked if signage coming into the area would be the best way to alert them to the crosswalk before arriving at it. Richardson asked if Lampke would look into signage for the area.

**The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m. on a motion by Sestito, seconded by Constable. The board will meet next at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday July 7, 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's agenda and added agenda for June 23, 2016
- Letter from Town Counsel James Lampke regarding HRA issues
- Letter from Town Manager Phil Lemnios, regarding HRA issues
- Petitions from National Grid for gas main locations (2)
- Application from Jim Leahy regarding road closing
- Application from Nazzareno Divito, Jr. for parking for 30 cars at Knights of Columbus
- Request from Lenny Russel, Mgr., Hull Yacht Club, Inc., regarding an update to Board of Directors
- Request from Mark and Iris Carey, regarding wedding ceremony at Fort Revere on August 6, 2016