

Hull Board of Selectmen

Minutes

May 24, 2016

The meeting of the Hull Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday evening, May 24, 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 Phillip Lemnios, Town Manager; James Lampke, Town Counsel; and Catherine Goldhammer, recording secretary.

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A moment of silence were observed for Auburn Police Officer Ronald Tarentino who was recently killed in the line of duty.

APPOINTMENTS

Lenny Russell and Doug Ryan regarding the Schooner America visiting during the Harbor Illumination on July 30, 2016

Lenny Russell and Doug Ryan from the Hull Yacht Club were present at the meeting to inform the selectmen that the sailboat Schooner America will be visiting Hull the weekend of Harbor Illumination. The 139' vessel will arrive in Hull on Saturday, June 23, leave for Boston on June 26, and return to Hull for the evening of the Illumination on July 30. It is a replica of the first winner of the America's Cup in 1851.

Motion	Reilly	That the Board and the Town of Hull support the Hull Yacht Club and Steamboat Wharf in their efforts to bring the Schooner America to the town, and direct the Harbormaster , Town Manager and any necessary support staff to cooperate to the best of our abilities.
Second	Sestito	
Vote	Unanimous	

Peter Wilde regarding Harbor Illumination beer and wine tent

Peter Wilde, Executive Director of the Hull Lifesaving Museum, asked the selectmen to approve a license for a one-day all beer and wine license for a wine and beer tent at the L Street field as part of the Harbor Illumination events. The selectmen clarified that the activity would only be held inside the tennis court enclosure. It was unanimously approved, with modifications.

Motion	Reilly	Motion to approve, with the stipulation that the application is amended to cross out all alcoholic beverages and read: A one-day license for beer and wine issued to the Hull Lifesaving Museum, the location to be the L St. tennis court, on July 30, 2016 from 7p.m. to 10 p.m., subject to approval
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		by of the Park and Recreation Board, and final approval by the Police Department and Town Counsel.
Second	Sestito	
Vote	Unanimous	

Lemnios provided the selectmen with a spreadsheet prepared by Nancy Allen listing forthcoming events to be held in town through October.

Maxine Nash, regarding Fort Revere Revival Day

A special event permit was issued to Maxine Nash on behalf of the Fort Revere Park and Preservation Society for a clean-up day to be held at Fort Revere on June 18 from 12-6 p.m. This will include landscaping, graffiti painting, and other improvements. The rain date is June 19. Lemnios stated that he would be meeting at the site with the DCR and DPW Director James Dow regarding the cleaning of the graffiti and any support the town can offer. The selectmen voted unanimously to approve this request.

Motion	Reilly	Motion to approve a special event permit waiving the application fee of \$50.
Second	Mitchell	
Vote	Unanimous	

Joan Meschino, regarding request for reappointment to MAPC for a three year term

The selectmen reappointed Joan Meschino as the town's representative to the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC). Meschino has been the town's emissary to the organization for several terms and has served on MAPC's Executive Committee.

Motion	Reilly	Motion to reappoint Joan Meschino to the MAPC
Second	Sestito	
Vote	Unanimous	

Robert Fultz, Community Development and Planning, Community Compact program and Complete Streets Certification program.

Robert Fultz, Director of Community Development and Planning, asked the selectmen to approve the town's application for two programs offered by the state: The Community Compact and Complete Streets.

Community Compact is a program wherein the town identifies the “best practices” it wants to focus on and is then eligible for technical assistance and grant funds in implementing those goals. The best practices identified by Fultz are:

- Preparing for Success
- Housing
- Infrastructure
- Transportation and Citizen Safety

Lemnios noted that there is no punitive component to the program and that it is intended to support towns in their growth. Constable added that many communities in the Commonwealth have joined the program or are in the process of doing so and that it will be beneficial to join before the end of the fiscal year.

Complete Streets is a state program that provides financial assistance to towns that are upgrading roadway systems in a way that benefits as many members of the community as possible, including pedestrians, bicyclists, and public transportation. He noted that the Surfside project was a Complete Streets compliant rebuild. He also stated that the program does not mean that all of the above aspects have to be included in every situation, but as many as possible given the constraints of the road configuration. He said that if accepted into the program, the town may be eligible for as much as \$400,000 a year in aid. He described three steps to become eligible:

- Attend a workshop
- Prepare a Complete Streets policy
- Prepare a prioritization plan

He noted that once the policy is approved, the town can receive \$50,000 for the development of the prioritization plan. The policy is awarded by points, and one has been prepared by Fultz and Sarah Clarren, Planning Assistant in the Town’s Department of Community Development and Planning. In order to proceed, the town has to submit a letter and the policy to the state.

The selectmen voted as follows:

Motion	Reilly	To approve the Community Compact and authorize the Chair to sign on behalf of the board and submit it to the state.
Second	Constable	
Vote	Unanimous	

Motion	Reilly	To send a letter to MassDOT stating that the Town of Hull is committing to create a Complete Streets Policy and to develop a project prioritization plan.
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Vote	Withdrawn	[Note: Withdrawn following a request from Fultz regarding the wording of the motion.]
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Motion	Reilly	<p>Motion to approve the Complete Streets Policy and to further send a letter to MassDOT stating the that Town of Hull has completed a Complete Streets Policy.</p> <p>Fultz asked that this be amended to add:</p> <p>Send the letter saying that we have adopted the policy and are hereby applying for \$50,000 in funding for Prioritization Plan development.</p> <p>Amendment accepted by Reilly.</p>
Second	Mitchell	
Vote	Unanimous	

Lemnios announced to the board that Mr. Fultz will be retiring in July and thanked him for his work on behalf of the town and for helping it develop a vision for the future. Fultz stated that there are many things in place so that the work will continue going forward.

Discussion regarding Local Election Recount Process and Votes

As former Selectman John Brannan has requested a recount of the ballots cast for the candidates for selectmen in the recent May 10, 2016 election, Lampke described the process by which this would be carried out. Reilly and Constable recused themselves from this discussion and were not present in the room while it was being held as they had been re-elected and elected respectively.

The recount will be held on Saturday, June 11. All ballots will be reviewed by a reader and tallied by a recorder. This will be done by precinct. Those in the affected category of selectman can appoint representatives to observe the process. The candidates can also be present and have counsel if they desire. If disputed, a runner will take the ballot in question to the Board of Registrars at another location in the building for review.

Lemnios stated that with the board's approval, a Temporary Town Clerk will be hired to oversee the process, as Town Clerk Lori West has recused herself from the process after consulting with the State Ethics Commission and Town Counsel. In addition, a Special Counsel, Lauren Goldberg, will be hired to oversee the process from a legal perspective. She is an expert in recounts.

Richardson read aloud a disclosure agreement on behalf of the selectmen, and he, Sestito, and Mitchell each signed an individual disclosure. Lampke read aloud disclosure statements and requests for Section 19 waivers for himself and Town Manager Lemnios. Both waivers were unanimously approved and signed, respectively, by Lampke and Lemnios. Lemnios further noted that he does not participate in the recount itself and does not go beyond the barriers separating the counters from the public. Lampke stated that he participates only in a consulting role to the special counsel. He said that he would provide to the candidates a guidebook that tells what the various roles and procedures are.

A letter from the Board of Registrars certifying the signatures of the recount petition was read by Lemnios.

Motion	Sestito	Motion to approve Section 19 waiver for Town Manager Philip Lemnios [Note: Copies of the disclosure document are available in the document archives of this meeting and attached to these minutes.]
Second	Mitchell	
Vote	Passed 3/0/2	Richardson – Aye Mitchell – Aye Sestito – Aye Reilly – Recused Constable – Recused

Motion	Sestito	Motion to approve Section 19 waiver for Town Counsel James Lampke [Note: Copies of the disclosure document are available in the document archives of this meeting and attached to these minutes.]
Second	Mitchell	
Vote	Passed 3/0/2	Richardson – Aye Mitchell – Aye Sestito – Aye Reilly – Recused Constable – Recused

Motion	Sestito	Motion to appoint Dottie Powers as Temporary Town Clerk for purposes of the recount as described this evening.
Second	Mitchell	
Vote	Passed 3/0/2	Richardson – Aye Mitchell – Aye Sestito – Aye Reilly – Recused Constable – Recused

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Motion	Sestito	Motion to appoint as Special Counsel Lauren Goldberg, Esq., from Kopelman and Paige, for purposes of assisting in the recount as discussed this evening.
Second	Mitchell	
Vote	Passed 3/0/2	Richardson – Aye Mitchell – Aye Sestito – Aye Reilly – Recused Constable – Recused

LICENSES

The selectmen approved the following licenses:

Motion	Reilly	Motion to approve parking permit request from David Won, 10 Park Ave., for Hotel Paragon Park
Second	Sestito	
Vote	Unanimous	

Motion	Reilly	Motion to approve 50-car parking permit request from J. Gerson Bloch, for Temple Beth Sholom, and to waive the permitting fee
Second	Sestito	
Vote	Unanimous	

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Joseph Connors, regarding memorial bench request

The selectmen approved a memorial bench request from Joseph Connors, to be placed in memory of Thomas and Jean Gaquin, who were long-time residents of Hull.

Motion	Sestito	Motion to approve

Second	Reilly	
Vote	Unanimous	

MINUTES

Selectmen approved minutes as follows:

Motion	Sestito	Motion to approve minutes of March 29, 2016, April 19, 2016, and April 26, 2016
Second	Reilly	
Vote	Passed 4/0/1	Reilly – Aye Richardson – Aye Mitchell – Aye Sestito – Aye Constable – Abstain (Was not on the board)

OTHER BUSINESS

Reappointment of James B. Lampke, Esq. as Town Counsel

The selectmen approved the reappointment of James Lampke as Town Counsel, as is required on a yearly basis, thanking him for his past and continuing service to the town.

Motion	Sestito	Motion to reappoint James Lampke as Town Counsel to Town of Hull for an appointment of one year
Second	Constable	
Vote	Passed 4/0/1	Sestito – Aye Richardson – Aye Mitchell – Aye Constable – Aye Reilly – Abstain [For reasons relating to ballot recount]

NEW BUSINESS

Lemnios announced that DPW Director Joe Stigliani will retire as of Friday, May 27. James Dow will assume the position of DPW Director. Stigliani will continue to manage the National Grid process on behalf of the town.

Mitchell asked Lemnios to reach out to Aquarion Water regarding recent water main breaks. Sestito suggested having them come to a future meeting to report on the situation. Lemnios said that he would do so.

The selectmen discussed changing the day of their meetings from Tuesday to Thursday. Richardson suggested that they try this schedule for the summer and see how it works. Following agreement from the board, the next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, June 9, 2016.

Sestito reminded the board that graduation is June 4. He also noted that the boy's high school lacrosse team is having an excellent season.

Reilly announced that the first bandstand concert will be held on Memorial Day, May 30, from 2-4 p.m.

Lampke stated that he has received confirmation that the United States Coast Guard Presidential Band will be performing in Hull in September as part of the 300th anniversary celebration for Boston Light.

Resident Rhoda Kanet announced that there are plovers on the beach again this year.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m. on a motion by Sestito, seconded by Mitchell. The board will meet next at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday June 9, 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 agenda and added agenda for May 24, 2016
- Board of Selectmen's minutes from March 29, 2016, April 19, 2016, and April 26, 2016
- Special event application from Maxine Nash
- Parking permit application from David Won regarding 10 Park Ave., for Hotel Paragon Park
- Parking permit application from J. Gerson Bloch, for Temple Beth Sholom
- One-day all alcohol license application from Peter Wilde, for Hull Lifesaving Museum
- Disclosure forms for Richardson, Sestito, Mitchell, Lampke, and Lemnios regarding recount
- Handout regarding Schooner America
- Email from Joan Meschino regarding reappointment to MAPC
- Letter from James Lampke regarding reappointment as Town Counsel
- Letter from Joseph Connors regarding memorial bench
- Handouts from Robert Fultz regarding Community Compact and Complete Streets programs
- Event spreadsheet