

# Hull Board of Selectmen

## Minutes

**November 10, 2016**

The meeting of the Hull Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday evening, November 10, 2016, at 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; and James Lampke, Town Counsel.

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**A moment of silence was held for Emma Ryan, a fifteen-year-old Hull High School student who died suddenly last week. She was the daughter of Derek and Kerrie Ryan.**

**A moment of silence was also held for Mark Cadoff, a long-time resident of Hull who was active with the Boy Scouts and assisted with communications during storms.**

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:35 p.m., Richardson asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel; to go into Execution session to conduct contract negotiations with nonunion personnel; to go into Execution session to discuss strategy with respect to litigation and that he as Chair declared that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect of the litigating position of the body; to comply with or act under the authority of the attorney client privilege; and to consult with legal counsel and to obtain legal advice pursuant to the attorney client privilege.

The matters to be discussed were:

- Police Union grievance regarding a sergeant position
- Fraternal Police v. Hull arbitration
- Town Manager's contract

Richardson also stated that the board would reconvene in open session following the Executive Session.

<b>Motion</b>	Constable	Motion to go into Executive Session to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel; to go into Execution session to conduct contract negotiations with nonunion personnel; to go into Execution session to discuss strategy with respect to litigation and that he as Chair declared that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect of the litigating position of the body; to comply with or act under the authority of the attorney client privilege; and to consult with legal counsel and to obtain legal advice pursuant to the attorney client privilege.
<b>Second</b>	Sestito	
<b>Vote</b>	Unanimous	Richardson – Aye Mitchell – Aye

		Constable – Aye Sestito – Aye  Note: Selectman Reilly was not present for Executive Session.
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The board reconvened in open session at 7:50 p.m.

## APPOINTMENTS

### **Donation of Flag for Fort Revere from Mark Lucreziano and Family Ties Dry Cleaners**

Reilly explained that he had brought the nylon flag from Fort Revere to Family Ties Dry Cleaners in order to be cleaned and mended. The Lucreziano family subsequently donated a new 8'x12' cotton flag to the town for use at the Fort. They also repaired and cleaned the nylon flag. A member of the Lucreziano family presented the new flag to Selectman Mitchell, the board's representative to the Fort Revere Society. The board thanked the Lucreziano family for its generous and meaningful gift.

### **Deborah Rock and Carmen L. Arroyo, regarding Bayside Coach livery license request**

Lampke explained that a livery license had previously been issued to Arroyo for Nantasket Charter. She is now coming in for a license for Bayside Coach. He noted that there was a question of who was using the Nantasket Charter license. Arroyo said that there had been an administrative disagreement regarding Nantasket Charter and they are now functioning as Bayside Coach. They are asking the board to approve a license for Bayside Coach and are planning to surrender the license for Nantasket Charter. Lemnios said that the board typically issues a license subject to inspection of the vehicles, and that when the new license is received, the other license will be surrendered and cancelled.

<b>Motion</b>	Reilly	Motion to approve a hackney livery license for Carmen Arroyo and Deborah Rock, dba Bayside Coach, for a Nissan 2010 Armada, subject to the vehicle being inspected by the Police Department; and further move to approve a hackney livery license for Carmen Arroyo and Deborah Rock, dba Bayside Coach, for a Chrysler Town and Country van, year 2015, subject to that vehicle also being inspected by the Police Department.
<b>Second</b>	Sestito	
<b>Vote</b>	Unanimous	

<b>Motion</b>	Reilly	Motion to approve a hackney livery badge license for Deborah Rock, subject to final approval by Hull Police Department.
<b>Second</b>	Sestito	
<b>Vote</b>	Unanimous	

<b>Motion</b>	Reilly	Motion to approve a hackney livery badge for Carmen Arroyo, subject to final approval by Hull Police Department.
<b>Second</b>	Sestito	
<b>Vote</b>	Unanimous	

<b>Motion</b>	Reilly	Motion that the livery licenses and badge licenses for Nantasket Charter will be surrendered to the Town Clerk upon taking out new licenses if and when issued by the town.
<b>Second</b>	Sestito	
<b>Vote</b>		

### **Discussion: Status of FY18 Budget and Projects**

Prior to the formal budget discussion, which will occur on December 1, Lemnios handed out a brief outline of the capital projects funded in FY14-17. He noted that there have been \$9.2 million in capital improvements and that 62% of that total has been funded by grants. He said that the town is attempting to attract as much grant money as possible in order to ease the burden on tax payers, and stated that by conducting engineering studies in advance, the town is in a good position to obtain grants when they become available. He said that the town doesn't get a lot of money for larger roadway projects, as these run through the TIP program which is highly competitive. He noted that Chapter 90 funds are for smaller roadways.

Lemnios said that because town is a built-out residential community, the revenue side of the budget is incremental and based on property taxes, state aid, and local receipts. He said that state aid is tight, partly due to the town's declining school population. He further explained that the town's health insurance provider, Mayflower Consortium is undergoing changes which could have an effect on premiums. He said that the town is looking at a 2% growth for operational departments and he acknowledged that the School Superintendent would like 3-3.5%.

Richardson pointed out that the Kenberma playground cost \$25,000 as opposed to \$140,000 because of the donation of equipment. He said that the Village playground was being updated with donations from the Village Association and work done by the DPW. Lemnios also pointed out the repairs and upgrades to the monument, and stated that another playground in Cambridge may be available to the town. He stated that the passage of the CPA will help the town address other needs. Constable recommended that part of the focus on December 1 should be how certain items rise to the top. She also stated that the Planning Board will be working with the CPA Coalition on the process of appointing the CPA committee.

Sestiot noted that the grants were a huge achievement and asked how this information can be communicated to the residents. Lemnios said that the board would be working on a communications policy.

Reilly congratulated Joan Meschino on her recent election to State Representative. Meschino was present at the meeting and thanked the board and the town of Hull for its support. Lemnios said that the district and the town are very fortunate to have her. Richardson said that he had reached out to Senator-elect O'Connor to congratulate him as well.

### **Non-Union Contracts, regarding approval of Police Chief contract and renewal of Town Manager contract**

Richardson stated that a contract had been signed with incoming Police Chief John Dunn, who will be sworn in on December 1 and will begin work on December 5. Richardson asked for a motion from the board to formally approve that contract.

<b>Motion</b>	Sestito	So moved
<b>Second</b>	Constable	
<b>Vote</b>	Passed 4/0/1	Richardson – Aye Mitchell – Aye Constable – Aye Sestito – Aye Reilly – Abstained

Richardson further noted that Town Manager Lemnios has been offered a three-year contract extension, which he has accepted. Richardson asked for a motion to formally approve that contract.

<b>Motion</b>	Reilly	Motion to approve the contract extension.
<b>Second</b>	Sestito	
<b>Vote</b>	Unanimous	

The selectmen thanked Lemnios for his service and for his many efforts on behalf of the town. Lemnios thanked the board and the town employees and stated that he is very fortunate to serve the town of Hull.

Resident Rhoda Kanet asked if there had been a formal evaluation process. Richardson said that they did not use a formal evaluation process but individual members talked with Lemnios and gave their comments to Richardson. Lampke said that the procedure of meeting individually is an effective and acceptable form of evaluation.

### **LICENSES/APPROVALS**

#### **Hull Knights of Columbus, 440 Nantasket Ave., regarding one-day all alcohol for November 19, 2016 from 4-9 p.m., for a wedding reception**

<b>Motion</b>	Reilly	So moved
<b>Second</b>	Sestito	
<b>Vote</b>	Unanimous	

### **Fire Department surplus vehicle**

The Fire Department submitted a request that the board declare as surplus a 2003 Ford Expedition. The vehicle is not running and will be used for Jaws of Life training.

<b>Motion</b>	Reilly	So moved.
<b>Second</b>	Sestito	
<b>Vote</b>	Unanimous	

### **Appointment of ACO Brian Willard as a Special Police Officer**

A letter from Acting Police Chief Robert Sawtelle asked the board to appoint Animal Control Officer Brian Willard as a Special Police Officer through midnight on December 30, 2016. This will allow Willard to carry a firearm in his work as animal control officer, and will enable him to work details and perform other duties for the department.

<b>Motion</b>	Mitchell	Motion to appoint Animal Control Officer Willard as special police officer.
<b>Second</b>	Sestito	
<b>Vote</b>		Richardson – Aye Mitchell – Aye Constable – Aye Sestito – Aye Reilly – Abstain

### **NEW BUSINESS**

At Reilly's request the board held a moment of silence for Beverly Maynard, who was an elections worker and an employee of the Board of Health and Senior Center. She passed away this summer.

Sestito said that some commuters have been getting tickets even though they have stickers. He said that the stickers were put on tinted windows and suggested that perhaps next year the stickers could be put in another more visible location. The individuals in question have successfully appealed the tickets. Lemnios said that there have been complaints about out-of-town people parking in the commuter lot, but the police have usually found that not to be the case.

Richardson read a letter regarding parking from Acting Police Chief Sawtelle, suggesting that in the large parking lot the five spaces dedicated for two-hour parking be removed for the winter; the overnight parking spots be removed for the winter; and at the Dust Bowl, the "Recreation Only" signs be removed for the winter on weekdays.

<b>Motion</b>	Reilly	Motion to approve as read.
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<b>Second</b>	Sestito	
<b>Vote</b>	Unanimous	

This information will be communicated to ferry users. Lemnios will contact Park and Recreation regarding when the afternoon parking is needed at the Dust Bowl. In addition, Reilly said that he has heard that the last evening bus from Hingham has no connection to a bus to Hull. He asked if the town could ask for a matching schedule.

Richardson congratulated the Hull Garden Club, which is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Sestito noted that the Hull Girls Varsity Soccer Team won the South Shore League Championship this year and had a historic season. They lost the first playoff game in Acton against Cohasset, although they played a very good game.

Peggy Chaput, 12 Lynn Ave., stated that she had sent an email to the board regarding problems that she is having with a neighboring property over zoning issues and town codes. Richardson said that he had reached out to Lemnios and Lampke to ask them to go over these concerns with the appropriate town boards. Lampke said that Chaput's email is being reviewed to see who is the appropriate party to respond to it and that it is most likely the purview of the Building Department or the Police Department. He noted that she would need a written decision from the Building Department in order to go before the Board of Appeals. Lemnios said he will pull together the departments to help her get that answer.

Richardson said that Hull Neighbors for Quiet Skies had sent a letter to airlines, including Cape Air, regarding air traffic noise over Hull. They got a response from the director of Cape Air stating that they will notify pilots to avoid flying over Hull when safe and within regulations. Richardson commended both Hull Neighbors for Quiet Skies and Cape Air.

**The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m. on a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Sestito. The board will meet next at 11:30 p.m. on Friday, November 18, 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 for November 10, 2016
- Application from Hull Knights of Columbus, 440 Nantasket Ave., for one day all alcohol license
- Deborah Rock and Carmen L. Arroyo Bayside Coach Livery License Request
- Memo from Acting Police Chief Sawtelle regarding appointment of ACO Willard as special police officer
- Request from Fire Department regarding surplus vehicle surplus to be used for training
- Preliminary budget material