

Hull Board of Selectmen

Minutes

April 27, 2017

The meeting of the Hull Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday evening, April 27, 2017, 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 Philip Lemnios, Town Manager; James Lampke, Town Counsel; and Catherine Goldhammer, recording secretary.

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APPOINTMENTS

School update

Kathleen Tyrell, Superintendent of Schools, Michael Devine, Hull High School Principal, and Eric Hipp, School Committee Chairman, were at the meeting to update the board on the graduating class of 2017. Divine praised the class for its academic achievements and its character. He noted the numerous and varied colleges and universities to which the members of the class have been accepted to, and noted that others have enlisted in the Armed Forces, the Coast Guard, and signed up for ROTC. He stated that class members have won numerous academic, athletic, and talent awards. Tyrell commended the staff, teachers, and parents. Graduation will be held on June 3.

Discussion regarding George Washington Blvd. Traffic Test

Paul Healey, Chairman of the Hingham Board of Selectmen, and Deirdre Anderson, Hingham Harbor Development Committee, were present at the meeting to discuss a proposed road reconfiguration on Summer Street in Hingham, leading into and out of Hull via George Washington Boulevard. Healey stated that due to a high rate of accidents between the Hingham Rotary and the traffic light at Martins Lane, the town had hired a consultant to explore solutions to the road and the traffic pattern. The consultants came back with a recommendation that the stretch of road, which is now two lanes in both directions, be reconfigured to one lane in each direction. The rotary would continue as two lanes. In order to test whether the modelling will work in high traffic volume time periods, they proposed testing a temporary configuration for four to six weeks from August to late September. He stated that since the town of Hull uses Summer Street and George Washington Boulevard as the main artery into and out of town, they wanted input from the town. He stated that there will be considerations for emergency vehicles and break downs.

Concerns expressed by Town Manager Lemnios included the high volume of traffic already experienced in Hull during peak volume times in the summer. He also pointed out that George Washington Boulevard is the main evacuation route out of Hull, and expressed concern that the new configuration might hinder such an event. Lemnios said that one suggestion is to have the consultants model how long it would take Hull to evacuate as the road is now, and how long with the reconfigured road.

Reilly asked what Hingham would do if the temporary configuration worked poorly. Healey said that they would have the police force in play and try to cycle the lights or use officers rather than lights. Constable asked if there had been other solutions to the problem presented. Healey said there had not.

Hull residents Melissa (last name unknown) and Alana Swiec expressed their concern about the project and its impact on Hull and suggested that someone from Hull be on the study committee in Hingham.

A letter to Mary-Joe Perry, MassDOT District 5 Highway Director, from Chairman Richardson, expressed concern that the proposed test had not taken into consideration the impact it could have on the town of Hull. The letter requested that Mass Highway hold a hearing in Hull for the town's residents to learn about the proposed test and that the consultants meet with the board and staff to review their findings. It requested that the pilot not go forward until

these considerations had been met. Healey said that they would make happen what needs to happen for Hull and that he will communicate with Lemnios on this matter.

Economic Development Committee Applicant interviews

The selectmen interviewed candidates for the newly formed Economic Development Committee as follows:

- Steven Kiley is the food and beverage director at Nantasket Beach Resort. He is also on the Hull Nantasket Chamber of Commerce and would like to participate in the town's economic development planning. He stated that there are both large and small actions that contribute to economic development and could bring more people to Hull.
- Mark Abatuno works as a realtor at Jack Conway and is also on the Chamber of Commerce. He would like to see a decrease in vacant storefronts and an increase in way-finding signage, and steps taken to enhance Hull as a tourist destination.

A third applicant, Jane Wicks, was not present. Richardson noted that other candidates would be interviewed on May 11.

APPROVALS

A notice from the Hull Police Department asked the board's approval to declare nine service bicycles as surplus. These include three Giant (Yukon) bikes and six Raleigh (F 500) bikes. They will be sold at the upcoming public bicycle auction at Town Hall.

Motion	Reilly	So moved
Second	Mitchell	
Vote	Unanimous	

Lemnios asked the board to appoint Joyce Sullivan, Public Health Director , and Jim Dow, DPW Director, as the town's representatives to the South Shore Recycling Co-op, which the town has rejoined.

Motion	Mitchell	So moved
Second	Sestito	
Vote	Unanimous	

Town Clerk Lori West had provided the selectmen with a list of Town Meeting and town election workers. The board voted to approve as follows:

Motion	Sestito	So moved
Second	Mitchell	

Vote	Unanimous	
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TOWN MEETING WARRANT

The board made its final review of the 2017 Town Meeting Warrant. This document is available in the archives of the meeting. The following articles have been requested by the proponents to be changed to a recommendation of no action: Article 28, 35, and 36. Advisory Board Chairman Dave Clinton commended the Advisory Board, and particularly its new members, for the work it has done on the warrant.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Robert DeCoste regarding Canine Control Committee

A letter from Robert DeCoste of the Canine Control Committee asked the board to suspend the committee, as the members feel that committee's work is done at this time. Reilly pointed out that it is a requirement in the town bylaw that there be such a committee. Therefore no action was taken to suspend it.

Motion	Sestito	So moved
Second		
Vote	Withdrawn	

Letter from William Leamy regarding street corner dedications

The board voted to approve street corner dedications on Memorial Day in tribute to the following veterans:

- Stephen Goodyear – Spring Valley Road and Nantasket Avenue
- Melvin, Laurence, and Stanley Gould, and John Wigmore – First Street and Edgewater Road
- Louis G. Anastos – Anastos Corner

Motion	Reilly	Motion to approve these three square dedications.
Second	Sestito	
Vote	Unanimous	

LICENSES

The board approved the following licenses:

Motion	Sestito	Temple Beth Sholom, 600 Nantasket Ave., Gary Bloch, President, for parking lot for 50 cars.
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Second	Mitchell	
Vote	Unanimous	

Motion	Sestito	Austin Realty Prop South, 163 Nantasket Ave., Steve Austin, owner, for parking lot for 32 cars.
Second	Mitchell	
Vote	Unanimous	

NEW BUSINESS

Lemnios thanked the Advisory Board for its work on the Town Meeting Warrant.

Sestito thanked HAPSA for its presentation on retail marijuana, held on Monday. He stated that the presentation was taped is can be viewed on Hull TV. He thanked Police Chief Carmichael of Walpole, who made the representation, the officers in attendance, HAPSA, and Hull TV.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:05 p.m., Richardson asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the deployment of security personnel or devices or strategies with respect thereto; to go into Executive Session to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property and that the Chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the body; to go into Executive Session to comply with, or act under the authority of the Attorney-Client privilege; to go into Executive Session to consult with legal counsel and obtain legal advice pursuant to the Attorney-Client privilege; and not to reconvene in open session.

Matters to be discussed were:

- Deployment of security personnel
- James Avenue beach area

Motion	Sestito	So moved
Second	Mitchell	
Vote	Unanimous	Sestito – Aye Richardson – Aye Mitchell – Aye Constable – Aye Reilly – Aye

The open meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m. The board is scheduled to meet next at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 11, 2017. The board will also convene at Town Meeting on May 1, 2017 at 7 p.m.

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 and added agenda for April 27, 2017
- Letter to MassDOT regarding Summer Street lane elimination
- Notice from Steve Kiley regarding appointment to Economic Development Committee
- Notice from Mark Abatuno regarding appointment to Economic Development Committee
- Notice from Jane Wicks regarding appointment to Economic Development Committee
- Email from Hull Police regarding surplus bicycles
- List of Town Meeting and town election workers
- Email from Robert DeCoste regarding Canine Control Committee
- License application from Temple Beth Sholom regarding parking lot for 50 cars
- License application from Austin Realty Prop South regarding parking lot for 32 cars
- Packets regarding street corner dedications