

Hull Board of Selectmen

Minutes

June 15, 2017

The meeting of the Hull Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday evening, June 15, 2017, at Hull Municipal Building, 253 Atlantic Ave., Hull, Massachusetts.

Present: Christopher Mitchell, Vice-Chair; Domenic Sestito, Clerk; John Reilly, Member; and Jennifer Constable, Member. Also present were Philip Lemnios, Town Manager; James Lampke, Town Counsel; and Catherine Goldhammer, recording secretary. Kevin Richardson, Chair, was absent. Mitchell was Acting Chair.

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APPROVALS

The board approved the following:

Motion	Sestito	George Boylan, St. Mary's Church, for St. Mary's of the Assumption procession and festival at 11 a.m. on August 13, 2017, with same stipulations as the previous year.
Second	Reilly	
Vote	Unanimous	

Motion	Sestito	Bill Burnett, Streamline Events, for traffic diversion from Hull to Black Rock Beach for the Cohasset Triathlon, Sunday, June 25, contingent on approval from Police Chief Dunn and Fire Chief Russo.
Second	Reilly	
Vote	Unanimous	

Motion	Reilly	Justin Gould, Steamboat Wharf Marina, 48 George Washington Blvd., for a parking permit for 50 cars.
Second	Sestito	
Vote	Unanimous	

APPOINTMENTS

Public Hearing: Renewal of cable television license

Peter Seitz, Hull Television Program Director, and Bill Solomon, Special Counsel, were present for a public hearing regarding the renewal of the cable television license of Verizon New England, Inc. Solomon has been hired to negotiate the license with Verizon on behalf of the town.

The cable license was granted in 2009 and runs for 10 years. Solomon stated that the first part in the renewal process is for the town to ascertain its future cable needs and interests. After that, the negotiating team sits with Verizon to negotiate terms. This public hearing was part of the ascertainment process. Its purpose is to hear from the public about the license renewal. It is Verizon's practice not to have a representative attend ascertainment hearings, and none was present.

Seitz presented the following information via a PowerPoint presentation and commentary from him:

- History and origins of Hull TV
- Public Access and Education Station programming
- Continuous improvement plan
- Benefits of Community Television
- Future Needs

The following spoke in support of Hull TV:

- Stephen Martin, Nantasket Ave., member of the Cable Television Commission;
- Cinzi Lavin, Bay St., producer and host of two Hull TV shows;
- Greg Bennet, Allerton Hill, member of the Cable Television Commission, and Hull Television volunteer staff member.

All three praised the station for its service to the community and Seitz for his leadership.

The selectmen thanked Seitz and those involved in the programming and production for work that is essential to the community and a visual record of town history.

The hearing was closed at 8:17 p.m. The presentation is available on the town website.

The board then took a ten minute recess.

HRA updates

HRA members Bob DeCoste, Bartley Kelly, Dennis Zaia, Jim Tobin, and Spencer O'Loughlin were at the meeting to update the board on matters involving the town. These were:

- The HRA is working with the town, the DCR, and MassDOT to design a two-way road system from Phipps Street to Anastos Corner. The HRA has contracted with TEC to do a preliminary design for this project. Kevin Dandrade from TEC and Tom Yardley from Nelson Nygaard were at the meeting to make a presentation to the board on the design overview. A link to this presentation is on the town website and on the HRA website, www.HRA02045.
- DeCoste gave the board an update on the land swap under way between the HRA and the DCR. This will exchange parcels of equal size in order to give the HRA a larger, undivided, area for development. DeCoste said that smaller parcels required by the two-way road project may now be included in that legislation in order to prevent the need for additional legislation requests at a future date.
- DeCoste further informed the board that Woods Hole Group continues to work with FEMA for a review of the town's flood maps.
- Kelly stated that the land development RFP, which had no bids earlier this year, will be under revision after the two-way road design and the land swap have progressed.

The HRA adjourned its meeting at 9:14 p.m.

The Board of Selectmen then took a five minute recess.

Economic Development Committee

Members at large were appointed to the Economic Development Committee as follows:

Motion	Reilly	Motion that we get the committee up and running. Presently I am informed that the Planning Board has appointed Stephen White, the HRA has appointed Dennis Zaia, and I propose that the Board of Selectmen appoint Jen Constable and Chairman Kevin Richardson to represent us. I further move that we appoint Mark Abatuno and Steve Kiley as citizens at large to serve on that committee. The appointments will be for two-year terms.
	Sestito	
Vote	Unanimous	

Two additional at-large members will be appointed at a future meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

Email from Robert DeCoste regarding Canine Control Committee resignation

An email from DeCoste notified the selectmen that he is resigning from the Canine Control Committee due to other commitments.

Motion	Reilly	Motion that we accept that resignation and send him a letter of thanks for his service.
Second	Sestito	
Vote	Unanimous	

Email from Barbara Kalb

An email from Barbara Kalb notified the board that she is resigning from the Hull Historical Society Commission.

Motion	Reilly	Motion that we accept that resignation and send her a letter of thanks for her service.
Second	Sestito	

Vote	Unanimous	
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Letters regarding Hingham lane elimination

Lemnios read two letters regarding the lane elimination pilot that has been proposed by the town of Hingham for this summer. The first was a letter from the Board of Selectmen to MassDOT commissioner Mary-Joe Perry enumerating the board’s concerns regarding the project. The second was a letter from Perry to the board stating that the 2017 pilot has been postponed until issues have been investigated and addressed. Lemnios stated that in a recent meeting with the towns of Hull, Hingham, and Cohasset, DCR representatives, and MassDOT representatives, it was clear that there are many who are concerned about this project. However, he noted that the roadway is within the corporate boundaries of Hingham and that they are very committed to the project. He stated that there is a commitment on the part of the DCR and Hingham that concerns be addressed. He further stated that there will be no pilot this year.

NEW BUSINESS

Sestito stated that the Hull Hero Committee has been meeting and the awards ceremony will be in October.

Constable stated that the increase to the registry fee that supports the CPA legislation has made it through the House and is now in committee. She suggested that the town send letters of support to the Governor’s office, Representative Meschino, and Senator O’Connell. She further asked if designated short term parking for food pickup could be revisited. Lemnios will contact DCR Commissioner Roy about this.

Reilly stated that there are many deep potholes in the Red Parrot parking lot and asked if this can be looked into.

Resident Randy Gould expressed concerns about graffiti at Fort Revere. He and Lemnios will discuss this at another time.

CORRESPONDENCE, CONTINUED

Letter from Aquarion Water regarding public hearings

A letter from Aquarion Water notified the town of two public hearings regarding rate increases. One is on July 13 at Hull High School Auditorium. The other is on July 19 in Oxford, MA, another town served by Aquarion.

Letter regarding skim board competition

The selectmen received a communication regarding the possibility of having a skim board competition in Hull. Lemnios will contact the individual about this.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:55 p.m., Richardson asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to litigation and that the Chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the body; 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 to reconvene in open session.

Matters to be discussed were:

- Crescent Beach Seawall Project

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

OPEN SESSION, CONTINUED

The selectmen reconvened in open session at 10:20 p.m.

Motion	Sestito	To approve the Order of Taking for an easement at 94 Atlantic Avenue for the Crescent Beach Seawall Project as presented by Town Counsel
Second	Reilly	
Vote	Unanimous	

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 p.m. The board is scheduled to meet next at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 29, 2017.

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 June 15, 2017
- Request from George Boylan, St. Mary’s Church, for St. Mary’s of the Assumption procession and festival at 11 a.m. on August 13, 2017
- Email from Bill Burnett for Streamline Events for Traffic diversion request from Hull to Black Rock Beach for the Cohasset Triathlon, Sunday, June 25
- Parking lot application from Justin Gould, Steamboat Wharf Marina, 48 George Washington Blvd., for a parking permit for 50 cars.
- Email from Robert DeCoste regarding Canine Control Committee resignation
- Email from Barbara Kalb regarding Hull Historical Commission resignation

- Letter from Board of Selectmen to MassDOT
- Letter from MassDOT to Board of Selectmen
- List of applicants for Economic Development Committee
- Letter regarding Aquarion Water public hearings
- Letter regarding skim board competition.