

Hull Board of Selectmen

Minutes

February 2, 2017

The meeting of the Hull Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday evening, February 2, 2017, at Hull Municipal Building, 253 Atlantic Ave., Hull, Massachusetts.

Present: Kevin Richardson, Chair; Christopher Mitchell, Vice-Chair; Domenico Sestito, Clerk; and Jennifer Constable, Member. Also present were Town Manager Phillip Lemnios; and James Lampke, Town Counsel. John Reilly, Jr., Member, joined the meeting at 8:20 p.m., following the Executive Session.

APPOINTMENTS

School Department, regarding MSBA Statement of Interest

David Gennaro, School Business Administrator, had notified the board that the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) had determined that the Statements of Interest that were submitted for the middle and high schools would not be considered for this year's eligibility period. The selectmen voted to authorize the superintendent to submit new Statements of Interest as follows.

Motion	Sestito	Resolved: Having convened in an open meeting on February 2, 2017, prior to the closing date, the Hull Board of Selectmen, in accordance with its charter, bylaws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest Form dated February 28, 2017 for the Memorial Middle School located at 81 Central Avenue, Hull, Massachusetts 02045, which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority category(s) for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future. The building envelope related issues that meet the criteria for Priority #1 – “Replacement or renovation of a building which is structurally unsound or otherwise in a condition seriously jeopardizing the health and safety of school children, where no alternative exits.” The school building needs masonry and building envelope repair work per the Thompson and Lichtner report dated February 20, 2015 and also to replace rooftop air handling unit (RTU-1) or repair and replace other HVAC units per recommendation report from WSP Engineering Services; and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest Form, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the City/Town/Reginal School District to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.
Second	Mitchell	
Vote	Unanimous	Note: Reilly was not present for this vote.

Motion	Sestito	Resolved: Having convened in an open meeting on February 2, 2017, prior to the closing date, the Hull Board of Selectmen, in accordance with its charter, bylaws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest Form dated February 28, 2017 for the Hull High School located at 180 Main St., Hull, Massachusetts 02045, which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority category(s) for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future. The building envelope related issues that meet the criteria for Priority #1 – “Replacement or renovation of a building which is structurally unsound or otherwise in a condition seriously jeopardizing the health and safety of school children, where no alternative exits.” The school building needs masonry and building envelope repair work per the Thompson and Lichtner report dated February 20, 2015 and also to replace or repair HVAC units per recommendation report from WSP Engineering Services; and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest Form, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the City/Town/Reginal School District to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.
Second	Mitchell	
Vote	Unanimous	Note: Reilly was not present for this vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:35 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 also go into Executive Session 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; and to reconvene in open session.

The matters to be discussed were:

- Saunders v. Hull, et al

Motion	Sestito	So moved
Second	Mitchell	

Vote	Unanimous	Richardson – Aye Mitchell – Aye Constable – Aye Sestito – Aye Note: Reilly was not present for the Executive Session.
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The board reconvened in open session at 8:20 p.m. At that time Selectman Reilly joined the meeting.

MINUTES

The selectmen approved the minutes of January 5, 2017 and January 19, 2017 as follows:

Motion	Reilly	Motion to approve
Second	Sestito	
Vote	Unanimous	

TOWN MANAGER

Discussion regarding ambulance rate increase

Lemnios presented a proposed ambulance rate increase and explained that the increase would make the town’s rate consistent with current Medicare rates. The rates were last increased five years ago. Rate increases would be as follows, effective July 1, 2017:

- BLS emergency base rate increases to \$1,352 from \$1,234
- ALS1 emergency base rate increases to \$2,197 from \$1,743
- ALS 2 emergency base rate increases to \$3,323 from \$2,145
- Mileage increases to \$34 from \$30

Motion	Reilly	Motion to approve
Second	Sestito	
Vote	Unanimous	

Discussion regarding cemetery fees

The selectmen discussed raising the rates for interment at the town cemetery. Lemnios stated that there are about 50 burials per year on average and that cremation as a form of burial now comprises about 40% of burial methods. He noted that the town has town recently completed construction of a columbarium, a structure that allows placement of cremation remains in the cemetery. Richardson noted that at the last Town Meeting, the need for a cemetery policy regarding residents and nonresidents had been discussed. After discussion, the board voted to raise rates, with the understanding that they may change after receiving a report from the study committee.

Motion	Reilly	Motion to adopt a charge for the columbarium niches at \$500 per niche; \$300 for plaques and installation; \$200 for interment during the week; and \$250 for interment on the weekends. [Note: Sestito clarified that this would be for residents only and at time of need.]
Second	Mitchell	
Vote	Unanimous	

Richardson said that he would speak with the Town Clerk about advertising for the study committee.

Remote Participation

Lemnios said the Town Meeting Committee had discussed the possibility of remote participation for one of its members who would be away for some of the meetings. He noted that in order to allow this, the selectmen would have to adopt a remote participation policy for town boards and committees.

Lampke noted that remote participation is decided by the selectmen with the exception of the Disability Commission, which is mandated by the state. If the selectmen were to vote for a remote participation policy, each board or committee could make its own decision as to whether to utilize it. He noted that there are conditions and options than can be incorporated into such a policy.

Richardson noted that about a year and a half ago the board voted not to allow remote participation for reasons that included the potential for technological difficulties, the cost of modifying equipment or having tech staff present, and the need for the public to interact personally with the people who are making decisions regarding town matters.

Resident Rhoda Kanet explained that she was going to be away for two months and would be unable to attend meetings of the Town Meeting Study Committee. She noted that the Beach Management Committee had utilized remote participation once with no issues.

There was no motion to approve remote participation.

LICENSES/APPROVALS

The board approved the following license renewal:

Motion	Reilly	David B. Kenyon, 214 Atlantic Ave., for livery license for Seaport Livery (renewal)
Second	Sestito	
Vote	Unanimous	

CORRESPONDENCE

Letters from Lauren Durham, Retirement Administrator

A letter from Lauren Durham, Retirement Administrator, notified the selectmen that the Hull Retirement Board voted unanimously at their January 24, 2017 meeting to grant a 3% cost of living increase on the basis of \$13,000, effective July 1, 2017.

A second letter from Durham advised the selectmen that on November 22, 2016, the Retirement Board voted to reappoint Greg Galvin as the fifth member, with a term to begin on January 25, 2017 and expire on January 24, 2020.

NEW BUSINESS

Lemnios provided the following updates:

- There will be a MassPort hearing on revised navigation protocols which could provide some relief on overflights of the town. The hearing is on Wednesday, February 22 from 6-8 p.m. at the State Transportation Building, Conference Room 10, Park Plaza Boston.
- Regarding the board's communications policy, Judy Saide has been working to establish a Facebook page and Twitter account. He stated that training is being provided to staff. He is drafting a letter that will go out to board and committee chairs regarding quarterly reports.
- Board meetings were scheduled for March 2, 16, and 30.
- On February 7, at 6:30 p.m., there will be a meeting with Crescent Beach neighbors and the seawall contractor and engineers.
- On February 14, Lt. Governor Polito will be coming to Town Hall to sign the Community Compact.

Sestito stated that the next HAPSA meeting is on Monday, February 27, at 6 p.m. at the Estuary Building. He also asked community members to respond to HAPSA's survey on the town website.

Constable stated that the Seaport Development Council had approved two planning grants for the town; one for the Pemberton area and the other for the Nantasket Beach area. She also asked for a follow-up to get a discussion underway about making a portion of Beach Ave. one way, and that the Economic Development Committee be put on an upcoming agenda.

Richardson noted that there is an opening on the Capital Outlay Committee and asked that it be advertised.

The board voted to appoint Constable to the MAPC South Shore Coalition, as follows:

Motion	Sestito	Motion to appoint Selectwoman Constable to the MAPC South Shore Coalition as Hull's representative
Second	Reilly	
Vote	Unanimous	

Resident Rhoda Kanet spoke about an upcoming FBI bomb awareness training. She will be speaking with Police Chief Dunn about this as well.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m. on a motion by Sestito, seconded by Constable. The board is scheduled to meet next at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 16, 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 February 2, 2017
- License renewal application from David B. Kenyon for livery license for Seaport Livery
- Letter from Lauren Durham, Retirement Administrator, regarding reappointment
- Letter from Lauren Durham, Retirement Administrator, regarding cost of living increase
- Cemetery handout
- MSBA packet
- Ambulance increase handout
- Remote participation packet
- Board of Selectmen minutes for January 5, 2017 and January 19, 2017