



Tuesday, April 2, 2024  
***Hanson Select Board***  
Select Board Meeting Room, Town Hall  
Open Session

***Members Present:*** Laura FitzGerald-Kemmett, Joseph Weeks, Edwin Heal, Ann Rein, David George

***Members Absent:***

***Others Present:*** Lisa Green, Town Administrator; Lynn McDowell, Executive Assistant; Emily Sprague, Administrative Assistant; Frank Milisi, Camp Kiwanee; Frank Schellenger, Conservation Agent; Phil Clemons, Conservation Commission; Marianne Dimascio, Energy Committee, Kevin Sullivan, Finance Committee; Eric Kinsherf, Town Account

**I            CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett called the meeting to order.

**II            PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING MEETINGS**

Ms. Rein read the public announcements and upcoming meetings.

**III          NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Dangerous Dog**

Ms. Green informed the Select Board that by the New Bedford Animal Pound that the owner of the dogs in question have been surrendered to the Pound to be euthanized.

**2. National Grid pole discussion**

Ms. Green received an email from the Sargent Bearce regarding street lights new crosswalks on three streets – School Street, Indian Head Street and Liberty Street. He observed the lighting for each crosswalk on these streets is not sufficient for pedestrians to safely cross. He requested three new street lights be added to the poles at those locations.

Ms. Green reached out to National Grid to learn what the process would be as well as the cost. The representative from National Grid stated there will be no charge for installation of the arm and head of the lighting fixtures. The cost will be \$108 per year per light for the electricity.

***MOTION*** by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Ms. Rein, to install new street lights at the locations of School Street, Indian Head Street and Liberty Street, as requested by Sargent Bearce. ***Voted 5 – 0***





***Roll call –George-Aye; Rein-Aye; FitzGerald-Kemmett-Aye; Weeks -Aye; Heal-Aye***

### 3. Good Energy Municipal Aggregation discussion

Ms. Green shared that after two years, Good Energy has completed its process and the Town has received full approval from the Department of Public Utilities for the aggregation plan. Good Energy conducted a procurement process and the winning supplier was Direct Energy Service. The electrical agreement has been executed and Good Energy will begin outreach next week. Residents can go to the website - [Hansoncommunitypower.com](http://Hansoncommunitypower.com) – for more information.

Ms. Dimascio noted there will be a full schedule of outreach, with postcards to be sent next week. As well as developing materials for residents, Good energy will be hosting two community meetings. The first will be in person in April; the location to be confirmed later this week. Then there will be a virtual presentation in May, and a second in person meeting later this year in coordination with the Council on Aging.

Ms. Dimascio shared the rates were released just today, which are now on the website.

 <b>Hanson Standard</b> <i>(community default)</i>	 <b>Hanson Basic</b>	 <b>Hanson Plus</b>	 <b>National Grid Basic Service Residential</b>
13.693 ¢/kWh	13.280 ¢/kWh	14.738 ¢/kWh	18.213 ¢/kWh
Adds 10% voluntary renewable energy (MA Class I RECs)	No additional renewable energy	Adds voluntary renewable energy (MA Class I RECs) to total 100%	No additional renewable energy
June 2024 through December 2026			November 1, 2023 through July 31, 2024

Good Energy has dedicated staff for outreach, which includes cable as well.

Ms. Dimascio reminded, as it is state law, everyone needs to opt in. If a resident decides to opt back out, that is an option but will be charge at a higher rate of National Grid. The rates will be updated every six months; this current rate will be available for the next thirty months.

### 4. Release of Executive Session minutes:

- a. The following minutes have been released by the Board in their entirety and are enclosed herewith:

**MOTION** by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Ms. Rein, to release the following meeting minutes in their entirety: July 22, 2014, August 12, 2014, December 2, 2014, March 24, 2015, October 27, 2015, December 1, 2015, February 9, 2016, Second Session, February 23, 2016, March 15, 2016, March 29, 2016, April 13, 2016, July 26, 2016, April 4, 2017, June 13, 2017, September 12, 2017, September 19,

2017, September 26, 2017, October 2, 2017, February 27, 2018, March 20, 2018, August 28, 2018, April 16, 2019, June 4, 2019, July 16, 2019. ***Voted 5 – 0***  
***Roll call –George-Aye; Rein-Aye; FitzGerald-Kemmett-Aye; Weeks -Aye; Heal-Aye***

- b. The following minutes have been released by the Board with redactions and are enclosed herewith

***MOTION*** by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Ms. Rein, to release the following meeting minutes with redactions: January 7, 2014, May 20, 2014, June 3, 2014, June 17, 2014, July 8, 2014, September 9, 2014, July 7, 2015, September 29, 2015, November 10, 2015, January 5, 2016, January 26, 2016, February 9, 2016, First Session, April 11, 2017, April 25, 2017, May 16, 2017, October 17, 2017, June 19, 2018, September 10, 2019. ***Voted 5 – 0***  
***Roll call –George-Aye; Rein-Aye; FitzGerald-Kemmett-Aye; Weeks -Aye; Heal-Aye***

5. Announce Highway updates

- a. Jamison Shave

Ms. Green stated the Highway Director is on paid administrative leave through the end of his contract, June 30, 2024.

***MOTION*** by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Ms. Rein, to place Jamison Shave on administrative leave for the period of March 20, 2024 – June 30, 2024, pursuant to executive session discussions. ***Voted 5 – 0***  
***Roll call –George-Aye; Rein-Aye; FitzGerald-Kemmett-Aye; Weeks -Aye; Heal-Aye***

- b. Stephen Graham

Ms. Green noted Mr. Graham agreed to act as Interim Highway Director for the period of March 20, 2024 – March 29, 2024.

***MOTION*** by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Ms. Rein, to appoint Stephen Graham as Interim Highway Director for the period of March 20, 2024 – March 29, 2024, pursuant executive session discussions. ***Voted 5 – 0***  
***Roll call –George-Aye; Rein-Aye; FitzGerald-Kemmett-Aye; Weeks -Aye; Heal-Aye***

6. Camp Kiwanee Commission

- a. Voted to increase the rates at Cranberry Cove as follows:
  - i. SINGLE PERSON SEASON PASS
    - 1. Resident Season Pass -- \$50.00 (formerly \$40.00)
    - 2. Non-Resident Season Pass -- \$65.00 (formerly \$55.00)

3. Season Pass for Military, Resident and Non-Resident -- \$40.00 (formerly 10% discount)
- ii. FAMILY SEASON PASS
  1. Resident Family Season Pass -- \$125.00 with 5 free day passes (formerly \$100.00)
  2. Military Season Pass -- \$100.00 with 5 free day passes. (formerly 10% discount)
  3. Non-Resident Family Season Pass -- \$190.00 with 5 free day passes (formerly \$165.00)
- iii. DAY PASS
  1. Resident -- \$5.00 – no change.
  2. Non-Resident -- \$10.00 (formerly \$8.00)

Mr. Milisi spoke to the changes, specifically to the Family Season pass, noting the Commission made the option with five free day passes to cover larger families.

He also stated the boat ramp is public property and is open to use. He did request boats or kayaks be washed before entering the pond. And the water wall area on the way to the boathouse is also public access, allowing for fishing.

Any questions please call Camp Kiwanee directly. If a larger family, again reach out to Camp Kiwanee; it will assist working out the best option.

**MOTION** by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Ms. Rein, to approve the updated rates for Cranberry Cove for the Single Person Season Pass, the Family Season Pass and the Day Pass, as detailed, for the upcoming summer season. **Voted 5 – 0**  
**Roll call –George-Aye; Rein-Aye; FitzGerald-Kemmett-Aye; Weeks -Aye; Heal-Aye**

- b. Approval of Prime Hitmen Coopers Town Fundraiser, April 19, 2024 –at a rate of \$150.00 from 5pm to 11pm

**MOTION** by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Ms. Rein, to approve the rate of \$150 for the Prime Hitmen Coopers Town Fundraiser, scheduled for Friday, April 19, 2024, from 5pm to 11pm. **Voted 5 – 0**  
**Roll call –George-Aye; Rein-Aye; FitzGerald-Kemmett-Aye; Weeks -Aye; Heal-Aye**

- c. Approval of filming at Camp Kiwanee May 21 and 22, 2024 with Mr. Chris Shaw, The Old Breed Production

Both Police Chief and Fire Chief expressed concerns and requested additional details. Mr. Milisi stated the production company will be paying the Town \$8000 for filming a pilot episode. He shared the Commission learned from previous experience and included all needed departments. It is also a much smaller production compared to the previous request. No police detail, there

will be a fire marshal as there will be burning candles during filming, and trucks and setup will be based at Maquan with busing back to the Camp as needed.

Mr. Milisi stated its will be a great opportunity for the Camp and, hopefully, a possible revenue source moving forward. The Board requested in the contract that the property be left exactly how it was found; Mr. Milisi stated it is included along with a required insurance and security deposit.

**MOTION** by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Ms. Rein, to approve the filming at Camp Kiwanee on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 and Wednesday, May 22, 2024 with Mr. Chris Shaw, from The Old Breed Production. **Voted 5 – 0**

**Roll call –George-Aye; Rein-Aye; FitzGerald-Kemmett-Aye; Weeks -Aye; Heal-Aye**

**7. Dollars for Scholars**

- a. Declare April “Dollars for Scholars Month”

**MOTION** by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Ms. Rein, to declare April “Dollars for Scholars Month”. **Voted 5 – 0**

**Roll call –George-Aye; Rein-Aye; FitzGerald-Kemmett-Aye; Weeks -Aye; Heal-Aye**

- b. Erect a fundraising thermometer on Town Hall Green

**8. MOTION** by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Ms. Rein, to give permission to Dollars for Scholars to erect a fundraising thermometer on Town Hall Green. **Voted 5 – 0**

**Roll call –George-Aye; Rein-Aye; FitzGerald-Kemmett-Aye; Weeks -Aye; Heal-Aye**

**9. Accept gift of Town of Hanson Annual reports**

**MOTION** by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Ms. Rein, to accept the gift of Town of Hanson Annual reports from 1883, 1884 and 1888 from Ed Winnett and family.

**Voted 5 – 0**

**Roll call –George-Aye; Rein-Aye; FitzGerald-Kemmett-Aye; Weeks -Aye; Heal-Aye**

**10. Accept gift of Town of Hanson photos Joseph Zaksy**

**MOTION** by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Ms. Rein, to accept the gift of Town of Hanson Town Hall photos from Joseph Zaksy. **Voted 5 – 0**

**Roll call –George-Aye; Rein-Aye; FitzGerald-Kemmett-Aye; Weeks -Aye; Heal-Aye**

**11. Approve request for Hanson Pack 34 is requesting use of Maquan School lot for parking on May 11, 2024 for Touch A Truck, 10am-2pm**

**MOTION** by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Ms. Rein, to approve the request for Hanson Pack 34 to use the Maquan School lot for parking on Saturday, May 11, 2024 for Touch A Truck, 10am-2pm. **Voted 5 – 0**

**Roll call –George-Aye; Rein-Aye; FitzGerald-Kemmett-Aye; Weeks -Aye; Heal-Aye**

**V      OLD BUSINESS**

**1. May Annual/Special Town meeting warrant review**

**a. Special Town Meeting**

**MOTION** by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Ms. Rein, to place and recommend article 1 **Voted 5 – 0**

**MOTION** by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Ms. Rein, to place and recommend article 2 **Voted 5 – 0**

**MOTION** by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Ms. Rein, to place and recommend article 3 **Voted 5 – 0**

**MOTION** by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Ms. Rein, to place and recommend article 4 **Voted 5 – 0**

**MOTION** by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Ms. Rein, to place and recommend article 5 **Voted 5 – 0**

**MOTION** by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Ms. Rein, to close the May 2024 Special Town Meeting warrant. **Voted 5 – 0**

**b. Annual Town Meeting**

Mr. Sullivan noted the Finance Committee is meeting this evening to review the warrants. He believed the Committee will not be recommending many articles; it would like to trim those that are not necessities. He would like a safety net at all times.

**MOTION** by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Ms. Rein, to place and recommend article 1 **Voted 5 – 0**

**MOTION** by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Ms. Rein, to place and recommend article 2 **Voted 5 – 0**

**MOTION** by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Ms. Rein, to place and recommend to defer to Town Meeting article 3 **Voted 5 – 0**

**Passed** on article 4

**Passed** on article 5 – duplicate; it will be deleted

**MOTION** by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Ms. Rein, to place and recommend article 6 **Voted 5 – 0**

**MOTION** by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Ms. Rein, to place and recommend article 7 **Voted 5 – 0**

**MOTION** by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Ms. Rein, to place and recommend article 8 **Voted 5 – 0**

**MOTION** by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Ms. Rein, to place and recommend article 9 **Voted 5 – 0**

**MOTION** by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Ms. Rein, to place article 10 **Voted 5 – 0**

**MOTION** by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Ms. Rein, to place and recommend article 11 **Voted 5 – 0**

**MOTION** by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Ms. Rein, to place and recommend article 12 **Voted 5 – 0**

**MOTION** by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Ms. Rein, to place and recommend article 13 **Voted 5 – 0**

**MOTION** by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Ms. Rein, to place and recommend article 14 **Voted 5 – 0**

**MOTION** by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Ms. Rein, to place and recommend article 15 **Voted 4–0-1**

**MOTION** by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Ms. Rein, to place and recommend article 16 **Voted 4–0-1**

**Passed** on article 17

**MOTION** by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Ms. Rein, to place and recommend article 18 **Voted 5 – 0**

**Passed** on article 19

**MOTION** by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Ms. Rein, to place and recommend article 20 **Voted 5 – 0**  
**Passed** on article 21

**MOTION** by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Ms. Rein, to place and recommend article 22 **Voted 5 – 0**

**MOTION** by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Ms. Rein, to place and recommend article 23 **Voted 5 – 0**

**MOTION** by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Ms. Rein, to place and recommend article 24 **Voted 5 – 0**

**MOTION** by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Ms. Rein, to place article 25 **Voted 5 – 0**

**MOTION** by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Ms. Rein, to place article 26 **Voted 5 – 0**

**MOTION** by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Ms. Rein, to place article 27 **Voted 5 – 0**

**Passed** on article 28

**MOTION** by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Ms. Rein, to place and recommend, with changes discussed, article 29 **Voted 5 – 0**

**MOTION** by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Ms. Rein, to place and recommend article 30 **Voted 5 – 0**

**MOTION** by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Ms. Rein, to place article 31 **Voted 5 – 0**

**Passed** on article 32– it will be deleted

**MOTION** by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Ms. Rein, to place article 33 **Voted 5 – 0**

**MOTION** by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Ms. Rein, to recommend article 33 **Voted 4 – 1**

**MOTION** by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Ms. Rein, to place article 34 **Voted 5 – 0**

**MOTION** by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Ms. Rein, to defer article 35 – Citizen’s petition

For detailed discussions on each article, please view the meeting here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xjiRCFMREv4> at 32.36

## 2. Discuss Financial Review recommendations

Mr. Kinsherf shared his views of Mr. Madden’s recommendations, noting they are of value, but not urgent for right now as they will not change the Town’s current budget situation. He suggested deferring implementation to October Special Town meeting. He also noted some of Mr. Madden’s suggestions are already in motion.

For the operational override, the Select Board questioned if the \$5M amount Mr. Madden suggested could be segmented, noting the specifics amounts in the article. And is the amount of \$5M actually the right amount. Mr. Kinsherf stated, from a financial point of view with a multiyear plan, it’s best to ask for what will be needed for that year, with projections of the amounts needed for the next few years. This would restrict annual spending.

Regarding the increased payments for Plymouth County Retirement, Mr. Kinsherf stated it will be good if Plymouth County adheres to the schedule. While it is generally an aggressive actuarial approach, it will depend what happens with the investments. His plan is to be cautiously optimistic, but if does occur he suggested funding either the OPEC liability or the Stabilization fund.

## VI APPROVE OPEN SESSION MINUTES

1. March 12, 2024
2. March 19, 2024

**MOTION** by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Ms. Rein, to approve the meeting minutes as presented on the agenda. **Voted 5 – 0**  
**Roll call –Rein-Aye; FitzGerald-Kemmett-Aye; Weeks -Aye; Heal-Aye**

**VII                    APPROVE ONE DAY LIQUOR LICENSES**

1. 04/13/24 – 6:00pm – 11:00pm – Nicole Agnew – Birthday party
2. 06/08/24 – 4:00pm – 9:00pm – Marc Uzzell – Graduation party
3. 06/24/24 – 5:00pm – 10:00pm – Paul Healey – Fundraiser
4. 10/12/24 – 2:00pm – 7:00pm – Kristina Guiditti – Wedding
5. 11/09/24 – 4:30pm – 9:00pm – Ethan Curtin – Wedding reception

**MOTION** by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Ms. Rein, to approve the one-day liquor licenses as presented on the agenda. **Voted 5 – 0**  
**Roll call –Rein-Aye; FitzGerald-Kemmett-Aye; Weeks -Aye; Heal-Aye**

**VIII                    COMMITTEE UPDATES**

1. Economic Development Committee

Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett shared that Old Colony Planning Council presented the master plan update and requested feedback. Old Colony took detailed notes and will circle back to present that portion of the plan. The next meeting is scheduled for later in April, with the South Shore Chamber of Commerce presenting how Hanson can improve its marketing ability generally and, specifically, to businesses relocating to the industrial park location.

2. High Street Park Committee

Mr. Weeks stated the committee met and had a great meeting April 1, and will meet again April 15. Town Planner requested a letter of support from the Select Board to present to the Planning Board.

**MOTION** by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Ms. Rein, to instruct Ms. Green to create a letter of support on behalf of the Select Board to the Planning Board. **Voted 5 – 0**  
**Roll call –Rein-Aye; FitzGerald-Kemmett-Aye; Weeks -Aye; Heal-Aye**

3. Highway Committee

Ms. Rein acknowledged she has the wrong date and the committee is meeting April 25, 2024.

4. Maquan Reuse Committee

Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett stated the committee is on pause. Instead, there will be a public forum to provide residents an opportunity to express how to best use the property before the committee moves forward. Mr. DeFrias plan would be the first step for discussion; no decisions have been made. She would intend to schedule it after May Town meeting.



5. Recreation Committee

No update.

6. Whitman Hanson Regional School Agreement Committee

Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett stated a meeting have not yet been scheduled and most likely will not meet until after both Town meeting and elections.

There was feedback about bussing. There was a conversation about shifting the allocation of expenses for bussing in the regional agreement. She asked for confirmation on how billing occurs; it is per pupil. Which is what the Town is currently doing and would rather not change.

7. Other Committee updates

No other updates to report.

**IX                    TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

- Ms. Green and Mr. DeFrias met with Old Colony Planning Council members Mary Waldron and Charlie Kilmer to discuss the delay of the Route 14 Corridor TIP project. They requested to be on the April 9, 2024 to speak with the Select Board. The Board prefer to hold until after May Town meeting. She noted Mr. DeFrias confirmed the \$100,000 earmark secured by our legislative partners, Senator Mike Brady and former State Representative Josh Cutler.
- Additionally, Mr. DeFrias completed the Office of Inspector General (OIG) Academy Procurement Training and earned the Course completion certificate. The Town was awarded a grant for this training, a savings of \$1,885. Congratulations to him!
- Green Communities notified the Town to proceed with the pump work. Six rooftop units will be replaced with six high efficiency heat pumps, utilizing water in the ground to heat and cool the Town hall. This is project was funded by a Green Communities grant totaling \$153,653.
- Ms. Green attended the Plymouth County Commissioners Council meeting on Thursday, March 28. The Council presented services available to towns, including an exploratory discussion for a regional pond management program as the Council has the resources that could benefit the Towns. Also discussed was the possibility of regionalizing student transportation to out of district schools, which would be a savings to the Town.
- The Select Board is working diligently preparing for Annual and Special Town Meeting, the Town's Annual Report and annual insurance renewal applications.
- Ms. Green addressed concerns, provided additional information and resubmitted the ARPA application submission for the Pratt Place Culvert. This application is specifically for the Culvert design and permitting phase. Once design and construction costs are confirmed, she will submit the application to Plymouth County ARPA for review and approval.

- Lastly, there were personnel changes in the Highway Department. Curt MacLean joined as Interim Highway Director until a new Highway Director is hired. She thanked Stephen Graham for his service as Temporary Interim Director.

**X**

**ADJOURNMENT**

***MOTION*** by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Ms. Rein, to adjourn to Executive Session.

***Voted 5 – 0***

***Roll call –George-Aye; Rein-Aye; FitzGerald-Kemmett-Aye; Weeks -Aye; Heal-Aye***

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Lynn McDowell*