

Tuesday, November 9, 2021
Hanson Board of Selectmen
Selectmen's meeting room, Town Hall
Open Session

Members Present: James Hickey, Kenny Mitchell, Matthew Dyer, Laura FitzGerald-Kemmett, Joseph Weeks

Others Present: Lisa Green, Town Administrator

I CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dyer called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING MEETINGS

Mr. Weeks read the public announcements and upcoming meetings.

III NEW BUSINESS

Appoint new Town Planner to the Old Colony Planning Counsel

MOTION by Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett, seconded by Mr. Hickey, to appoint Tony DeFrias to the Old Colony Planning Counsel as a delegate. ***Voted 5 - 0***

MOTION by Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett, seconded by Mr. Hickey, to appoint Joseph Campbell to the Old Colony Planning Counsel as an alternate. ***Voted 5 - 0***

Update from Kate Feodoroff on investigator search

Ms. Feodoroff explained that they had received back 2 proposals from the multiple different companies they had reached out to for the investigation on the Zoning Board of Appeals. The first proposal they received was from Jim Lampke, Town Counsel for Hull and President of the MMLA. He proposed a \$200/hour rate for the entire investigation process including speaking with witnesses, reviewing documents, etc. A second proposal came in from a woman with extensive credentials, and she offered the Town of Hanson a \$250/hour rate.

There was discussion from the Board concerning a potential cap placed on the amount the Town will spend on this investigation, and Ms. Feodoroff agreed to speak with each individual to have a better idea on the expected investment of time that this project is anticipated to take. The Board and Ms. Feodoroff also discussed ways to minimize the document collection process to streamline the process and contain the cost.

Through discussion with the Board and Ms. Feodoroff, it was specifically detailed that the investigator would be looking into the entire Zoning Board of Appeals with no direct tie to any specific project in the application process with the ZBA. The Board explained that they want the investigator to look into proper disclosures of business partners, familial connections, or financial interest at relevant times like appointment of the member or potential to be recused from a vote.

MOTION by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Hickey, to hire Jim Lampke to investigate the members of the Zoning Board of Appeals with a cap of \$7,500. ***Voted 5 - 0***

Vote to appoint Town Administrator, Lisa Green, as the Town Authorized Representative

MOTION by Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett, seconded by Mr. Hickey, to appoint Town Administrator, Lisa Green, as the Town Authorized Representative to authorize, finalize, and submit on behalf of the Town any such ARPA grant application, to make all representations and certifications required

to be made on behalf of the Town, to complete each application with such approval representations and certifications, to be evidence by signature of the Town Administrator, Lisa Green, as authorized by the representative on such application. If such ARPA grant is awarded, the Town Administrator, Lisa Green, shall be the recipient on behalf of the Town. ***Voted 5 - 0***

Recognition of Parks and Fields members upon their resignations

Mr. Mitchell wanted to briefly recognize Rob O'Brien, Charlie Barends, and Eric Olson for their hard work and many years of service.

Resignations/Appointments

MOTION by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Hickey, to accept the resignations of Rob O'Brien, Charlie Barends, and Eric Olson from the Parks and Fields Commission. ***Voted 5 - 0***

MOTION by Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett, seconded by Mr. Weeks, to appoint Charlie Baker as Town Custodian and Maintenance Technician effective November 22, 2021, subject to a successful background check and procedures. ***Voted 5 - 0***

Ms. Green clarified that Mr. Baker had filed proper disclosure for his work with the Police Station, and he understands that the hours of employment for the Town Hall and the Police Station cannot overlap.

MOTION by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to appoint Jillian Tully to the position of Administrative Assistant to the Town Planner and Planning Board subject to a successful background check and procedures. ***Voted 5 - 0***

MOTION by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to appoint Robert to the position of Highway Heavy Equipment Operator subject to a successful background check and procedures. ***Voted 5 - 0***

MOTION by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Hickey, to appoint Lucia Silveira to the position of Executive Assistant to the Board of Selectmen subject to a successful background check and procedures. ***Voted 5 - 0***

One Day Liquor Licence

MOTION by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Hickey, to approve the One-Day Liquor License printed on the agenda. ***Voted 5 - 0***

Discussion on Eventbrite

Mr. Hickey explained to the Board that the 200th Anniversary Committee had been using EventBrite for all their events, and recommended that other Town departments planning events moving forward to use EventBrite.

MOTION by Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to recommend Eventbrite as described by Mr. Hickey. ***Voted 5 - 0***

IV

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Ms. Green updated the Board on recent events, as follows:

1. Ms. Green updated the Board on the ongoing process to complete meeting minutes that had been past due. She noted that she, along with other Town employees, have been going through and identifying minutes that were missing from their catalogue and working with the Minutes Clerk to complete the minutes.

V

ADJOURNMENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett, to enter Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open body may have a detrimental effect on the collective bargaining or litigation position of the public body and the Chair so declares to wit; the Clerical Union. ***Roll call vote Mr. Weeks aye, Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett aye, Mr. Mitchell aye, Mr. Hickey aye, Chairman Dyer aye. Voted 5 - 0***

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Guindon
Minutes Clerk