

Town of Hanson
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Selectmen Minutes 6-24-14

Town of Hanson - Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes – Hanson Town Hall
June 24, 2014

Members Present: Donald Howard, William Scott, David Soper & Bruce Young
Members Absent: Stephen Amico
Others Present: Town Administrator Ronald San Angelo
Executive Assistant Meredith Marini

I~ 7:00 p.m. Chairman Soper called the meeting to order, led the Pledge Allegiance. Chairman Soper read the announcements, and upcoming meeting schedule.

II INTERVIEWS WITH BUILDING COMMITTEE APPLICANTS

Michael Jones of 429 Elm Street. Mr. Jones was interviewed via a conference call. Mr. Soper inquired whether Mr. Jones had served on any other committees. Mr. Jones indicated that he had served on the Housing Authority for six months. He now serves as the State appointee on the Housing Authority. Mr. Jones works for Boston Air Systems and noted that he works well with people. Mr. Jones explained that he started as a sheet metal worker, became a foreman then became a project manager. He understands the bidding process. He bids jobs and then manages the projects. Mr. Jones knows some of the other Committee members and has worked with their companies.

Mr. Young asked how familiar Mr. Jones was with the current issue of the schools and the mission statement of the committee. Mr. Jones is familiar with the issues at the schools and feels discussion with the maintenance group is necessary. He feels there are a few minor issues that can be resolved easily. The Committee needs to find the most cost effective way to fix the problems.

Mr. Scott – Do you hold a supervisor license and how well do you work with the staff – Mr. Jones holds a license and noted that he is on site 98% of the time. He sees projects from the beginning to completion.

Gary Banuk – 324 Holmes Street - Mr. Howard reviewed Mr. Banuk resume noting he has extensive experience in the roofing field. Mr. Banuk indicated that he has worked with single ply roofing in addition to all other types of roofing materials. Mr. Banuk is aware there are other issues for the school. He has lived in Hanson for the past 30 years.

Mr. Soper – Inquired whether he has served on any committees. Mr. Banuk has not served on any committee within the Town. He was a lab manager and worked on development of roofing materials. Mr. Soper asked if Mr. Banuk had worked on projects of this size and scope. Mr. Banuk indicated that he has been on site when contractors who have used his product. He has experience working with different types of people. Mr. Banuk would be able to evaluate the costs and performance for the work on the roof. He explained the process of installing a roof.

Mr. Young asked whether he had an opportunity to review the schools. Mr. Banuk did inspect the Indian Head School. The slate roof should have been fastened by copper nails. He feels a good replacement would be a metal roof. Mr. Banuk's company made a special coating for metal roofs.

Mr. Banuk commented about insulation under the roof and the possible options.

While waiting for the next interview the Board moved to the next agenda item.

III NEW BUSINESS

Accept gift from Robert Sullivan for Police motorcycle – Chief Miksch indicated that in 1999 Robert Sullivan donated a motorcycle to the town which is still in operation. Mr. Sullivan has offered to help fund the cost of a new motorcycle.

MOTION by Howard, second by Young to accept the generous donation in the amount \$13,210.00 to be used for the purchase of a new motor cycle for the Hanson Police Department. ***Voted 4 – 0***

The Board thanked Mr. Sullivan for his donation.

Christopher Howard arrived and the Board returned to the interviews

Christopher Howard - Selectman Howard noted that Mr. Howard works in the financial fields.

Mr. Soper asked if he served on any Town committee. He served on many committees in his current position but not in the Town. They renovated his current work space from design to completion.

Mr. Soper asked Mr. Howard to describe the scope of work. Mr. Howard indicated that he manages 150 people in projects ranging from tech to procurement. The projects are multimillion projects. Mr. Soper asked what Mr. Howard will add to the committee. Mr. Howard indicated that his resolve to see the process through to the end is an asset. He attended the Hanson schools as does his children. He feels reviewing the priorities is extremely important. He looks outside the box and likes to challenge the status quo. He is analytical and brings the financial background.

Mr. Young asked how familiar Mr. Howard was with the conditions of the schools. Mr. Howard indicated that he is fairly familiar with the conditions as he has been to the schools in the last few weeks. He feels the mission statement is comprehension, but feels they need to get to actual items and be transparent.

Mr. Scott asked how Mr. Howard's financial background will work with the other committee members. Mr. Howard believes that a strong committee has been developed. He feels he will fit in based on project management and cost analysis component.

Mr. San Angelo asked if he uses Project Manager. Mr. Howard indicated that he is very familiar with Project Manager in Microsoft.

Mr. Howard is excited about the charge of the committee and intends to be involved even if he isn't selected. He urged the Board to consider Michael Jones.

While waiting for the final interviewee, the Board moved to the next agenda item.

IV OLD BUSINESS

Discussion/Action ~ MSBA notice of Declaration of Removal of Statement of Interest

Mr. San Angelo explained that he had a discussion with the Diane Sullivan of MSBA along with Chairman Soper and Mr. Young. Mr. San Angelo explained that when the building project commenced, a Statement of Interest had been filed with the MSBA. Now that the project has been rejected by the Town, the Statement of Interest must be closed out. The School Committee and Mr. Soper had signed the letter closing the Statement of Interest.

Mr. Young has inquired what would happen if the School Committee did not sign the letter. Ms. Sullivan did not know what would happen and would check with Legal Counsel. Mr. Young feels that the School Committee should have voted the matter in open session and then forward it to the Selectmen vote to remove the project from the pipeline. Ms. Sullivan believed submission of the letter is a requirement of MSBA.

Mr. Young noted that the Town received \$500,000 for a feasibility study and suggested the Town should keep the Statement of Interest open. He pointed out that the Statement of Interest has been carried forward since 2008. Mr. Young also noted that at the time of the submittal of the Statement of Interest, Maquan School had received a grade 4 relative to condition of the building. In the Statement of Interest, the School District indicated that the goal was to bring the school up to functionality and appropriate level. The heating systems and roofs need to be upgraded.

Mr. San Angelo indicated that a long term solution must be addressed. However, the new priority committee is only dealing with short term fixes.

John Wright arrived and the Board returned to the interviews

John Wright – 270 County Road - Mr. Howard reviewed the resume noting that Mr. Wright had 25 years of general contracting experience.

Mr. Soper asked what committees Mr. Wright served on in Town or in your career. Mr. Wright has not served on any town boards or committees. Mr. Wright is a project manager, contractors, sub contractors. He works well with people and is a consensus builder. He has worked on several large building projects including a police station. He works for banks as well as manufacturing companies.

Mr. Soper asked what value Mr. Wright's practical knowledge of projects will bring to the committee. Mr. Wright feels that his experience in the field and insuring that work done in order is an asset.

Mr. Young asked if Mr. Wright was familiar with the issues at the schools. Mr. Wright indicated that he is familiar with the issues of the schools. He read the reports which are on line. He would meet with the facilities manager to determine where to start.

Mr. Scott – How do you coordinate with different levels. He communicates very well with all levels for staffing.

Mr. San Angelo – Are you a PMP, do you use Project Manager software. He does not use the project manager, but does create a project schedule.

Mr. Wright feels that his experience would be useful to the committee.

Mr. San Angelo informed the Board that Mr. Amico wanted it noted that after review of the resumes he would recommend Mr. Jones and Mr. Howard.

Mr. Soper was impressed with the talent level of the candidates and appreciates the individuals putting themselves forward.

MOTION by Young, second by Howard to appoint Michael Jones. ***Voted 3 – 1 (Soper)***

MOTION by Young, second by Scott to appoint Gary Banuk ***Voted 2 – 2 (Soper Howard)***

MOTION by Howard, second by Soper to appoint Christopher Howard ***Voted 2 – 0 – 2 (Young, Scott)***

MOTION by Young, second by Soper to appoint John Wright. ***Voted 3 – 1 (Howard).***

Mr. Soper would like to expand the group to include Mr. Banuk and Mr. Howard. The Board agreed that all the applicants would offer different talents and would contribute to the committee. Mr. San Angelo indicated that the Board could address expanding the composition of the committee and appointments at the next meeting.

V ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Howard, second by Young to adjourn. ***Voted 4 - 0***

8:05 p.m. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Marini,
Executive Assistant

Voted and Approved 4 – 0 – 1 (McGahan)
July 8, 2014