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**Tuesday, April 27, 2021 @ 11:15 A.M.**

**Virtual Meeting  
Board of Selectmen**

Members present: Kenny Mitchell, James Hickey, Matthew Dyer, Wesley Blauss, Laura FitzGerald-Kemmett  
Members absent: Laura FitzGerald-Kemmett  
Others present: Kate Federov

**I CALL TO ORDER**

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

**II EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MOTION** by Mr. Dyer, seconded by Mr. Hickey, to enter Executive Session to discuss the following: To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with non-union personnel pursuant to Mass. General Laws, C. 30A, S. 21(a)(2), to wit: Treasurer/Collector. **Roll call vote Mr. Blauss aye, Mr. Hickey aye, Mr. Dyer aye, Chairman Mitchell aye. Voted 4 - 0**

**III PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING MEETINGS**

Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett read the public announcements and upcoming meetings.

**IV NEW BUSINESS**

**Appoint Katherine M. Feodoroff of Mead, Talerman, and Costa LLC as Town Labor Counsel for an indefinite term.**

Chairman Mitchell explained to the Board that there had been recent trouble with Hanson's Labor Counsel, and since working with Ms. Feodoroff the past few weeks, he felt it was appropriate to appoint her to provide better direction for Labor Counsel. He then opened up discussion to the rest of the Board for their opinions on this decision.

Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett only had one concern about appointing Ms. Feodoroff. While she had no doubts that Ms. Feodoroff would be the perfect fit for this position and that she would provide the direction that Labor Counsel needed, Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett wanted to emphasize that they would be bypassing a lot of procedures that come along with new appointments and she questioned whether they were doing their due diligence as the Board. After clarifying the details of the appointment, the Board agreed that this would be the best decision to temporarily address the problem.

**MOTION** by Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett, seconded by Mr. Dyer, to appoint Kate Federov as the Town of Hanson Labor Counsel for an indefinite term. **Roll call vote Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett aye, Mr. Blauss aye, Mr. Hickey aye, Mr. Dyer aye, Chairman Mitchell aye. Voted 5 - 0**

**Discuss and Adopt Town of Hanson Access to Town Counsel Policy**

Chairman Mitchell began the conversation by addressing his concern over the access to information across the Board of Selectmen, emphasizing that he wants the Board to be able to speak directly with Town Counsel, but the Chairman, Town Administrator, and the rest of the Board of Selectmen should also be included in those conversations. This would avoid confusion about information and prevent redundant passing of information, and it would keep the cost down overall as well.

In the discussion between the rest of the Board members, a few concerns were raised regarding the wording of some of the policy as well as the ethics of the transmission of information through the Town Administrator. Mr. Dyer suggested keeping a sort of call log detailing interactions between different Boards and Town Counsel in order to maintain transparency and order.

It was finally decided that Ms. Feodoroff would revise the policy draft to incorporate what the other members of the Board had said, and then she would resubmit the new draft to the Board.

#### **Discuss Town Meeting possible consent agenda and other Town Meeting related items**

Mr. Stanbrook explained to the Board that there were quite a few articles that aren't expected to have much opposition and won't require much discussion, and he suggested stripping those from the remaining articles to ensure adequate discussion time for the more pressing topics. He then turned the discussion to the Town Moderator to have him explain what the potential process would be for putting certain articles on a consent agenda.

The Board decided that the Town Moderator would know best out of all of them which articles would require more or less discussion, and having him support a consent agenda led them to agree.

#### **Review and possible vote on FY22 Capital Improvement Committee matrix**

Chairman Mitchell explained that this would be discussed and voted on at Town Meeting the following Monday.

#### **Arbor Day Proclamation**

Mr. Dyer explained that Hanson had become a Tree City USA candidate a few years prior, but has since lost that status. To resolve that status, Hanson must proclaim April 30th as Arbor Day.

**MOTION** by Mr. Dyer, seconded by Mr. Hickey, to proclaim April 30th, 2021 as Arbor Day in the Town of Hanson. *Roll call vote Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett aye, Mr. Blauss aye, Mr. Hickey aye, Mr. Dyer aye, Chairman Mitchell aye. Voted 5 - 0*

#### ***Appointments:***

**Discuss potential candidate -**

**Building Inspector, exp. 6/30/22**

**Zoning Enforcement Officer, exp. 6/30/22**

**Fence Viewer, exp. 6/30/22**

**Records Access Officer, indefinite term**

Mr. Stanbrook informed the Board that primary consideration for the vacancy caused by Robert Curran's retirement must be given to in-house candidates as stated by a Town of Hanson by-law. He then explained that a group consisting of Mr. Stanbrook, Mr. Curran, Interim Town Administrator Lisa Green, and Executive Assistant Greer Getzen interviewed one in-house applicant, Kerry Glass. According to the group's assessment, Mr. Glass would be the ideal candidate for this position given his wealth of knowledge and prior experience both with the position and with the Town of Hanson. Mr. Stanbrook issued a suggestion to the Board that Mr. Glass be extended an offer of employment from the town as the Building Inspector effective May 3rd, 2021 upon completion of pre-employment process and salary negotiations.

**MOTION** by Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett, seconded by Mr. Hickey, to appoint Kerry Glass as Building Inspector effective May 3, 2021 to expire on June 30, 2022. **Roll call vote Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett aye, Mr. Blauss aye, Mr. Hickey aye, Mr. Dyer aye, Chairman Mitchell aye. Voted 5 - 0**

**Robert Curran --**

**Building Inspector Alternate, exp. 6/30/22**

**MOTION** by Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett, seconded by Mr. Hickey, to appoint Robert Curran as Building Inspector Alternate effective 4/30/21 to expire 6/30/22. **Roll call vote Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett aye, Mr. Blauss aye, Mr. Hickey aye, Mr. Dyer aye, Chairman Mitchell aye. Voted 5 - 0**

**Special one-day Licenses:**

**Juvy Hartweg, Hanson -- May 8, 2021, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Ladies Night Out**  
**Colleen Scanlon, Rockland -- May 16, 2021, 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., Bridal shower**

**MOTION** by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Mr. Blauss, to approve the above listed One-Day Liquor Licenses. **Roll call vote Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett aye, Mr. Blauss aye, Mr. Hickey aye, Mr. Dyer aye, Chairman Mitchell aye. Voted 5 - 0**

**V**

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR/INTERIM ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

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

**Old Business:**

At the March 23, 2021 Board of Selectmen meeting, the Board authorized Mr. Stanbrook to sign payroll, vendor, and withholding warrants on behalf of the Board through April 30, 2021. He signed the following 4 warrants on behalf of the Board of Selectmen since the last meeting:

4/14/21	Warrant 33V041421	- \$3,412.50	Void of a vendor check
4/22/21	Warrant 43	\$269,664.21	Vendor Warrant (\$205k related to May Health Insurance expenses)
4/22/21	Warrant 43PR	\$138,857.03	Payroll Warrant
4/22/21	Warrant 43WH	\$26,120.51	Payroll Withholding Warrant

**New Business:**

1. Last week, the DOR posted the House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee State Aid Budget Proposal -- the General Fund impact is a \$2,873 increase in Receipts related to State-owned Land -- if the House Ways and Means amount makes it through to become law.
2. FY20 Audit is completed and FY19 and FY20 Audits were sent to the Board through Dropbox. Mr. Stanbrook stated that in the future, the Board may want to consider having the Town's new auditors come in and present FY20 Audit and talk about the management letter recommendations.
3. The Mass. Department of Public Health (DPH) has changed the Town of Hanson's COVID-19 color from red to yellow. A yellow color indicates that the Town has a COVID-19 positivity rate of 10 or more cases per 100,000 of population or a 5% or greater testing positivity rate. He directed those seeking more information to the Mass. DPH website (<http://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-response-reporting>) or to the Town's website ([hanson-ma.gov](http://hanson-ma.gov)).
4. Mr. Stanbrook gave the Board his answers to the Override FAQs, and he noted that if there were no objections then he would send them out to the public via the website and Facebook.
5. Ms. Green gave an update to the Board regarding the Schools De-regionalization report.

6. Coming attractions: Next scheduled meeting is May 3, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at the High School gymnasium as the meeting before Town Meeting to attend to any Town Meeting items.

## **VI      ADJOURNMENT**

***MOTION*** by Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett, seconded by Mr. Hickey, to adjourn the meeting. ***Roll call vote Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett aye, Mr. Blauss aye, Mr. Hickey aye, Mr. Dyer aye, Chairman Mitchell aye. Voted 5 - 0***