

Tuesday, June 1, 2021, at **5:30 p.m.**
Hanson Board of Selectmen
Selectmen's meeting room, Town Hall
Executive session/Open session

Members Present: James Hickey, Kenny Mitchell, Matthew Dyer, Joseph Weeks, Laura FitzGerald-Kemmett
Others Present: Greer Getzen, Executive Assistant; Lisa Green, Town Administrator

I **CALL TO ORDER**

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

II **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

MOTION by Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to enter Executive Session 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 MGL C. 30A, S. 21(a)(2), to wit: Highway Council 93, Local 1700, to reconvene in Open Session after. **Voted 5 - 0**

III **PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING MEETINGS**

Mr. Weeks read the public announcements and upcoming meetings. Mr. Dyer also read a citation to Matthew Avery of Hanson Massachusetts congratulating him on the completion of his Eagle Scout project in which he refurbished a town field.

IV **NEW BUSINESS**

Vote to consider proposed marijuana delivery service at 15 Commercial Way

Ms. Green briefed the Board on a letter they had received from Impressed LLC about a cannabis delivery system that they would like to implement. This service is expected to generate an additional revenue of \$7 million for the business. Ms. Green further informed the Board that the Town would be allowed to tax an additional 3% to the delivery service on top of the 3% tax from the State.

MOTION by Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to show support to Impressed LLC of this service as they continue the process through the CCC. **Voted 5 – 0**

Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett clarified in discussion that cannabis delivery services are already allowed to delivery to Hanson per State law and reiterated that this discussion is simply about allowing Impressed LLC to offer such services from Hanson and the Town in turn generating revenue from this service. Mr. Mitchell furthered this conversation stating that Impressed LLC would have to be delivering to a third-party retail site as retail is not permitted in the Town of Hanson. Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett expressed interest in speaking again with Impressed LLC about any updated financial projections they have for the Board, and Ms. Green agreed to reach out to the company.

Hanson Housing Authority repositioning vote

Ms. Green read a letter to the Board from the Hanson Housing Authority concerning the repositioning of a town property under a different program in order to access different funding options.

MOTION by Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett, seconded by Mr. Weeks, to approve Ms. Green submitting an updated letter of support to the HHA. **Voted 5 – 0**

Vote to change Economic Development Commission to Economic Development Committee

Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett informed the Board that somehow along the way the Economic Development Committee had been granted the title of "Commission" in the mission statement, which implies more authority than the Committee has currently.

MOTION by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Mr. Weeks, to rename the Economic Development Commission to Economic Development Committee. **Voted 5 – 0**

Selectmen's committee assignments

With a new Selectmen on the Board, Chairman Dyer wanted to reestablish responsibilities with the different Board members and informed the public on the specific committees that each of the Board members participated on.

After discussion among the members of the Board, it was decided that Mr. Weeks would take responsibility of the Plymouth County Committee, and the Drainage Committee, and he would share the Recreation Commission Liaison position with Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett.

Discuss adding a Selectmen liaison to the Finance Committee

Chairman Dyer opened a short discussion with the Board concerning having a member of the Board act as a liaison for the Finance Committee and noted that the only conflict is meeting time. It was generally accepted by the Board as long as lines of communication remain open, and all are in the loop of information.

Rescind Covid Declaration of State of Emergency

MOTION by Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett, seconded by Mr. Weeks, to end the State of Emergency as of June 15, 2021.
Voted 5 – 0

Vote to extend outdoor dining to December 1, 2021

MOTION by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett, to extend outdoor dining to December 1, 2021.
Voted 5 – 0

Approve Building Inspector Kerry Glass to perform construction work in Hanson pursuant to MGL, Part I, Title XX, C. 143, S. 3Z

Ms. Green informed the Board that the Hanson Building Inspector filed a disclosure stating that his contracting business is performing construction on property in Hanson, but he is not engaging in any contract that involves municipality ties. These are private residents that he is working with through his private business and any inspections for these properties will be done through an outside building inspector. Mr. Glass wanted to disclose this information to the Board for full transparency as Town Building Inspector.

Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett wanted further clarification on any potential conflicts of interests that may arise with other inspectors (electrical, septic) that may be called to inspect properties under his contracting business. While she was appreciative that he filed the disclosure, her main concern revolved around inherent conflicts of interest that may occur. Ms. Green agreed to make sure the approval is contingent on all other inspectors being from out of town to avoid all possible conflicts.

MOTION by Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to accept the disclosure contingent upon all other inspections for his contracting properties being coordinated from out-of-town inspectors. **Voted 5 – 0**

Resignations:

- Iris Morway – Nathaniel Thomas Mill Committee
- Patricia Conree – Capital Improvement Committee
- Ryan Morrison – Conservation Commission

MOTION by Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to approve the above listed resignations, with regret. **Voted 5 – 0**

V

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

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

1. Ms. Green first wanted to recognize the Tim White for organizing a very nice Memorial Day ceremony even though he had to step away before the event. She also wanted to recognize the Boy Scouts for their help with the flags at Fern Hill Cemetery, as well as other individuals who helped with the service.
2. Ms. Green gave an update to the Board on the construction project located by County Road and High Street, and she noted that the project is nearly complete with a few minor problems to address.
3. Ms. Green asked the Board for some objectives and goals for her moving forward with Selectmen meetings as this was her first meeting as Town Administrator.
4. Ms. Green wanted to address a black bear siting in the area of Whitman, Rockland, and Hanover, and noted that the Fire and Police Departments of the surrounding towns are reminding citizens not to approach the bear and to keep their trash covered.

++ Any other items not reasonably known by the Chairman within 48 hours prior to the meeting

VI 7 p.m.

ATTEND LOCAL RAPID RECOVERY PROGRAM PRESENTATION

Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett gave a presentation, along with the other members of the Economic Development Committee, concerning different aspects of the Economic Development Committee projects and what their steps are moving forward as a committee.

VII

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Guindon
Minutes Clerk

Announcements

The Town Clerk's office will have special hours the week of June 7th. The office will be open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., on Tuesday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and it will be closed on Friday.

The South Shore Regional Vocational Technical School District is seeking a new school committee member to represent the Town of Hanson for a period of three years commencing on July 1, 2021. Interested residents are encouraged to apply as soon as possible for appointment at the Selectmen's next meeting on June 15, 2021. Applications for Appointment and info on the committee are available on the town website www.hanson-ma.gov

Volunteers are also needed on the following committees: Face Book Upkeep Committee, Conservation Commission, Cultural Council, Disabilities, Highway Building Committee, Historical Commission, Memorial Day Patriotic Observance and Memorial Field Trustees.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Board of Selectmen – June 15, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Board of Selectmen – June 29, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.