

***Hanson Board of Selectmen  
Selectmen's Meeting Room, Hanson Town Hall  
Tuesday, June 14, 2016  
Regular Meeting 7:00 P.M.***

***Members Present:*** Donald Howard, James McGahan, Kenny Mitchell, William Scott & Bruce Young

***Members Absent:***

***Others Present:*** Town Administrator, Michael McCue  
Executive Assistant Meredith Marini

**7:02 p.m.** Chairman McGahan called the meeting to order, led the Pledge Allegiance. He read the announcements and upcoming meeting schedule. Mr. Howard reported that the painting of the water tower has been completed. He hopes that the Town will be back on its own water. Chairman McGahan requested a moment of silence for the victims of the Orlando terrorist attack.

## **II TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

***Finance Reports for May*** – Mr. McCue informed the Board that the information is their packets. All the budgets are on track. He met with the Town Accountant and reviewed the budget lines.

***Moody's Report*** - Mr. McCue reported that Annual Comment on Hanson has been issued from Moody's Investor's Service. He explained that Hanson has an Aa3 Bond rating. The Town is in good standing, as debt is low, and generally in very good financial standing.

***The Modernization of Municipal Gov.*** Mr. McCue has previously forwarded the information to the Board. He highlighted specific area of interest to the Town. The Assessors have interest in several items. The vote in the House of Representatives is scheduled on Wednesday. If the Board is supportive of the legislations, Mr. McCue will notify the legislative delegation by phone in the morning.

***MOTION*** by Young, second by Howard to authorize Mr. McCue to convey the Board's support of the Modernization of Municipal Government legislation. ***Voted 5 – 0***

***Board of Review for Two Highway employee*** – Mr. McCue reported that two highway employees have been out for ten days. In accordance with the Collective Bargaining agreement, Mr. McCue has convened a Board of Review scheduled for Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup>.

***Office closed tomorrow morning*** – Mr. McCue will be out of the office in order to attend a Tree City event. Mrs. Marini will be in at 1:00 and will be off Thursday & Friday.

***Order has been placed for the iPads*** – Mr. McCue reported that the iPads have been ordered and he is working with other communities to develop a system for using them at the meetings.

***Unemployment Compensation Service Agreement*** Mr. McCue indicated that the agreement with Unemployment Services is up for renewal. The annual fee is \$505, which provides assistance with Unemployment matters.

**MOTION** Howard, second Young to authorize the Town Administrator to sign the agreement with Unemployment Tax Management Corporation. **Voted 5 – 0**

**Community Preservation Commission Consulting Services** – Mr. McCue reported that two proposals were received for the consulting services. A subcommittee will be reviewing the proposals.

**Library/Senior Center** – Mr. McCue is working on the repairs to the sidewalk at the Library/Senior Center prior to July 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Cable Access Show** – Mr. McCue indicated that he is in the process of putting together a show similar to the one hosted by a previous Town Administrator. He has spoken to the staff at Cable Access and is working on lining up guests.

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## **V      NEW BUSINESS**

**Review Goals and Objectives for Town Administrator** - Chairman McGahan recommended that the Board Members provide a list of suggested goals for to the Town Administrator.

Mr. Young recommended Plymouth County Hospital development, take action against Bay Communications regarding the cell tower lease, work with school department regarding the Regional Agreement and town owned building, replace the highway building and relocate the facility at Hawks Avenue, advertise and hire a recreation director, encourage the land use committees to bring commercial business to town to reduce the tax burden on taxpayers, work with all departments to encourage participation at Town Meeting.

Mr. Scott discussed the hiring of new police officers, replacement of the Lt. positions at the police department.

Chairman McGahan recommended reviewing the audit and list of recommendations. He also suggested that Open Space issues need to be addressed. The Open Space Committee is requesting input from departments. The Open Space Committee recommended updating bylaws regarding off road vehicles, and reviewing the Recreation Commission and Parks and Fields Committees as well as Memorial Field Trustees and consider consolidation.

Chairman McGahan recommended reviewing the policies.

**Update from Veterans' Agent Robert Arsenault** - Mr. Arsenault provided the Board with a list of activities in May. The Veteran's memorial poles needed maintenance which he worked on the last few months. The poles will be one standard size. The South Shore Vocational High School students will be sanding and repainting them in the fall. Mr. Arsenault and volunteers placed wreaths at the 19 veterans' squares. Mr. Arsenault noted that he is the sole organizer of the Memorial Day Parade. Mr. Arsenault would like to step aside and bring in some youth to the post as organizer. He is too busy in the office, but is willing to work with anyone who offers to take over the task.

This year he secured Presidential Citations for many of the veterans. He worked on getting service markers for local veterans and provides flags at veteran graves.

He is working on several new programs for the veterans.

Mr. Young asked about the membership to the Memorial Day Patriotic Committee. Mr. Arsenault noted the many of the members do not participate. Mr. Arsenault would like new members on the committee. Mr. Arsenault noted that the work for the parade starts in February. Mr. Arsenault would like volunteers from the PTO or youth organizations.

Mr. Arsenault thanked the Board for allowing him to serve the veterans. There was a Flag Day ceremony at the Senior Center earlier today.

**Discussion – Departmental Liaisons** – Mr. Mitchell noted that there have been no updates from the liaisons and feels that the Town Administrator is doing a good job and doesn't see the need for the liaison program. Mr. Mitchell recommended that the Board discontinue the liaison program.

Mr. Scott hasn't had a conversation with the Police Chief in six months. He feels that the Public Safety Department heads should come to a Board of Selectmen's meetings on a regular basis to provide an update. He supports the police and training as there is a war on the police throughout the country.

Chairman McGahan recommended that Mr. McCue set up a schedule for Department Heads to come to the Board on a regular basis.

Mr. McCue noted in a previous community he had Public Safety Committee meetings on a regular basis. He also requested monthly reports from each department heads. He will put together schedule for the Board's consideration.

Chairman McGahan indicated that he met with the Fire Chief and had notes from his various meetings.

Mr. Scott feels that a monthly approach would be more effective.

**Memorial Field Trustees – Place vacancy on May 20, 2017 ballot** – The Town Clerk requested that in light of the fact no one was elected to one of the seats on the Memorial Field Trustees, that the Board voted to add the positions of Memorial Field Trustees on next annual election ballot

**MOTION** by Scott, second by Howard that the Town Clerk Place on the May 20, 2017 Town Election ballot the two year terms for Trustee of Memorial Field created by the lack of a successful write in candidates on the May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016 Annual Town Election Ballot. **Voted 5 – 0**

**Discussion regarding Maquan Street (Rt. 14) construction project** - Mr. Howard reported that Environmental Partners will be doing the work on the project. They will be conducting a traffic count for presentation to the Old Colony Planning Council

**Discussion regarding Whitman Hanson Cable Access Agreement** – Mr. Young reported that he received a call from a resident inquiring how the Cable Access operated and the process for filling the vacancy of the program director as a result of the passing of the Director Steve Roy. Mr. Young indicated that in 2005 the Town entered into an agreement with the Whitman Hanson Community Access Corporation. There have been vacancies on the Board of Director which is comprised of an equal representation from each Hanson and Whitman.

Mr. Young believes that the Town of Whitman signed the agreement with Steve Roy. He also feels that the Board of Director must be appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The Access Corp is supposed to file annual and financial reports and perform audits.

Mr. McCue indicated that he has reached out to Attorney Bill Solomon who wrote the original agreement and the Comcast License. He is waiting to hear back from Attorney Solomon. Mr. McCue has also reached out to the Town of Whitman and has also spoken with one of the directors of the Access Corp.

Richard Edgehille feels that the new Director should have strong outreach skills. Mr. Young would like to know the process of hiring of the Director. He would also like to know the total budget of the Corporation.

Mr. Young read Section 4 of the Community Access Agreement – Providing Open and Equal Access to Access Users:

*W-H Access agrees to keep the Public Access Channel open to all potential access users regardless of the viewpoint, subject to FCC regulation and other applicable laws and regulations. Neither the Town of Hanson, any other governmental entity, nor W-H Access shall have the authority to control the content of programming placed on the Public Access Channel(s) so long as such programming is lawful. W-H Access shall develop and enforce policies and procedures which are designed to promote local use of the channel(s) and make programming accessible to residents, consistent with such time, manner and place regulations, including safe harbor provisions, as are appropriate to provide for and promote the use of PEG Access Channels, equipment and facilities.*

***Declare 2005 Ford Crown Victoria VIN 2FAFP71W55X17629 as surplus*** - Mrs. Marini indicated that the vehicle will be traded for the new inspection vehicle.

***MOTION*** by Mitchell, second by Howard to declare the 2005 Ford Crown Victoria 2FAFP71W55X17629 as surplus ***Voted 5 – 0***

***Requests:***

**Walk for in memory of Sam Andrews – Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup> 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** – The proponent Meredith Wigmore was present and explained the walk was in memory of Sam Andrews. The proceeds of the walk will benefit Samaritan. The discussed with 2.8 mile route which will start and end at Botieri Field. She indicated that she has spoken with Police and Board of Health.

***MOTION*** by Howard, second by Mitchell to approve the request for a Walk in Memory of Sam Andrew on Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup>. ***Voted 5 – 0***

***Appointments:***

**Vote Nominee to the Plymouth County OPEB Trust Investment Committee** – Mr. McCue indicated that after speaking with a representative of the Trust and has been informed that there is an incumbent Selectmen is up for election. Chairman McGahan withdrew his name from consideration.

***Annual Re-Appointments –***

Mrs. Marini pointed out that the Selectmen's committee assignments were highlight. She also noted that the Town Administrator is a member of two committees, the Economic Target Area Committee and

Oldham Pond Committee. She did not believe the Economic Target Area Committee ever met. Mr. McCue indicated that the Economic Target Area committee most likely hasn't meet because no commercial companies have approached the town. He will start working with the committee in order to promote economic growth to the area particularly near the Train Station. Chairman McGahan volunteered to serve as the Selectmen's representative.

**MOTION** by Young, second Howard to appoint Chairman McGahan to the Economic Target Area Committee. **Voted 5 – 0**

Chairman McGahan inquired whether any applications have been received for appointment. Ms. Marini indicated that a few applications for appointment have been received as well as a resignation from the Conservation Commission.

Mr. Mitchell recommended tabling the appointments to the next meeting. Discussion regarding Mr. Mitchell's service on the Parks & Fields Commission. Mr. Mitchell was informed by the Ethics Commission that he should not be serving dual roles.

**MOTION** by Howard, second by Young to table the appointments until June 28<sup>th</sup> and request applications for appointment due by June 23<sup>rd</sup>. **Voted 5- 0**

## **VI     OLD BUSINESS**

***Update and presentation by Final Plymouth County Hospital Reuse Comm.*** - Committee member Marianne DiMasico gave a power point presentation and update on the committee's work. She gave a brief history of the prior Re-use Committees, Old Colony Planning Council assessment and property. The concensus of all the groups is that the former hospital building needs to be taken down.

The Reuse Committee has determined there are limited funds for elderly or over 55 housing. She reviewed some of the other options which include a potential solar farm.

Ms. DiMasico noted that funds are available from Community Preservation. Future Community Preservations funds can be bonded for the project. Discussion regarding the use of Community Preservation funds and the requirements and limitations.

The Reuse Committee estimates the cost to raze the building is \$1.5 million dollars. Mr. Scott indicated estimate was accurate because several months ago, he contacted a Costello Dismantling who provided a complete and exhaustive comprehensive study of the property to demo the building for 1.5 million dollars. Mr. Scott provided Mr. Ellis with the study. The cost included all the asbestos and waste issues that needed to be addressed. Costello would then bring in a developer. Planning Board Chairman Don Ellis indicated that he reached out to the developer who was not interested, but knew someone who might be interested in the property. The Committee is researching other avenue and possible funding may be available for parks and fields from the State.

Mr. Howard feels a request for proposals should go out now.

Ms. DiMasico explained that the Urban Land Institute provides a team of experts which conduct site visits, research and then provides recommendations for a fee of \$5,000.00. She noted that Urban Land Institute can usually find a sponsor, so the Town does not have to pay the fee.

**MOTION** by Mitchell, second by Howard to support the application process with Expert Team and Urban Land Institute. **Voted 5 – 0**

Mr. Scott does not feel it is necessary to spend \$5,000 to have another group give an opinion.

Reuse Committee member Phil Clemons explained that the Urban Land Institute would look at the specifics of the property. They will suggest options for funding. They could provide grant programs. He noted there is no obligation by the town. ULI will build on the information the Town already has on the program. They would make recommendations for components for Request for Proposals.

Mr. Young reiterated the restrictions of the Community Preservation funds with respect to open space purposes. Mrs. Kemmett noted that affordable housing is also one of the options for use of Community Preservation funds.

Mrs. Kemmett suggested reaching out to the Army Corp of Engineers relative to the removal of the building.

By consensus the Board indicated the main focus should be on the demolition of the building.

**Discussion and Approval regarding Community Compact** – Mr. McCue noted that he had mentioned the community compact. He requested that Board approve the Community Compact to promote the best practices. Partner with private sectors for various projects.

**MOTION** by Howard, second by Mitchell to allow the Chairman to sign the community compact application for best Practices. **Voted 5 – 0**

**Camp Kiwanee Investigation** – Mr. Howard left the table.

**MOTION** by Mitchell, second Young Board of Selectmen request and authorize the Town Administrator to work with Labor Counsel Leo Peloquin to complete the Camp Kiwanee inquiry, including requiring Recreation Commission members and employees to fully cooperate, which would include providing information and documents and answering questions at an interview

Mr. Young moved to amend the motion to be complete in 30 days for resolution. No second to the amendment.

Chairman McGahan suggested tabling the matter to allow Mr. McCue time to speak to counsel relative to a time frame for completion of the investigation.

Mr. McCue explained that the motion was just to allow Mr. McCue to participate in the investigation. Mr. McCue feels that he may be able to help wrap up the investigation.

Jim Hickey introduced himself as the new chairman of the Recreation Commission. Requested a time limit on the investigation and it is affecting the staff.

**Voted 4 – 0**

***Vote Access License to Whitman Amateur Radio Club & Hanson Emergency Communication Group.***  
– Mr. McCue reported that the group has decided to withdraw their request due to the cost of insurance.

**VII ONE DAY LIQUOR LICENSES - Camp Kiwanee**

Sarah LaBlanc, Tiverton, RI, Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5:00 – 10:00 p.m. – Wedding  
Michelle Chan, Seattle, WA, Friday, July 8<sup>th</sup> 5:00 – 11:00 p.m. – Wedding  
Nicole Ball, Salem, MA, Sat., July 9<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 – 9:00 p.m. – Wedding  
Maggie Clune, Quincy, MA, Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup> 6:00 – 11:00 p.m. – Wedding  
Kaycie Gooding, Boston, Sat., July 16<sup>th</sup> 5:00 – 11:00 p.m. – Wedding  
Marie Clifford, Hanson, Sun., July 17<sup>th</sup> 12:00 – 6:00 p.m. – Family Reunion  
Jaime Doherty, Tewksbury, Sun, July 22<sup>th</sup> 6:00 – 11:00 p.m. – Wedding  
Annette Sandoval, Boston, Sun., July 23<sup>rd</sup> 3:00 – 11:00 p.m. – Wedding

***MOTION*** by Howard, second by Young to approve the one day liquor licenses as presented.  
***Voted 5 – 0***

**VIII COMMITTEE REPORTS**

***Monponsett Pond Committee*** – Mr. Howard reported that an alum treatment was scheduled. He hasn't received the results.

***Indian Head & Maquan Priority Repair Comm.*** – Mr. Young indicated the Maquan School roof is moving forward. The project is going out to bid and project should be complete in time for school opening.

***Highway Building Committee*** – Mr. Scott reported a meeting was held last night. They are crunching the numbers for the project. The figures are being reviewed. Next meeting is July 11<sup>th</sup>.

**IX ADJOURNMENT**

***MOTION*** by Mitchell, second by Howard to adjourn. ***Voted 5 – 0***

**9:47 p.m. Meeting adjourned**

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Marini,  
*Executive Assistant*  
***Approved and Voted 5 – 0***  
***August 9, 2016***