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Hanson Board of Selectmen

Tuesday, June 30, 2020

5:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting

I CALL TO ORDER

At 5:00 p.m., Chairman FitzGerald-Kemmett called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING MEETINGS

Mr. Blauss read the public announcements and upcoming meeting dates.

III REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

Chairman FitzGerald-Kemmett expressed appreciation of her and Mr. Hickey's re-election to the Board and for the pleasure of serving as Board of Selectmen Chairman for the last year.

MOTION by Mr. Blauss, seconded by Mr. Hickey, to nominate Mr. Mitchell as Chairman of the Hanson Board of Selectmen. ***Roll call vote Dyer aye, Mitchell aye, Hickey aye, Blauss aye and FitzGerald-Kemmett aye. Voted 5 – 0***

MOTION by Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett, seconded by Mr. Hickey, to nominate Mr. Dyer as Vice-Chairman of the Hanson Board of Selectmen. ***Roll call vote Dyer aye, Hickey aye, Blauss aye, FitzGerald-Kemmett aye and Mitchell aye. Voted 5 – 0***

MOTION by Ms. Blauss, seconded by Mr. Hickey, to nominate Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett as Clerk of the Hanson Board of Selectmen. ***Roll call vote Dyer aye, Hickey aye, Blauss aye, FitzGerald-Kemmett aye and Mitchell aye. Voted 5 – 0***

Chairman Mitchell congratulated newly re-elected Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett and Mr. Hickey and thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve as Chairman.

IV NEW BUSINESS

Kate Feodoroff re: Request by Impressed LLC to amend Community Host Agreement with Impressed LLC to include manufacturing license at 15 Commercial Way

Town Counsel Kate Feodoroff introduced the discussion by saying that Impressed LLC owners, Ralph & Alli [Greenberg] and Shahram [Mogghadam], approached the Town about adding manufacturing to their business plan, which was initially drafted to include only cultivation. Ms. Feodorff explained that the owners believe that the addition will make the business more profitable and sustainable.

Citing the Board's expression of interest for Impressed LLC to expand the current HCA (Host Community Agreement) to include manufacturing, Ms. Feodoroff stated that she prepared an amendment to the current HCA for the Board to review, to include the manufacturing piece.

Mr. Greenberg noted agreement with Ms. Feodoroff in that manufacturing goes hand in hand with cultivation. He explained that their intent is to utilize waste from the cultivation process for the manufacturing process, and stated that their manufacturing will be as organic as possible using solventless extraction.

Mr. Greenberg said that he optimistically estimates licensing approvals by the end of this year. Ms. Feodoroff remarked on the build-out that the owners plan for the building with the Greenberg's responding that they do not anticipate any construction until after they receive the first license.

In response to Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Greenberg stated that they estimate their annual revenue for both cultivation and manufacturing will be about \$15M. Town Administrator John Stanbrook noted the Town's share of 3%, or \$450,000. Mr. Greenberg said that given approvals and licensing, there could be revenue generated to the Town as early as summer 2021.

The Board agreed that the review and approval of the amended HCA and review and approval of a remote community outreach meeting be added to the July 7 meeting's agenda.

Kate Feodoroff & Health Agent Gil Amado re: 10-person gather limit interpretation

Ms. Feodoroff addressed the topic of public hearing delays in Hanson amid COVID-19 and the Governor's 10-person gathering guideline. She stated that the current relaxed Open Meeting Law guidance stipulates that public hearings can be held remotely but that they must allow for live public participation. Ms. Feodoroff cited technology constraints in Hanson for holding remote meetings in real time.

Ms. Feodoroff stated that she consulted with Health Agent Gil Amado and Mr. Stanbrook, during which they discussed that public hearings could optionally be held outdoors, with the usual outdoor challenges, or in a school auditorium that would allow for social distancing and projection of images.

Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett stated that there is a Town-purchased Zoom account that was recently used by the Planning Board for a meeting, which could optionally be utilized for public hearings.

Mr. Dyer reacted to Ms. Feodoroff's comments about the challenges and concerns of holding a meeting outdoors, pointing out the Town's upcoming Town Meeting scheduled for outdoors. Ms. Feodoroff said in response that she has recently attended both indoor and outdoor meetings and believes that an outdoor setting will be best for Hanson's anticipated large-attendance meeting.

Execution of documents for sale of 0 Liberty Street

Ms. Feodoroff stated that a vote of the Board is needed to retroactively allow Chairman FitzGerald-Kemmett to sign on behalf of the Board. Ms. Feodoroff explained that Chairman FitzGerald-Kemmett today signed the Deed and HUD Settlement Statement for 0 Liberty Street, which was necessary because the Purchase & Sale Agreement expired today.

MOTION by Mr. Blauss, seconded by Mr. Hickey, to retroactively allow Chairman FitzGerald-Kemmett to sign 0 Liberty Street documents on behalf of the Board. ***Roll call vote Dyer abstain, Hickey aye, Blauss aye, FitzGerald-Kemmett aye and Mitchell aye. Voted 4 – 0 – 1***

MOTION by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Mr. Blauss, to hereby move that the Board of Selectmen sell the vacant land in Hanson, Massachusetts situated at Assessor's Map 91 Lot 12-2 in said Hanson and otherwise known as 0 Liberty Street, Hanson, Massachusetts and more specifically referenced in an instrument of taking by the Town of Hanson dated October 1, 1974 and recorded with the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds in Book 4023 Page 736 and attached to this vote, lot containing about one acre of land (+/-) to Timothy McQuarrie of 437 E. Washington Street, Hanson, Plymouth County, Massachusetts 02341 for the sum of \$81,100 and pursuant to the authorization of the Special Town Meeting of 2018 Article 20 to declare said parcel as surplus and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of said parcel in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30-B and now further authorize and ratify the Chairman, Laura FitzGerald-Kemmett, executing and entering into any and all documents necessary to effectuate the sale of said property, including execution of a purchase and sale agreement, deed and other related documents. ***Roll call vote Dyer abstain, Hickey aye, Blauss aye, FitzGerald-Kemmett aye and Mitchell aye. Voted 4 – 0 – 1***

2020 Annual & Special Town Meeting warrants - Vote to place articles & make recommendations

Mr. Stanbrook explained that a number of Town and Special Town Meeting articles have been scaled back as a result of the failed override vote, with currently seven Special Town Meeting articles and 23 Annual Town Meeting articles. Mr. Stanbrook said that where possible, funding articles previously drafted have been postponed until the fall. Mr. Stanbrook stated that the Board will need to vote to recommend and place the articles on the Warrants next week.

Ms. Feodoroff described the articles that will be voted using a consent agenda, which is designed to expedite Town Meeting. She stated that Town Moderator Sean Kealy will explain, prior to the consent agenda voting, that voters can call out an article if they want it to be discussed.

Appointments – Scott Davis, Facebook Upkeep Committee, expiring 6/30/2021

MOTION by Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett, seconded by Mr. Hickey, to appoint Scott Davis to the Facebook Upkeep Committee until June 30, 2021. ***Roll call vote Dyer aye, Hickey aye, Blauss aye, FitzGerald-Kemmett aye and Mitchell aye. Voted 5 – 0***

Mr. Dyer asked Mr. Davis to return in a couple of months to discuss his direction or any questions he may have.

IV OLD BUSINESS

Discuss re-opening of Camp Kiwanee & Cranberry Cove

After the last meeting's vote not to open Cranberry Cove, Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett explained that she had placed this topic on the agenda again as the result of feedback from Recreation saying that they were not given the opportunity to present the Cove's re-opening plan.

Recreation Commission Chairman Diane Cohen stated that a comprehensive re-opening plan for the Cove has been composed but was not forwarded to the Selectmen's office in time for it to be distributed to Board members before this meeting. Chairman Mitchell said that once the Board receives copies, it can be placed on the agenda for discussion.

Results of override ballot question

Mr. Stanbrook stated that the Proposition 2 ½ override ballot question failed and he is working with the financial team to determine the next steps to take.

Regional School Agreement update

Ms. Feodorff acknowledged receipt of the regional school agreement amendment sent to her a few days ago by Mr. Stanbrook. She confirmed from reading this copy that it amends the 1991 agreement to the statutory method of calculation going forward, with a per pupil compromise for the first year. Ms. Feodorff agreed that the amendment provides a cost saving benefit to Hanson during the first year of its acceptance.

Authorize Town Administrator to sign all payroll and payable warrants through 7/31/2020

MOTION by Mr. Blauss, seconded by Mr. Dyer, to extend authorization for the Town Administrator to sign all payroll and payable warrants on behalf of the Board of Selectmen until July 31, 2020. ***Roll call vote Dyer aye, Hickey aye, Blauss aye, FitzGerald-Kemmett aye and Mitchell aye. Voted 5 – 0***

V TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Stanbrook updated the Board on recent activities, as follows:

1. Mr. Stanbrook itemized warrants that he has signed on behalf of the BOS:

6/25/20	Warrant 52	\$87,021.19	Vendor Warrant
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6/25/20	Warrant 52-PR	\$149,354.04	Payroll Warrant
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6/25/20	Warrant 52-WH	\$28,920.15	Payroll Withholding Warrant
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2. Mr. Stanbrook stated that he has been discussing the re-opening of Town Hall with Mr. Amado, with their considering an appointment-only protocol. Mr. Stanbrook said that they will be reviewing all of the state guidelines and will make a decision on a re-opening date only after they are confident that they can ensure compliance with all regulations.
3. Mr. Stanbrook updated the Board on the Plymouth County CARES Act money saying that there was a meeting today in which Phase II reimbursements were announced. Mr. Stanbrook said that Phase I disbursement amounts to city and towns were determined by population while Phase II allotments by their number of COVID-19 cases.

Mr. Stanbrook said that Phase I covers COVID-19 expenses incurred through June 30 and Phase II those through September 30, 2020. He said that Town Accountant Todd Hassett is assembling all expenses incurred in order to submit them at the same time. Mr. Stanbrook said that Hanson was apportioned \$476,598.53 for Phase I and \$405,188.77 for Phase II. Lastly, Hanson was allotted \$88,469.94, which is targeted for expenses related to Veteran services, libraries and Council on Aging.

Mr. Stanbrook confirmed to Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett that the extension of the reimbursement window until September 30 would allow for reimbursement of COVID-19-related expenses that the Cove would incur to comply with state guidelines.

4. Mr. Stanbrook said that Mr. Hassett completed and submitted the 1/12 budget for July and it was approved by the Department of Revenue.
5. Mr. Stanbrook read a message from the Town Clerk's office thanking election participants last Saturday, reporting that there was a 25% voter turnout with about 500 early and absentee votes out of the 1,941 who voted. The notice also thanked election workers, police detail and the Meadowbrook Restaurant for donating lunch for the workers. Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett offered a special thank you to Town Clerk Sloan.
6. Mr. Stanbrook referenced budget documents for the Board's review including, in part, summarization of revenues and expenses as of June 29, 2020 and sources and uses for the annual and special town meetings.

VI ADJOURNMENT

MOTION at 6:41 p.m. by Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett, seconded by Mr. Dyer, to adjourn the meeting. ***Roll call vote Dyer aye, Hickey aye, Blauss aye, FitzGerald-Kemmett aye and Mitchell aye. Voted 5 - 0***

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Schindler
Minutes Clerk