

***Hanson Board of Selectmen
Selectmen's Meeting Room, Hanson Town Hall
Tuesday, July 12, 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

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

II TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Mr. McCue informed the Board of an article which appeared in the Patriot Ledger regarding an Open Meeting Law violation by the Capital Improvement Committee. The Ledger reported the findings from the Attorney General's office which erroneously reported mistakes by the Town Clerk. The Attorney General's Office called and apologized for the error and would be sending a corrected finding. The Attorney General's office also noted that they received numerous calls in support of the Town Clerk indicating that the Town Clerk would never discard meeting minutes. The Board had a brief discussion of the violation. Mr. Young noted there were a few other errors in the letter from the Attorney General's office particularly a notation of a former Town Clerk. Chairman McGahan indicated that the Clerk referenced in the Attorney General's letter was the Clerk of the Capital Improvement Committee, not the Town Clerk. Chairman McGahan pointed out that the Attorney General's office is requiring the Capital Improvement Committee to create the minutes of the outstanding meetings.

Mr. McCue reported that the complete streets application has been filed.

Mr. McCue received notification from Representative Cutler that the Governor vetoed the \$20,000 earmarked for testing Wampatuck Pond and \$30,000 for improvements to Camp Kiwanee. Representative Cutler indicated that the VETO will be looked at for reconsideration. Rep. Cutler will support to funds.

Mr. Young inquired about the deficit in the State budget. Mr. McCue said there are no solutions at this time, but the legislature is working on it.

Mr. McCue has had a discussion with Mass. Office of Disabilities. In accordance to the recent mailing by the Office of Disabilities, Mr. McCue is considering the creation of a Disabilities Board to pursue any ADA compliance concerns in Hanson. Mr. McCue has spoken with a few residents, who may be willing to serve on a committee. The establishment of a committee would require Town Meeting Vote.

Chairman McGahan inquired about the Open Space goals for the Selectmen – Mr. McCue will address the issue at the next meeting.

Chairman McGahan recommended the creation of a 200th Anniversary Committee to commemorate the Town's establishment. The Board will discuss it at the next meeting.

III NEW BUSINESS

Open October Special Town Meeting Warrant

MOTION by Howard, second by Young to open the October Special Town Meeting Warrant.
Voted 5 – 0

Declare the third Saturday of October as Hanson Small Business Day –
Chairman read the following email from Laura Kemmett dated June 23rd

The Hanson Business Network met last night to discuss upcoming events. One of the things we are working on is a scavenger type event where people go to the businesses in town. This will help people connect with the businesses, learn more about them and perhaps spur them on to patronizing the businesses. This year, we would like to hold this event on October 15th. We were hoping that in conjunction with this event, that the BOS could declare the third Saturday of October every year as Hanson Small Business Day.

Please let me know if you need any additional information. Thanks for your consideration in this matter.

*Warmest Regards,
Laura FitzGerald-Kemmett*

Laura Kemmett was present and indicated the group has decided to hold a scavenger hunt to raise awareness of local businesses. She noted that the organization welcomes all types of business, big and small.

Mr. Young suggested that Board vote the designation on an annual basis to promote the day so residents are aware of the event at the time. Mrs. Kemmett requested that it be voted now in perpetuity. The group can then come back in futures years to promote its events.

MOTION by Howard, second by Mitchell declare the third Saturday of October as Hanson Small Business day. **Voted 5 – 0**

Discuss and Vote contract with Financial Advisory Associates – Mrs. Marini noted the only revision to the contract for Accounting Services were the dates and the rate which increased from \$140.00 to \$150.00.

MOTION by Howard, second by Young to authorized Mr. McCue to sign the agreement with Financial Advisory Associates for accounting services after review by counsel. **Voted 5 – 0**

Conservation Commission – Clarification of Conservation appointments – Chairman McGahan explained the appointments made on June 28th. He noted that the two new members Mr. Woodward and Ms. LaPorte were appointed to replace Mr. Kemmett and Mr. Schellenger whose terms expired on June 30, 2016. Applications for appointment will remain open until July 21st for the vacancy, which was created when Mr. Kirlin resigned. The Board will vote the appointment at the July 26th meeting.

Vote and Award Community Preservation Consultation contract – Mr. McCue reported that he is still working with the consultant. Mr. McCue met with the Community Preservation subcommittee. Community Preservation Committee has voted to award the contract to

Communities Opportunities Group. Mr. McCue asked that the Board authorize him to sign a contract once a contract has been drafted and reviewed by Town Counsel.

MOTION by Howard, second by Young to authorize Mr. McCue to sign a contract with Community Opportunities Group upon review and approval by Town Counsel. **Voted 5- 0**

Community Preservation Committee Chairman Laura Kemmett, on behalf of Community Preservation Commission, thanked Mr. McCue for all his help and great insight.

Appointment/Resignations:

Recreation Commission- Sheila Morse 97 Pine Grove Avenue — Term to Expire 6-30-19 Chairman McGahan reviewed Ms. Morse's letter dated May 27, 2016 highlighting her commitment to the community having lived in Hanson for 39 years. She has volunteered in baseball, softball, school events. Ms. Morse has participated in the recreational programs at Camp Kiwanee as have her children.

MOTION by Howard, second by Young to appoint Sheila Morse to the Recreation Commission. Term to expire June 30, 2019. **Voted 5 – 0**

Cultural Council - Theresa Cocio 1211 Whitman Street –Term to Expire 6-30-18 Chairman McGahan reviewed Ms. Cocio's application for appointment noting she has been a resident for 30 years and her interest in volunteerism. Mrs. Marini noted that Ms. Cocio could not be in attendance as she is working in the Board of Health.

MOTION by Howard, second by Young to appoint Theresa Cocio to the Cultural Council. Term to Expire June 30, 2018. **Voted 5 – 0**

IV OLD BUSINESS

Update on Tax Title Properties – Mr. McCue reported that he met with the Building Inspector Robert Curran and Treasurer/Collector Jeanne Sullivan to review the Town Possession property list. The list provided to the Selectmen included highlighted properties which would be viable for immediate sale. Mr. McCue noted there will be some engineering and plot plan costs. Mr. McCue would provide copies of the Assessors' maps. The Board members reviewed the list. Mr. Curran is concerned that two of the properties which have houses on the lots present liability issues. He recommends disposing of the properties as soon as possible.

Mr. Young inquired about the transfer from the Town to a Town department such as Conservation or Water Department. Mr. McCue will check with Town Counsel.

MOTION Mitchell, second by Young to authorize Mr. McCue to commence the process and to follow the policies and procedures for the disposal of nine Town Possessions as highlighted on the Draft list dated July 12, 2016. **Voted 5 – 0**

Update on Maquan School Roof project – Chairman McGahan indicated that the Board will be meeting on Wednesday, July 13th to get an update on the project. The Board along with the School Committee and Indian Head and Maquan School Priority Repair Committee will be

reviewing the bids which will be open on Wednesday morning. The groups will be voting on the bid award. Mr. Young indicated that the project will be completed by the end of August.

V ONE DAY LIQUOR LICENSES - Camp Kiwanee

Hanson Library Foundation, Hanson, Tues., July 26th 5:00 – 10:00 p.m. – Trivia Night
Professional Bartending Services, Middleboro – Sat., July 30th 5:00 – 10:00 p.m. – Paint night

MOTION by Howard, second by Mitchell to approve the one day Liquor Licenses as presented.
Voted 5 – 0

VI COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monponsett Pond Committee – Mr. Howard reported that he has not heard from the Town of Halifax but they are considering another alum treatment. The bacteria count is well over 600,000. He feels the boat ramp should be closed.

Indian Head & Maquan Priority Repair Comm. – Mr. Young reported that the committee gave its blessing to Gale Engineering plans and specifications.

Highway Building Committee – Mr. Scott reported the committee met with representatives of Weston and Sampson. They are reviewing the figures in order to reach an affordable project. The next meeting is August 1st.

VII EXECUTIVE SESSION - Chairman McGahan announced that the Board will be going into Executive Session to conduct strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares. Administrative Professionals Union. The Board will return only to adjourn.

So moved by Howard, second by Young. ***Roll Call Howard aye, Young aye, McGahan aye, Mitchell aye and Scott aye.*** **Voted 5 – 0**

8:07 p.m. Brief Recess

8:20 p.m. Returned to open Session

VIII ADJOURNMENT

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

8:21 p.m. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Marini,
Executive Assistant
Approved and Voted 3 – 0
July 26, 2016