

***Hanson Board of Selectmen  
Selectmen's Meeting Room, Hanson Town Hall  
Tuesday, November 15, 2016  
Regular Meeting 7:00 P.M.***

**Members Present:** Chairman James McGahan, Clerk Donald Howard, William Scott and Bruce Young

**Members Absent:** Kenneth Mitchell

**Others Present:** Town Administrator Michael McCue

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Water Commissioners May 20, 2017 Town Election ballot**

**Motion:** To request that the Town Clerk place on the May 20, 2017 Town Election ballot the one-year term for Water Commissioner created by the resignation of Mary Lou Sutter. (Scott/Young) 4:0 motion passes.

Mr. McCue noted that if the Board of Selectmen and Water Commission appointed Mr. William Garvey to the seat created by Mrs. Sutter's resignation, he would need to run for it this May.

**Water Commissioners Vacancy appointment (Joint Meeting)**

Chairman McGahan explained the process for potential joint appointment to the current Water Commission created by Mrs. Sutter's resignation, and reviewed Mr. Garvey's qualifications. He also recognized Mrs. Sutter's service to the Commission.

**Motion:** To appoint William Garvey to the Water Commission for a term to expire June 30, 2017.

(Howard/Young) Board of Selectmen 4:0; Water Commission 3:0 motion passes.

**Vehicle Surplus Declaration**

**Motion:** To declare 1986 Chevy C30 Pick-up VIN 1GCGD34J5GF366230 as surplus from the Fire Department and to transfer to the Highway Department. (Howard/Young) 4:0 motion passes.

**Motion:** To declare 1998 International 4900 VIN 1HTSDAARXWH528903 as surplus from the Highway Department. (Howard/Young) 4:0 motion passes.

Mr. McCue noted he would auction the vehicle.

### **Annual Tree Lighting**

**Motion:** To allow Holiday Committee to use the Town Hall Green, Saturday, December 17th, 5:00 – 7:30 p.m. for its Annual Tree Lighting. (Howard/Mitchell) 4:0 motion passes.

Mr. Young commended the Committee for its work and noted that the Board should consider making the Committee an official Town committee.

Mr. McCue noted that the transplanted Christmas Tree had been inspected by a National Grid arborist who stated it was doing very well. He further confirmed that National Grid would be submitting a check for \$1,200 to cover the cost of moving the tree.

### **Watershed Action Alliance Camp Kiwanee rate reduction**

Chairman McGahan explained that the Watershed Action Alliance had requested consideration of a rate reduction for an annual event to be held at Camp Kiwanee. He further explained that this was before the Board due to the new procedures recently instituted for rate reduction requests. Mr. McCue noted that a new request form had been created and was filled out and submitted to the Board.

Chairman McGahan noted that this event was a good candidate for a reduction and would result in positive exposure for the Camp. Mr. McCue noted two members of the Alliance oversee water resource concerns within the Town of Hanson.

Mr. Scott expressed concerns over the admission charged by the organization for the event. Mr. McCue will look into Mr. Scott's concerns.

**Motion:** To grant a reduction of \$500 to the Watershed Action Alliance for their annual meeting schedule March 16, 2017 at Camp Kiwanee. (Howard/Mitchell) 3:1 (Scott opposes) motion passes.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Adoption of Town Policies**

Chairman McGahan explained that the Board directed Mr. McCue to amend the complaint policy to reflect that only persons directly affected by the action resulting in a complaint or the guardian of such a person could file a viable complaint.

**Motion:** To approve the amended Town of Hanson complaint policy. (Young/Howard) 4:0 motion passes.

Mr. McCue presented a new service animal policy for the Board's consideration.

**Motion:** To approve the Service Animal policy. (Scott/Howard) 4:0 motion passes.

### **Town Administrator's Report**

Mr. McCue reported following:

- The successful auction sale of two items donated to the CoA for a total of \$3,275.
- His attendance at an OSD seminar in Caver on November 7 and his actions to sign the Town up with Commbuys, a purchasing group run by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
- His assistance the BoH in its interview process that day for a new part time transfer station attendant.
- The Town has joined the Old Colony GIS Center through OCPC to better improve GIS products
- A MMHG meeting is scheduled for December 7 to discuss the state of the group going forward and options being considered.
- There is a request from the historic committee and CPC to be included in offering opinion on the sale of tax title seized land. Mr. McCue will amend the policy for the Board's consideration and vote. He further update the Board on his contact with the attorney he will use to auction the previously voted parcels.
- The process for a new PPA for electricity and gas has started. The current electric contract expires in January.
- The Town has been offered the donation of several living Christmas Trees. He will attempt to coordinate.
- He has approved the use of the Camp Kiwanee for the Plymouth County Fire Chiefs' Association due to the Town's membership in such.
- He has reached out to the business community and the historic commission for suggestions for participants in the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee from their groups.

- The Town's application for WEX cards was approved. A card will be given to Police, Fire and Highway for use in emergencies. One will also be retained at Town Hall.
- Reported the resolution of a union grievance reported at the last meeting.
- Updated the Board on the demolition of the Plymouth County Hospital and the septic project at Camp Kiwanee.

Mr. McCue update the Board on some of the goals the Board gave him for the year.

Mr. McCue commended Town Clerk Beth Sloan and staff for the smooth Presidential election they oversaw.

Chairman McGahan congratulated State Representative Josh Cutler on his reelection.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Monponsett Pond Committee – Selectman Howard reported the testing numbers of quality of the water. The numbers have decreased but are still of concern.

Indian Head & Maquan Priority Repair Committee – Selectmen Young asked Mr. McCue to check on MSBA application for the SOI for Maquan and Indian Head.

Highway Building Committee – Selectman Scott stated a meeting will be held soon, but that progress continues to await action on the clean up and the Corps of Engineers.

Final Plymouth County Reuse Committee – Selectman Howard stated a meeting would be held tomorrow.

**Motion:** (at 8:34 p.m.) To adjourn. (Howard/Young). 4:0. Motion passes.

Submitted by,

Michael McCue  
Town Administrator  
*Approved and voted 5 – 0*  
*February 28, 2017*