

***Hanson Board of Selectmen
Selectmen's Meeting Room, Hanson Town Hall
Tuesday, January 24, 2017
Regular Meeting 7:00 P.M.***

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

Members Absent:

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

7:01 p.m. Chairman McGahan called the meeting to order, led the Pledge of Allegiance, read announcements and upcoming meeting schedule.

II NEW BUSINESS

Discuss and vote a letter of support for a Planning and Survey Grant for the Historical Commission. Chairman McGahan read the introduction of the grant guidelines. He noted the grants are 50/50 matching reimbursement grants. Local share is \$10,000 with a match of \$10,000 from the State. Mr. McCue indicated the Commission wishes to update the Historic Building and Cemetery survey.

MOTION by Howard, second by Young to authorize Mr. McCue to sign a letter of support for the grant. ***Voted 5 – 0***

Vote to Surplus Highway Vehicle 1998 Chevrolet GMT400 Pick Up VIN# 1GCHK34J9WZ264033

MOTION by Howard, second by Mitchell to declare the 1998 Chevrolet GMT400 Pick up truck as surplus. ***Voted 5 – 0***

Mr. McCue will place the vehicle on Municibid. He reported that he sold the antenna from the old police station for \$211.00

Vote to approve temporary Senior Van Driver – Sam Hammond 524 Pleasant Street, Hanson

Mr. Hammond was present and noted that he is a retired bus driver. Having driven for 35 years.

MOTION by Howard, second by Mitchell appoint Sam Hammond of as the temporary Senior Van Driver. ***Voted 5 - 0***

Department Head Report – Mary Collins – Director of Elder Affairs –

Mrs. Collins thanked Mr. Hammond for stepping up to the task of van driver. She reported that the staffing at the senior center is funded through different sources, several positions are funded through the revolving fund. The Director's position and Van driver are funded through Town. The Senior Center offers referral for services for medicare/Medicaid, health care, housing. They care and provide assistance for all ages.

They also house a supportive day care program for seniors with various frailties due to age or dementia. They average between 18 and 25 clients per day. The Hanson Senior center has established itself as one of the best in the area. They receive many referral from the Old Colony Elderly Services, which subsidizes several of the clients. There are many activities at the Senior Center for the day care and congregant visitors.

Mrs. Collins reported on the building maintenance, noting the roof was replaced last year and the siding will be replaced this Spring. Highway Department has assisted with the issues with the walk which will also be addressed in the Spring. The Budget is at 54% which is right on target. She thanked all the Board members for stopping by the Senior Center.

Review and vote Town Administrator's FY2018 Budget Recommendations – Mr. McCue reported that he waiting for the Library budget and the School Committees budget. Mr. McCue met with the Finance Committee Chairman earlier in the evening. Mr. McCue feels he has a good forecast with the budget. Mr. McCue will review the Capital Plan next week. Mr. McCue expects to have a firm budget at the next meeting.

Appointments:

Treasurer/Collector – Jeanne Sullivan – Term to Expire February 28, 2020
MOTION by Howard, second by Mitchell to appoint Jeanne Sullivan ***Voted 5 – 0***

Records Access Officer – Theresa Cocio – Board of Health
MOTION by Howard, second by Mitchell to appoint Theresa Cocio ***Voted 5- 0***

South Shore Recycling Cooperative Representative – Arlene Dias
MOTION by Howard, second by Mitchell to appoint Arlene Dias ***Voted 5 – 0***

III OLD BUSINESS

Bob Hayes – Update on Statement of Interest for Maquan School. The Committee had considered applying for an Accelerated repair at Maquan School. MSBA indicated that Maquan does not qualify for an accelerated repair. The School Committee will be meeting with the Finance Committee to review their needs. They plan to do a full evaluation of the systems. The cost will be between \$15,000 and \$20,000. The Facilities Director is considering converting the burners to forced hot water. A professional company will make the determination for the feasibility of conversion. They will also need an electrical evaluation of the system. There is also asbestos remediation, and handicap ADA compliance issues. Mr. Hayes noted there is a trigger amount of 30% of the repairs which once reached will require particular upgrades to current code. The evaluation will prioritize the projects.

Bids for the remaining section of the Maquan Roof will be open on Wednesday. He requested to be placed on the Selectmen's next agenda to award of the bid.

Mr. Hayes clarified that only the gym portion of the roof was replaced. Not the entire roof.

Whitman Hanson Community Access Contract Update - Mr. McCue reported that the Contract has been drafted by Attorney Bill Solomon. They tighten up the reporting requirements and deleted the irrelevant items.

Whitman Hanson Community Access Board of Director's member, Arlene Dias introduced Eric Dresser as the new Cable Access Director.

Ms. Dias had a questions regarding Section 3J – Required to provide coverage of meetings, even if they don't have funding. Mr. Young inquired as to the total amount of annual funding. – Arlene noted that the last quarterly payment was \$77,000 but the previous quarter was less.

Chairman McGahan would like to take the contract back to Attorney Solomon. Mr. McCue suggested that he and Ms. Dias review the contract and address them with Attorney Solomon.

Chairman McGahan asked about having some of the other committee meetings recorded possibly using student from Whitman Hanson.

Final Plymouth County Hospital Reuse – Status update – Mr. McCue reported that there are two structures which will remain on the parcel. The communications tower will be removed. The Historical Commission would like to keep an old animal barn. Mr. McCue spoke with the building commissioner. The contract is working with DEP regarding the asbestos work plan. Mr. McCue met with the Reuse Committee. The Committee would like to make a recommendation as to the use of the site to the Board of Selectmen at the next meeting.

Review and approve proposed Recreation Policies and Procedures – Mr. McCue reported that he drafted the Recreation Policies and Procedures. He requested the Board's instruction to present the Policies & Procedures to the new Recreation Commission for its review and consideration. He would then bring the Policies and Procedures back to the Selectmen's next meeting. He believes what he has presented is a pretty complete document.

Mr. Young indicated the role of the Commission should be verbatim with the Town Meeting article when it was established in 1994.

He also suggested the \$1,000 deposit should apply to weddings. Other deposits should be a percentage of the rental fee.

Mr. Scott noted under #10 firearm are prohibited, is totally unenforceable. Hunting and trapping should be prohibited. By consensus the clause should be taken out.

Mr. Mitchell questioned why the Verizon.net e-mail address is still listed. Mr. McCue noted that the address is a Town e-mail address and is in the process for converting.

IV TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. McCue informed that one of the changes in the Municipal Modification Bill is allowing the Town Administrator be authorized to deficit spend the Snow and Ice Budget. He wanted to Board aware of the change as the current snow budget is at \$40,000.00. Mr. McCue will also notify the Finance Committee.

School Committee will be discussing the formation of a committee to discuss the Regional School Agreement at its February 1st budget meeting.

Mr. McCue will be attending a GIS software presentation in Whitman on Thursday. The software is being funding through a grant.

He will be meeting with Rep. Cutler on Friday to discuss economic development on Main Street.

Chairman McGahan read Highway Surveyor Bob Brown's letter dated January 24, 2017 requesting the declaration of Snow Emergency.

Dear Mr. McCue,

The Town of Hanson Highway Department Snow Account has been expended, therefore, I am requesting the Town Administrator, Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee Declare a Snow Emergency as stated in Chapter 44, Section 31 D of the Massachusetts General Laws.

This Snow emergency is needed not only for sanding and plowing but to restock salt and sand for snow and ice removal.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Respectfully, Robert F. Brown Jr., Highway Sureyor.

Chairman McGahan read a letter dated January 19, 2017 from South Shore Regional School District Committee regarding their budget.

Town Representatives:

The South Shore Regional School District Committee wishes to remind you that it will hold a public hearing in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 71 Section 38N of the General Laws on Wednesday, January 25, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Brass Lantern Restaurant of the South Shore Vocational Technical High School Building, 476 Webster Street, Hanover, Massachusetts, for the purpose of discussing the July 1, 2017 to June 30 2018 (12 months) financial budget for the school district.

The Regional School District Committee would like to invite representatives of the Board of Selectmen and Advisory or Finance Committees from each of the member towns to this hearing, as this will enable a complete discussion of the proposed school district budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 (12 months).

Details of the proposed budget will be provided for each representative attending the hearing.

Kindly advise me by telephone at 781-499-7416 as to the number of representatives who will attend this hearing in order that we may provide adequate facilities.

Sincerely, James M. Coughlin Secretary to the School Committee

V COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monponsett Pond Committee – Mr. Howard no meetings. Brockton has not taken any water this year. Silver Lake is down over 8 feet.

Indian Head & Maquan Priority Repair Comm. – Mr. Young reported there have been no meetings. He expects to meet in the next two weeks to review the information Mr. Hayes presented earlier in the evening.

Highway Building Committee – Mr. Scott reported no recent meetings. He has been meeting with Highway Surveyor. He did note that the new facility will have a sizeable area for storage of salt and sand which will reduce the costs of purchasing during the season. Mr. Scott reported that the group is waiting to hear back from GEI as to whether they meet the DEP requirements and signed off by the Army Corp of Engineers. It may not be ready for the May Town meeting.

Final Plymouth County Hospital Committee Update – Mr. Howard reported they will be meeting Wednesday at 4:00 at the Police Station.

Chairman McGahan indicated that the School Facilities manager called about a report a repair to the Hanson Middle School in the amount of \$30,000.00

VI EXECUTIVE SESSION Chairman McGahan announced that the Board will be going into Executive Session to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel or to conduct collective bargaining session or contract negotiations with non-union personnel. Fire Chief and Highway Surveyor

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

8:44 p.m. Returned to Open Session

VII ADJOURNMENT

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

8:45 p.m. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Marini,
Executive Assistant
Approved and voted 5 – 0
February 28, 2017