

**Board of Selectman
Hanson Town Hall –BOS Meeting Room
Tuesday November 14, 2017 @ 7pm
Meeting Minutes**

Board of Selectmen - Meeting convened: 7:00 p.m.

Board of Selectmen - Meeting adjourned: 8:50 p.m.

Members present: James McGahan (chair), Laura FitzGerald-Kemmett, Don Howard, James Hickey

Members absent: Kenny Mitchell

Additional absent: Michael McCue (Town Administrator), Meredith Marini (Administrative Assistant)

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Chairman McGahan – brought meeting to order @ 7:00pm.

- Pledge of Allegiance; Read Public Announcements and Upcoming meetings – read by Chairman McGahan
- **New Business**
 - Tabled Bob Hayes update on Maquan School transition and transition expenses.
 - **Dept. Reports (tabled)**
 - Library Director Karen Stolfer
 - Michele Mills – ADA committee
- **Appointments/Resignations**
 - **200th Anniversary Committee**
 - Anne Merlin 21 Arrowhead Drive – discussion on current employment – ***Motion*** to accept appointment – made by Mr. Howard, 2nd by Mr. Hickey – vote in favor **4-0-0**
 - Carol Connelly 603 Main St – discussion on current employment and past ***Motion*** to accept appointment – made by Mr. Howard, 2nd by Mr. Hickey – vote in favor **4-0-0**
 - Interim Conservation Agent
 - discussion by board on Matt Tanis – qualifications – Mrs. FitzGerald -Kemmett agreed good fit. Mr. Hickey – asked if compensated – Matt indicated yes. Increase of hours from 35 to 40. Still in every Friday half day. Position ends for review on June 30th 2018 – ***Motion*** to accept appointment – made by Mr. Hickey, 2nd by Mr. Howard – **vote 4-0-0**
 - Resignation:**
 - Brenna Audette – resignation from Conservation Commission, ***Motion*** made by Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett, 2nd by Mr. Howard – **vote 4-0-0**

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Requests:

King's Ransom – Change of address from 156 Liberty St to 1011 Main St. Owner Michael Shoughrow was present for questions.

Jim Hickey asked what business is conducted – Mike indicated antiques dealer. Hours will remain same as authorized under permit. Wed through Sat 12-6pm...will change to Mon-Sat 10am-6pm starting Dec. 1st. - **Motion** Ms. Laura Kemmett; 2nd by Mr. Hickey to approve change of address and hours – **vote 4-0-0**

Camp Kiwanee Fee Waiver

- Hanson Community Christmas – Dec. 13 & 14th 2017 – **Motion** by Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett; 2nd by Mr. Hickey to approve waiver request - **vote 4-0-0**
- Hanson Fire Dept. – Dec. 9, 2017, **Motion** by Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett; 2nd by Mr. Hickey to approve waiver request - **vote 4-0-0**
- Hanson Business Network – March 17, 2018 -**Motion** by Mr. Howard; 2nd by Mr. Hickey to approve waiver request - **vote 3-0-1** (abstain Ms. Laura Kemmett)
- Rockland Lions Club- April 7, 2018 - **Motion** by Mr. Howard; 2nd by Mr. Hickey; to approve waiver request **vote 4-0-0**
- Road to Responsibility – June 1, 2018 - **Motion** by Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett, 2nd by Mr. Howard; to approve waiver request **vote 4-0-0**

➤ **Approve and vote contract for Engineering services Smitty's Bog**

- Chairman McGahan mentioned he spoke to Conservation Chair Phil Clemons and he is onboard with this contract. It's been 6 years since we owned Smitty's Bog and nothing has been done with this property. 'no expertise/experience'
- The contract/permit process is very cumbersome and a hired hand is needed to guide and make certain we do things correctly. We have a grant equivalent of \$250k from state (USDA) – Fed reserve funds...we could lose if we do not do this correctly or timely.
- Will bring 100 acres more valuable to town....enhancing recreation for ponds/streams
- 2 projects similar (Eel River and TID Marsh)
- Conservation has funds in hand for contract services
- Town Accountant has reviewed and approved for spending.
- Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett has walked this property. She agreed to points and felt comfortable if Conservation and Town Accountant too approved.
- **Motion** by Mr. Howard, second by Mrs. FitzGerald-Kemmett to accept contract/allow Town Administrator Mike McCue to sign - for Engineering services for Smitty's Bog – **vote 4-0-0**

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- **Classification Hearing with Board of Assessors**
 - Hearing held at 7:30pm time.
- Mr. McGahan read to audience of Tax Classification hearing notice

In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 56, a public hearing will be held in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, Town Hall, Hanson, Massachusetts on Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at 7:30 P.M. for the purpose of allocating the percentage of tax levy to be borne by each class of property for Fiscal 2018. All interested taxpayers are encouraged to present oral or written information on their views. This is a necessary hearing, which must be held prior to certification of the fiscal 2018 tax rate.

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- **Motion** by Mr. Howard, 2nd by Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett to open the hearing. - a roll call vote taken – **Mr. Howard – yes, Ms. Kemmett – yes, Mr. McGahan – yes, Mr. Hickey – yes.**
- Hearing opened. Staff Assessors attended:
 - Assessor/Appraiser Lee Gamache, Administrative Assessor Denice Alexander, Assistant to the Assessor Anne Merlin and Board of Assessor members Kathleen Keefe, Kathleen Marini and Patricia O'Kane
- Handout from Assessors – Town of Hanson Fiscal Year 2018 Classification Hearing.(November 14, 2017)
 - Mrs. Gamache discussed the document in detail...on %'s and Class (residential, open space, commercial, industrial and personal property.
 - She indicated 3 votes required action by the BOS.
 - Reviewed 2018 proposed figures – uniform tax rate was recommended although shift %'s were reviewed and discussed.
 - Comparisons from fiscal year 2016, 2017 and 2018 was made.
 - Tax Levy was discussed and reviewed. Excess levy is \$14,508.93...this is the difference of what we could use and what we are using...
 - Call to Vote:
 1. **Motion** by Mr. Howard, 2nd by Mr. Hickey –to maintain the residential factor for fiscal year 2018 to a factor of 1 – meaning the tax rate should NOT be split in order to shift more tax burden to Commercial Class – **vote = 4-0-0 (in favor to maintain)**
 2. **Motion** by Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett, 2nd by Mr. Howard – to NOT adopt a Residential Exemption – **vote 4-0-0 (NOT to adopt)**
 3. **Motion** by Mr. Hickey; 2nd by Mr. Howard – to NOT adopt a Small Business Exemption – **vote 4-0-0 (NOT to adopt)**
 - **Motion** to close hearing – by Mr. Howard and 2nd by Mr. Hickey. Vote was **4-0-0 to close.**

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➤ **Committee Reports:**

- ***Monponsett Pond Committee*** – Mr. Howard indicated nothing new to report that bacterial counts are low.
- ***Final Plymouth County Reuse Committee*** – Mr. Howard indicated the sand pile is being worked on/reduced. Antenna is still present.
- ***Maquan School Reuse Committee*** – Laura indicated meeting will be setting up soon. Had discussed with Bob Hayes, Dr. Ruth Gilbert-Whitner etc – will be meeting.
- ***Hanson School Repair Committee*** – Jim Hickey mentioned discussed with Bob Hayes – will mention when Bob discusses at next meeting.
- ***Highway Building Committee*** – tabled as Mr. Mitchell is not present.
- ***200th Anniversary Committee*** – Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett indicated moving along – has 2 new members from this meeting and has possible one remaining position open.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn –by Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett, 2nd by Mr. Howard;– the motion passed unanimously
4-0-0. (Meeting ended approx. 8:50pm)

Respectfully submitted by Jim McGahan

End

**Approved and Voted 3 – 0 – 1 (McGahan)
November 28, 2017**