

***Hanson Board of Selectmen
Selectmen's Meeting Room, Hanson Town Hall
Tuesday, January 22, 2019
Regular Meeting 7:00 P.M.***

Members Present: Wesley Blauss, Matthew Dyer, James Hickey, Laura FitzGerald-Kemmett, and Kenny Mitchell

Members Absent:

Others Present: Town Administrator Michael McCue
Executive Assistant Meredith Marini

7:00 p.m. Chairman Mitchell called the meeting to order and requested a moment of Silence for Library Trustee Gret Lozeau and William Lonergan who passed away recently. Mr. Dyer read the announcements and upcoming meeting schedule.

Mr. McCue noted that the Board is accepting applications for the vacancy on the Board of Library Trustees.

II NEW BUSINESS

Appointment of Police Sergeant – Elisha Sullivan – Chief Miksch indicated that five officers participated in the Sergeant's Assessment. All participants passed. Ms. Sullivan received the highest score. Chief Miksch reviewed her history.

MOTION by Dyer second by FitzGerald-Kemmett to appoint Elisha Sullivan as Hanson Police Sergeant effective February 4, 2019. ***Voted 5 – 0***

Polar Plunge – January 27th update – Melissa Valachovic of Indian Head PTO was present to update the Board on the upcoming Polar Plunge. It is a fundraiser for the students of Indian Head Students PTO. They will use the funds for enrichment opportunities, bring in Museum of Science traveling museum, audio system, technology needs. Sunday, January 27th at 10:00 a.m. at Cranberry Cove. Fee is \$30.00 per participant who must register prior to the event. Participants must be 18 years old and sign a waiver. She recommended spectators and plungers car pool. She expects the event will last approximately an hour. Currently 47 have signed up to participate.

Appointments/Resignation:

Interim Conservation Agent – Michele Grenier, Dracut, Ma. Mr. McCue requested that the Board appoint Ms. Grenier as interim part-time conservation agent. Ms. Grenier has been a conservation agent for several communities and businesses. She will help with wetlands protection and assist residents and contractors in addition to the Commission. She has a degree in biology, public administration and has been a selectmen. Mr. McCue indicated he and the Conservation Chairman interviewed five applicants for the position.

Mr. McCue noted that after the Wage & Personnel by-law has been adjusted to include a part time agent, he will be requesting the Board appoint her as the permanent part-time agent.

Mrs. FitzGerald-Kemmett asked which community in which she has worked is similar to Hanson. Ms. Grenier feels that Middleboro would be closest to Hanson.

MOTION by FitzGerald-Kemmett, second by Dyer to appoint Michele Grenier contingent upon the Town of Hanson hiring requirements as the Interim Conservation Agent. **Voted 5 – 0**

Recreation Commission - Juvelyn Hartweg 377 Cross Street – Term to Expire 6-30-21 – Mrs. FitzGerald-Kemmett noted that she is thrilled to have Ms. Hartweg on the board.

MOTION by FitzGerald-Kemmett, second by Dyer, to appoint Juvelyn Hartweg to the Recreation Commission. Term to expire June 30, 2021. **Voted 5 – 0**

Open May 2019 Special and Annual Town Meeting Warrants – Article due March 8th.

MOTION by FitzGerald-Kemmett second by Dyer to open the May 2019 Special and Annual Town Meeting Warrants. **Voted 5 – 0**

Request article to amend Zoning By-law relative to marijuana – Mr. McCue explained this is a necessary vote to request the Planning Board to hold a hearing regarding the prohibition of retail sale of marijuana in Hanson so that the General and Zoning By-laws do not conflict.

MOTION by Hickey, second by Blauss to place an article on the May Annual Town Meeting Warrant relative to prohibiting the retail sale of recreational marijuana in the Town of Hanson. **Voted 5 – 0**

Proclaim April 26, 2019 at Arbor Day

MOTION by Dyer second by FitzGerald-Kemmett to Proclaim April 26, 2019 as Arbor Day.

Mr. McCue indicated an event will take place, but has not determined the site of the event. The last Arbor Day was held at Town Hall. Mr. Dyer noted it is a great teaching opportunity for the local students.

So Voted 5 – 0

Discussion regarding pending agenda items – Mr. Blauss would like to add items to the agenda so that they are not forgotten. Mr. McCue indicated that he will add the items to the agenda. Mr. Dyer has a concern that adding a list to the agenda will prolong the meetings, even if there is nothing to add. He recommended having a White Board at the meetings. Mrs. FitzGerald-Kemmett suggested sending the list to the Board members before the agenda is posted. Mr. Blauss felt a visual for residents to see what the Selectmen have under consideration. Mr. McCue will take the issue under advisement and report back at the next meeting.

Accept Donations – Chairman Mitchell read the following donations.

12/7/2018	Paula Smith	\$200.00	Elder Affairs
12/10/2018	Joseph & Judith MacDonald	\$50.00	Elder Affairs
12/12/2018	Whitman Donuts, Inc.	\$275.00	Elder Affairs
12/18/2018	Ferry's Automotive	\$150.00	Elder Affairs
12/19/2018	Patricia Lippert	\$20	Fire Department
12/19/2018	Disabled American Veterans	\$250.00	Veterans

MOTION by FitzGerald-Kemmett, second by Hickey to approve the donations as read.
Voted 5 – 0

Requests:

Hanson Public Library Foundation – Request for Waiver of Fee for Trivia Night – July 13th
5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

MOTION by Blauss, second by FitzGerald-Kemmett to approve the fee waiver for the Hanson Public Library Foundation – Trivia night on July 13th. **Voted 5 – 0**

Discuss and possible vote - Street Light Request - Brookside Way and Main Street – Mr. McCue reported that he received a request for the installation of a street light at Brookside and Main Street. He contacted National Grid who recommended a vote of the Board of Selectman for the installation of a street light. Highway recommends the light.

Mrs. FitzGerald-Kemmett inquired as to whether the developer should have installed the light. Mr. Dyer asked that it be an LED light. He noted other streets that don't have lights and residents pay for their own lights. After lengthy discussion relative to policy and procedure, the matter was tabled to the next meeting, for additional information.

III OLD BUSINESS

Discuss & Vote Green Communities Grant items - Mr. McCue explained that the Town has been designated as a Green Community and with that it received a grant in the amount of \$150,000. He indicated that deadline for the request is February 8th. The funds will not be received until late April or May. He indicated that a few projects need to be addressed, including heating at the police station. There is a major problem with the heat at the Library. He would like to move forward with a \$9,000 street light audit. This would identify lights which may not be working, but are being billed. The audit is necessary if the Town decides to purchase the lights. While the competitive grant funds cannot be used for purchasing the lights, it can be used to retrofit the existing light.

MOTION by FitzGerald-Kemmett, second by Blauss authorize the Town Administrator to submit an application to the State for a street light audit. **Voted 5 – 0**

Mr. Dyer noted that the Energy Committee have reviewed the audit process and recommended the audit. Mr. McCue has requested a price from National Grid for the purchase of the lights.

IV TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. McCue reported \$24,924.89 has been received for reimbursement for a blizzard in 2013. The funds will go into the General Fund.

Mr. McCue noted that Lt. Casey applied for and received a \$17,532 grant for mobile data terminals/computers for the cruisers.

Mr. McCue reported that he has received a few applications for the Town Planner position. He anticipates making an appointment in the next few weeks after meeting with the Planning Board.

Mr. McCue informed the Board that the RFP for the Liberty Street parcel has been issued and the deadline is February 8th. He included language in the RFP that the parcel remains commercial. The Board can either accept the highest bid or reject all bids if it deems the bids are not in the best interest of the Town.

The RFP for Brokerage services for Maquan School is due February 7th and only two companies have expressed an interest in the property. The committee will review the RFP and make a recommendation.

On Wednesday, Jan. 23rd Mr. McCue will meet with Planning Chair, Highway Dept. and the Engineer to finalize the Complete Streets project at Liberty Street and County Road. The deadline for completion is June 30th.

Mr. McCue noted that the Board voted to authorize him to investigate a sewer district with Brockton. The cost of the connection will be approximately \$10 Million. The project is cost prohibitive. He has asked OCPC to look at the possibility of installing an on-sight district for Hanson.

Mr. McCue will hold a TIF committee meeting next week to bring forward a recommendation to the Selectman for inclusion on the Town Meeting warrant.

He attended a W-H School Committee meeting regarding contract negotiations. He signed a contract to have the Economic Development firm to move forward with the project.

Chairman Mitchell inquired as to the Cell Tower. Mr. McCue reported Town Counsel reviewed the contract. He will bring it to the Board for consideration next week.

Mrs. FitzGerald-Kemmett inquired as to the status of the JJ's property. Mr. McCue indicated he has forwarded information to Town Counsel as to the completion of the sale of the property. He will update at the next meeting.

V APPROVE MINUTES

November 27, 2018
December 11, 2018
December 18, 2018 Reg. & Executive
January 15, 2019

MOTION by FitzGerald-Kemmett, second Hickey to approve as printed the regular session minutes of November 27th, December 11th and December 18th and accept but hold the Executive Session minutes of December 18th. ***Voted 5 - 0***

MOTION by FitzGerald-Kemmett, second Dyer to approve as printed the regular session minutes January 15, 2019. ***Voted 3 – 0 – 2 Hickey, Blauss***

VI ONE DAY LIQUOR LICENSES – Camp Kiwanee

Candice Amaral, East Bridgewater Sun. Feb. 17th 12:00 – 4:00 p.m. – Birthday Party

MOTION by FitzGerald-Kemmett, second by Hickey to approve the liquor license. ***Voted 5 - 0***

VII COMMITTEE REPORTS

200th Anniversary Committee – Mrs. FitzGerald-Kemmett – The committee will be meeting January 31st. They will be holding a Monte Carlo Night in April.

Final Plymouth County Hospital Reuse Comm. – Mr. Dyer reported the committee will be meeting in a few weeks.

Maquan School Reuse Committee – Mrs. FitzGerald-Kemmett will be meeting in February.

Highway Building Committee – Chairman Mitchell – Nothing to report

VIII EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, s. 21(a)(1) - Discussion of the complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual; and pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, s. 21(a)(1) – Discussion of strategy with respect to litigation where an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the public body. Further to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with non-union personnel if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body and the chair so declares. Fire Union

So moved by Hickey, second FitzGerald-Kemmett to go into Executive Session Roll Call Blauss aye, FitzGerald-Kemmett aye, Mitchell aye, Hickey aye and Dyer aye.
Voted 5 – 0

8:19 p.m. Brief Recess

9:39 p.m. Returned to open session.

IX ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Hickey, second by FitzGerald-Kemmett to adjourn. ***Voted 5 – 0***

9:39 p.m. Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Marini,
Executive Assistant
Approved and Voted 5 – 0
March 26, 2019