

***Hanson Board of Selectmen  
Selectmen's Meeting Room, Hanson Town Hall  
Tuesday, October 15, 2019  
Regular Session 7:00 P.M.***

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

***Members Absent:***

***Others Present:*** Meredith Marini, Town Administrator; Greer Getzen, Executive Assistant

**6:30 p.m.** Chairman FitzGerald Kemmett called the meeting to order.

**II     EXECUTIVE SESSION** - At this time, Chairman FitzGerald-Kemmett announced the Board will convene in executive session for the purpose of discussing strategy regarding collective bargaining, specifically a grievance filed by the Hanson Firefighters Association, to return to open session.

**So moved** by Mr. Dyer, seconded by Mr. Mitchell. ***Roll Call Blauss aye, Hickey aye, FitzGerald-Kemmett aye, Mitchell aye and Dyer aye. Voted 5 - 0***

At 7:00 p.m., by roll call vote the Board reconvened in open session. Chairman FitzGerald-Kemmett led the pledge of allegiance. Mr. Blauss read the announcements.

**III     NEW BUSINESS**

***Lee Gamache, Assessor – Ocean Avenue Easement discussion*** - Town Administrator Marini shared some background on the matter of granting an easement at 62 Ocean Avenue, town-owned land. Several years ago, the then-owner of the parcels at 62 and 51 Ocean Avenue was granted permission by the Board of Health to install a septic system for the house at 51 Ocean Avenue across the street at 62 Ocean Avenue provided he put an easement in place. The septic system was installed, but the owner failed to comply when he would not record an easement. Subsequently, the Town of Hanson became the owner of 62 Ocean Avenue through a tax taking and 51 Ocean Avenue reverted to the bank. The bank has since sold 51 Ocean Avenue and is requesting that the Town grant a 30-foot easement at 62 to allow the new owner at 51 to access his septic system.

Assessor Lee Gamache elaborated on this, saying that there are actually two lots at 62 Ocean Avenue which were combined for tax billing purposes and suggested separating them and putting the lot containing the septic system up for auction, ultimately for purchase by the system's current owner.

Town Counsel Kate Feodoroff said if 62 Ocean Avenue was conveyed as a single parcel with two descriptions, which sufficiently describe them as two lots, it might be possible to separate them. Chairman FitzGerald-Kemmett requested that Attorney Feodoroff research this further and report back to the Board.

*Approved by BOS on 11-5-19*

***Todd Hassett, Town Accountant – Quarterly Update*** - Mr. Hassett presented the FY20 first quarter financials. The revenues and expenditures for the four Funds (Town, Water, and Recreation and Solid Waste Enterprises Funds) were reviewed in detail. He has no concerns regarding any of the budgets to bring to the Board's attention at this time. The reports are a prelude to the Tax Levy Classification Hearing at the Board's next meeting. The property tax rate is likely trending slightly lower this year.

Mr. Hickey asked whether - given the fact that the first semi-annual water billing is not until November so the Water Department must rely on revenues from its May billing - it might make sense to bill quarterly rather than biannually to keep the revenues flowing. Mr. Hassett said that after the Town has finished installation of automatic meters, it could free up more time for quarterly billing. It was the sense of the Board that quarterly billing could be a better option.

Mr. Hassett told the Board that he is putting together a bond sale mostly for water projects, and he will refinance the balance of the Police Department project to a lower interest rate. Finally, a phone call with Moody's regarding the Town's credit rating will take place next week.

***Vote and Approve agreement with Lakeville Dog Shelter*** – Mrs. Marini told the Board that all of the terms of the agreement for Hanson's Animal Control Officer to use the Lakeville Dog Shelter are the same as last year's.

***MOTION*** by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Hickey to approve and execute the agreement. ***Voted 5 - 0***

***Vote and Approve September donations*** – The Treasurer/Collector has received a \$500.00 Cultural Council grant and a \$15.00 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration gift which she is requesting the Board accept.

***MOTION*** by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Dyer to accept this grant and gift.  
***Voted 5 – 0***

***Requests:***

***Meghan Milisi, Cub Scout Pack 34 – Request to use Maquan School parking lot on May 2, 2020*** – Cub Scout Pack 34 is requesting the use of Maquan School parking lot next May 2<sup>nd</sup> for a Touch-A-Truck fundraiser.

***MOTION*** by Mr. Dyer, seconded by Mr. Hickey to allow the use of Maquan School parking lot for this event. ***Voted 5 - 0***

***Troop 68 Request to use the Town Green for Pumpkin Fundraiser***

***MOTION*** by Mr. Dyer, seconded by Mr. Mitchell to allow Troop 68 to use the Town Green on October 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for a troop fundraiser. ***Voted 5 – 0***

***Appointments/Resignations***

Michael DeVeuve resignation from Conservation and Energy Committee Effect. 10/25

***MOTION*** by Mr. Dyer, seconded by Mr. Mitchell to accept Mr. DeVeuve's resignation with regret from both of the committees. ***Voted 5 – 0***

Election Workers - Bruce and Marjorie Young, 594 Indian Head Street, Exp. 6/30/20  
**MOTION** by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Mr. Dyer to appoint Mr. and Mrs. Bruce and Marjorie Young as Election Workers for terms to expire June 30, 2020. **Voted 5 – 0**

***Deadline for applications to fill the Board of Health vacancy extended to 10/21/19***  
Chairman FitzGerald-Kemmett urged citizens interested in getting on this critical board to submit an application by October 21<sup>st</sup> to the Selectmen's office.

#### **IV TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

- Civic Plus update – The new tracking software (e.g., citizens reporting potholes, dead trees, and employees making IT and custodial requests, etc.) by CivicPlus (Virtual Town Hall) will be installed in the near future using Community Compact funds.
- The Town Administrator has a call in to MRI, the firm assisting the Town of Hanson in its search for a new Town Administrator, to get an update.
- The interim Highway Surveyor, Curt McLean, is out this week. Mrs. Marini is pleased to report that Mr. McLean has been well- received by the Highway Staff and Chiefs. Three applications for the permanent Highway Director have been received to date.
- The IT Director has created a Facebook page for the Town of Hanson. There will be linkage so that when employees post to the Town website, it will automatically transfer onto Facebook also.
- The Town is moving forward with the fiber project, to include Camp Kiwanee now that monies were appropriated at the Special Town Meeting for that purpose.

#### **V APPROVE MINUTES**

***September 17, 2019 Reg. & Executive Session***

***October 1, 2019 Reg. & Executive Session***

**MOTION** by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Mr. Mitchell to accept the September 17, 2019 and October 1, 2019 meeting minutes. **Voted 5 – 0**

#### **VI COMMITTEE REPORTS**

***200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee*** – The committee continues to work with members of the Mattakeeset tribe to get them connected with the Historical Society and Historical Commission as well as Representative Cutler. They will be doing a documentary to tell their story as part of Hanson's story, which the Chairman hopes to play at the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary kick off dinner on February 20, 2020. Chairman FitzGerald-Kemmett hopes to have the tribe in to a Selectmen's meeting to share their genealogical research in the near future.

***Final Plymouth County Hospital Reuse Comm.*** – The committee will be completing a rough placement layout of various features to be included in the property's redevelopment.

***Maquan School Reuse Committee*** – As part of determining potential future uses, the committee will start incorporating Town departments into discussions.

**Highway Building Committee** – Mr. Mitchell reported that tomorrow morning the committee will be working with the Highway personnel and others to fine tune the actual plan (e.g., doors, office locations, etc.).

**8:00 p.m. - Marijuana Cultivator License Hearing**

At 8:00 the Hanson Board of Selectmen held a duly posted and advertised public hearing on the application of Shaharam Moghaddam, owner of Impressed , LLC for a Marijuana Cultivator's license. The premises to be licensed is located at 15 Commercial Way.

**MOTION** by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Hickey to open the hearing. **Voted 5 – 0**

A resident voiced concerns about potential pollutants in the water, the ground and the air as by-products from this plant. She was assured that marijuana cultivation businesses are very highly regulated and water is shipped to and from the site, not discharged on site.

Town Counsel Kate Feodoroff has reviewed all of the documentation submitted with application and has deemed it complete. She further stated that having the license in place is a prophylactic measure – that if there are compliance issues in the future, the owners could be brought before the Board again as grantors of the license or the issues could be brought up at during the annual license renewal. The next step would be preparing for a special permit hearing,

**MOTION** by Mr. Dyer, seconded by Mr. Mitchell to issue a Marijuana Cultivation license to Impressed, LLC. **Voted 5 – 0**

**MOTION** By Mr. Mitchel, seconded by Mr. Hickey to close the hearing. **Voted 5 – 0**

**VII ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** by Mr. Dyer, seconded by Mr. Hickey to adjourn the meeting. **Voted 5 - 0**

Respectfully submitted,

Greer Getzen  
Executive Assistant