

***Hanson Board of Selectmen
Selectmen's Meeting Room, Hanson Town Hall
Tuesday, October 17, 2017
Regular Meeting 7:00 P.M.***

Members Present: James Hickey, Donald Howard, Laura FitzGerald-Kemmett,
James McGahan & Kenny Mitchell

Members Absent:

Others Present: Town Administrator Michael McCue
Executive Assistant Meredith Marini
Town Counsel Leo Peloquin

7:01 p.m. Chairman McGahan called the meeting to order, led the Pledge of Allegiance, requested a Moment of Silence for Sylvia Redpath, read the announcements and upcoming meeting schedule.

II SWEAR IN - Swear in Lt. Michael Casey – Chief Miksch introduced Lt. Casey and provided a brief back ground which included 22 years on the force, a bachelors of science degree in criminal justice. He grew up in Hanson. He owns a business with his brother and coaches youth sports. Town Clerk Elizabeth Sloan was present to swear in Lt. Casey. Lt. Casey's family was present, wife Rachel and two children Sydni and Evan. Lt. Casey thanked the Board, Chief Miksch, his colleagues and all his family members.

III EXECUTIVE SESSION – Chairman McGahan announced the Board would be going into Executive Session to discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual and to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares. Dispatch, Fire & Police Unions

So Moved by Howard, second by Mitchell. **Roll Call Howard aye, FitzGerald-Kemmett aye, McGahan aye, Mitchell aye, Hickey aye. Voted 5 – 0**

7:16 p.m. Brief Recess

8:40 p.m. Returned to open session

Mr. McCue announced that in executive session prior to Town Meeting on October 2nd the Board of Selectmen approved an agreement with the Administrative Professional Union and Police Union. Also during tonight's Executive Session the Board entered into an Agreement with the Fire Union to approve the hiring of an EMT for the Paramedic position.

IV NEW BUSINESS

Department Report: Highway Surveyor Bob Brown – Mr. Brown reported that they have been working with Halifax on a Stormwater grant for Monponsett Pond. The amount of the project is \$93,857.00. A grant was awarded in the amount \$88,913.00 Hanson's contribution was \$3,000.00 The funds are in the current Stormwater management budget. They will put a filtration system in the road in the area of Upton Street in order to address the phosphorous issues.

Paving will start in two weeks. The work will begin at Winter Street from Whitman to the Hanover Line. The gas company has plans for a substation on Whitman Street. They will be removing the guardrail at Brook and Winter Streets.

Paving on Main Street from the Pembroke line to Route 58 will commence after the work on Winter Street is complete. They will complete driveway aprons and berms at the end of the project.

Mrs. FitzGerald-Kemmett asked about meeting deadlines for Stormwater Management. – Mr. Brown indicated that Environmental Partners set the goals for the Highway to achieve the Stormwater Management regulations. The project with Halifax is part of meeting the Stormwater requirements. The annual Green Up Clean Up assists with clearing the sensitive areas. Mr. Brown would like to implement training in the schools to bring awareness to the students.

National Grid is clearing trees along County Road for easement purposes.

Mr. Brown explained that the Gas Company is replacing a largest gas line in Hanson at Winter and Liberty Streets which has been leaking. The project should take about two weeks. Mr. Brown will try to re-coop the overtime costs for his staff, who have been assisting the gas company.

Mrs. FitzGerald-Kemmett inquired about the maintenance and plowing of sidewalks. Mr. Brown indicated Highway sweeps and plows the sidewalks along the main roads only. The Town requires sidewalks along all the new subdivisions. He is unable to maintain the sidewalks on all streets with the manpower he has on staff. They try to get the weeds when street sweeping, but they are not licensed apply herbicides.

Review & Vote Use of Town Counsel Policy – Mr. McCue reviewed the Use of Town Counsel policy noting that there was never an official policy only a Request Form. The policy is not much of a change that the current practice.

MOTION by FitzGerald-Kemmett, second by Mitchell to approve the Use of Town Counsel as presented. **Voted 5 – 0**

Review & Vote Social Media Policy – Mr. McCue noted the policy has been in the works prior to his arrival. The policy has been reviewed by Town Counsel. Mrs. FitzGerald-Kemmett clarified that it does not take away her freedom of speech rights, but notes that she cannot represent the Town.

MOTION by FitzGerald-Kemmett, second by Mitchell to approve the Social Media Policy. **Voted 5 – 0**

Accept and Vote donations – Mark C. Davis \$75.00 to the Library and \$250 from Dunkin Donuts to the Police Department.

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

Select representative to attend WHRSD Regional Collective Bargaining meeting – Chairman McGahan read the following letter dated September 28, 2017 from Superintendent Ruth Gilbert-Whitner to the Town Administrator Michael McCue:

Dear Mr. McCue:

In accordance with Chapter 150E and Regulation 603 CMR 41.04, one municipal official represents both member towns when regional school districts are in the process of collective bargaining. The municipal representative does not have a seat at the bargaining table, unless appointed by the school committee chair, to the negotiating sub-committee. However, the statute permits the municipal representative to participate and vote as a member of the school committee when the committee, as a whole, addresses the collective bargaining agreement.

On October 18, a School Committee meeting will be held at 7:00 PM in the WHRHS library. At that meeting, I am requesting your presence in order to have town administrators from Whitman and Hanson select one municipal representative to represent municipal interests in collective bargaining. Collective bargaining with the Whitman-Hanson Education Association and the Regional School Committee will begin after October 18.

Please contact Executive Administrative Assistant, Michelle Lindberg, by phone t 781-618-7412, or by email at Michelle.Lindberg@whrsd.org, to let her know whether you are available to attend the meeting on October 18.

*Sincerely
Ruth Gilbert-Whitner*

Mr. McCue noted that he attended a similar meeting at South Shore Vocational Technical High School last week. Only he and Whitman Town Administrator Frank Lynam were in attendance. Mr. Lynam was selected to represent the SSVT district.

MOTION by FitzGerald-Kemmett, second by Mitchell to designate Mr. McCue to attend the meeting to select a representative to the Bargaining units. **Voted 5 – 0**

Vote Bid award for Fire Station Parking Lot – Century Paving & Construction - Mr. McCue indicated that five bids were received, three did not acknowledge the amendments. The low bidder was Century Paving & Construction in the amount of \$93,900.00 Mr. McCue recommended awarding the bid to Century Paving.

MOTION by FitzGerald-Kemmett, second by Howard to accept the bid of Century Paving & Construction in the amount of \$93,900.00. **Voted 5 – 0**

Vote Bid award for Camp Kiwanee Septic Replacement – DanDel Construction – Chairman McGahan reviewed the bids noting that six bids were received ranging from \$234,985.00 to \$497,500.00. Hanson business, DanDel Construction, was the low bidder at \$234,985. Mr. McCue recommended awarding the Camp Kiwanee Septic Replacement project to DanDel Construction.

MOTION by FitzGerald-Kemmett, second by Mitchell to award the bid for the Camp Kiwanee Septic replacement to DanDel Construction of Hanson in the amount of \$234,985.00. **Voted 5 – 0**

Mr. McCue indicated that the project will start next week. He will attend weekly meetings at 8:30 a.m. on Monday mornings.

Requests:

Water Department notice of Surplus of 2008 Ford F-350 to be transferred to Recreation

MOTION by Howard, second by Mitchell to Surplus the Water Department 2008 Ford F-350 and transfer the truck to Recreation. **Voted 5 – 0**

V TOWN ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Update on Tax Title auction and review of potential properties for future auction – Mr. McCue reported that he spoke with the Tax Title Attorney and auctioneer relative to the sale date. The general consensus was to move forward soon. The date has been set for December 8th. Notices will be sent to the abutters, the lots will be posted and advertised.

He reviewed additional lots which could be sold in the future. They created a list of 12 properties for the Board’s review and discussion at the next meeting. Once the Board votes the list, he will disseminate the list to all the Boards and Committees. Mrs. Marini explained that eight of the twelve properties are “land of low value” and the Town is obligated to dispose of them within a specific time period.

Discussion regarding Economic Development Committee – Mr. McCue reviewed the file and discovered an Economic Target Area Committee was established a few years ago. The committee consisted of the Town Administrator, Assessors, a Selectman, and Planning Board member. It does not appear that the committee was active. It is not a functioning committee. The Board needs to consider activating the committee. He has representatives coming to the Town regarding economic development on November 14th which Mrs. FitzGerald-Kemmett will attend. He requested the Board’s input on the committee. Mr. McCue reviewed the duties of the Economic Target Area Committee which included providing incentives to draw businesses to the community.

Update on Camp Kiwanee Septic – Previously discussed

VI OLD BUSINESS

Discussion regarding Veterans Agent’s position – **Tabled**

Discussion regarding Town Planner/Conservation Agent – **Tabled**

Mr. McCue reported that he is in discussions with the Planning Board and Conservation Commission as well as Hanover regarding all three of the positions. He would like to do outreach to the veterans in town. He believes that the position of Planner/Conservation agent should be separated. He has spoken with the Town Accountant who feels it could be done. Mr. McCue reported that there is grant regarding a joint venture with the Town of Hanover. It would be an intermunicipal agreement. He continues with the talks. A Veterans District would be a full-time position.

Chairman McGahan requested that the draft Veterans Agreement with Hanover be forwarded to the Veterans. Chairman McGahan requested that Mr. Arsenault attend the next meeting and provide a list of his duties.

Mrs. FitzGerald-Kemmett noted concerns of conflict during events such as Memorial Day or Veterans Day. She inquired whether the Hanover Selectmen have agreed to the concept of a district. Mr. McCue indicated that the Hanover Selectmen have not voted, but according to the Town Manager, they are enthusiastic to the idea.

She pointed out according to the agreement the Veteran Agent would be an employee of Hanover. She asked if Hanson would have the opportunity comment on the individual. Hanson would according to Mr. McCue.

With respect to the Conservation Agent/Town Planner, Mr. McCue is looking at a shared department with Hanover for each position. It is Mr. McCue's intent is to stay within the budget.

VII MINUTES

Regular & Executive Session– October 2, 2017

MOTION by Howard, second by Mitchell to approve the regular Session minutes of October 2, 2017.
Voted 5 - 0

MOTION by Howard, second by Mitchell to approve Executive Session minutes of October 2, 2017 with the Executive Session minutes to be held. **Voted 5 - 0**

VIII COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monponsett Pond Committee – Mr. Howard reported that the bacteria counts are down and Monponsett Pond is now open.

Final Plymouth County Hospital Reuse Comm. – Mr. Howard reported piles of material and antenna is still up on the site. Mr. Howard wants to know when they will be removed.

Maquan School Reuse Committee – Mrs. FitzGerald-Kemmett – No first meeting yet. She and Mr. McCue will meet with the Superintendent and Facilities Manager tomorrow to gather information.

Hanson School Repair Committee – Mr. Hickey will have more information on Nov. 14th

Highway Building Committee – Mr. Mitchell reported no meeting since prior to Town Meeting. He thanked everyone for their support and assured opponents they will provide the information they are seeking. Town meeting approved the Assessment of the current facility through Article 15. An RFP will be put out in a few months.

Article 14 – Engineering and Final Design plans for the new facility. They do not have to put out an RFP based on the original RFP. Mr. Mitchell recommends that Selectmen determine at a future meeting whether the project should be put out as a RFP which will have the same contingency of acquiring the property on Hawks Avenue. Mr. Mitchell reiterated that cost per square foot is \$360 for a new facility. Using the buildings located at Hawks Avenue the costs would be closer to \$180 per square foot because the buildings already exist. They will do a better job to provide the actual costs.

200th Anniversary Committee – Mrs. FitzGerald-Kemmett will discuss next week. A lot of great ideas to be discussed.

IX ADJOURNMENT

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

10:12 p.m. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Marini,
Executive Assistant
Approved and Voted 4 - 0
April 3, 2018