

***Hanson Board of Selectmen
Selectmen's Meeting Room, Hanson Town Hall
Tuesday, November 28, 2017
Regular Meeting 7:00 P.M.***

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

Members Absent: James McGahan

Others Present: Town Administrator Michael McCue
Executive Assistant Meredith Marini

7:00 p.m. Vice-Chairman Mitchell called the meeting to order, led the Pledge of Allegiance, requested a Moment of Silence for retired Police Officer Paul Tabor, then read the announcements and upcoming meeting schedule.

II NEW BUSINESS

Bob Hayes update on Maquan Transition & request for support for transition expenses and various school needs – Mr. Hayes reviewed the retrofitting of the High School to accommodate the pre-school students. There will be a dedicated door for the pre-schoolers. The Indian Head School will be retrofitted for the second grade students. The estimated costs will be announced in December. The fifth grade students will be relocated from Indian Head to the Middle School. The Transition Committee is reviewing all the components for the move.

The changes at the High School will be in five classrooms which will occur during the February and summer school vacations. The impact will be minimal to the students. There will be a 60/40 split with Whitman and Hanson for the cost of the renovations. Approximately \$18,000 for Hanson to get started during February vacation.

There will be meetings for the parents and the general public. The pre-school director meets with the staff on a regular basis for input of the staff and transition team.

Facilities Manager Ernie Sandland anticipates converting the computer labs into classrooms during Christmas vacation. Any noise which would disrupt the students will take place after hours. The roadway will have to rerouted.

Goal is to have the pre-school classrooms completed by the middle of June.

Mr. Hayes reported there will be open houses for the public. A playground will have to be constructed. The current staff will do as much as possible to keep the costs down. The staff will pull up the carpet to save money.

Superintendent Ruth Gilbert-Whitner indicated the computer labs are not being used as much as many of the kids are using tablets and personal devices.

Finance Director Christine Suckow indicated the group is currently requesting support for some work to be started which includes preliminary cost of \$44,360 moving computer labs, pull up carpets and lay

tile, interior doors and upgrading LED lights. This is phase one. There will be additional costs. Ernie Sandland reviewed the additional work which will happen after funding at Town Meeting. Mr. Hayes explained the total costs for the transition could be close to \$500,000.00.

MOTION by FitzGerald-Kemmett, second by Howard to support \$17,824 for phase one of the retrofit to the Whitman Hanson High School in order to move the Pre-K from Maquan. **Voted 4 – 0**

Mr. Hayes and Superintendent Gilbert-Whitner encouraged the public to attend the School Committee Meeting.

Hanson Athletic Association – Change of Manager to Michael Mansfield – Change of Manager

MOTION by Howard, second by FitzGerald Kemmett to approve the Hanson Athletic Association's request for change of Manager to Michael Mansfield. **Voted 4 – 0**

Hanson American Legion – Change of Manager to Joseph Marsden – Mr. Marsden reported the previous manager resigned. He informed the Board that he was manager for years and retired. He is coming out of retirement.

MOTION by Howard, second FitzGerald Kemmett to approve the request of Hanson American Legion for Change of Manager to Joseph Marsden. **Voted 4 – 0**

Discussion regarding Regional Dispatch – *Tabled to next meeting*

Vote relocation of Town Elections from Maquan to Hanson Middle – Vice Chairman Mitchell read a letter dated October 26, 2017 from Town Clerk requesting the change in polling locations. She noted that she has met with the facilities Director and Middle School Principal.

MOTION by Howard, second by Hickey to change the polling place for the Town of Hanson from the Maquan School 38 School Street to the Hanson Middle School 111 Liberty Street starting with the next scheduled election date of May 19, 2018, the annual Town Election. **Voted 4 – 0**

Forestry Management Plan – Tabled to next meeting

Vote and Accept October Donations

Cara Cappellini \$125.00 - Library Gift

McLaughlin Family \$25.00 - Police Dept. gift

Kathleen & Ralph Canina - \$50.00 Senior Center in memory of Millie Lyons.

MOTION by Howard, second by FitzGerald-Kemmett to accept the donations. **Voted 4 – 0**

Vote Private Way Plow list for 2018 –

PRIVATE WAY PLOW LIST 2018

(To be approved by Selectmen for Plowing Snow)

Alden Way *	Indian Head Pond Development
Arthur Avenue	Kiwanee Road
Arthur Street	Lakeside Road
Audubon Lane	Leon Court
Azalea Way *	Litchfield Lane
Beckett Street	Meadow Lane
Boston Avenue	Ocean Avenue Ext.
Briggs Street	Pearl Street
Charles Street	Pennsylvanie Avenue
Christopher Lane *	Pine Grove Colony
Cranberry Lane	Proud Foot Way
Cushman Street	Rollercoaster Road
Depot Street	Santos Court
Emory Street	Snow Street
Equus Drive	Spofford Avenue
Fallon Point Road	Station Street
Ferris Street	Stringer Lane *
French Street	Union Park Street
Gray Lane *	Upton Street
Hanson Court	Valley Forge Road *
Hawthorne Street	Village Road
Hemlock Drive*	Wilbur Avenue
Hill Road (Off Monponsett)	Wilkie Terrace-entrances only
Independence Avenue	Woodbine Avenue Ext.
	Woodman Terrace

MOTION by Howard, second by Hickey to approve the Private Way Plow list as presented.

Voted 4 – 0

Department Report:

Michelle Mills – ADA Committee – Mrs. Mills noted that she and the Town Administrator took a two day course on ADA accessibility and rules and regulations. She has written a few columns for the Whitman Hanson Express setting goals for the committee in the hopes of getting members. She attended a meeting in East Bridgewater and gathered some ideas for grants for the disabled.

She asked the Board what the Selectmen would like to see from the Committee. Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett applauded Ms. Mills for her actions in bringing forth there is no stigma in having a disability. She was enthusiastic in seeking of grants and sidewalks.

Mrs. Mills noted there are resources at both the library and the senior center.

Mr. McCue noted that he has been working with Ms. Mills to move the committee forward. He reported that the training seminar pointed out that the Town needs to self-evaluate per the ADA regulations. The Open Space Plan has an ADA component. He and Ms. Mills will conduct a review of the Town Buildings. He will be bringing updates to the Board on a regular basis.

Fire Chief Thompson – Chief Thompson was present and updated the Board on the activities of the Fire Department. Chief Thompson indicated there have been 1807 run calls to date. In 2015 they had 1998 calls, the most calls ever. In 2016 they had 1985 calls. The fire department tracks multiple calls. In 2015 – 11% were multiple; 2016 there were 14% multiple calls and 2017 they are at 17% of multiple calls to date. During the storm of October 30th they had 39 calls with many calls for trees and wires down. During a one week period in October there were three med flight calls, a house fire on High Street and the storm. The October 24th head-on accident required transportation by another community because Hanson was at another call.

They continue to staff to 4 with a Lt. on duty.

Apparatus is in great shape. The new Ambulance has been in service since June and has 12,000 miles on it. New vehicle will come on line in the Spring. If they continue to follow the capital plan they should be in good shape.

Fire Station – The driveway was replaced and will last over 35 years. It is a 39 year old building. He will address any issue in the capital improvement plan.

Main Street is in decent condition. It is used for storage.

Personnel – The Deputy Chief position was approved by Town Meeting. The Deputy will be an Administrative Deputy Chief working an administrative schedule. He will work on training the crews and fire prevention and inspections. There will be an orientation for the eligible deputy candidates on Friday. An Assessment will be conducted on January 6th. The top scorer will get the position. The addition of the Deputy Chief, opens a position for a Lieutenant. There are 7 people eligible for the Lieutenants position. A written exam will be conducted in April in accordance with the process as outline in the collective bargaining agreement. Anyone with a score of 70 or higher, will move to the next phase of the assessment. The top scorer will become the next Lieutenant. Lieutenant's promotion creates an opening for a firefighter. Conditional offer of employment was issued on November 17th to Thomas White.

Requests:

Fire Chief – Request to increase ambulance rates – Chief Thompson reported that he became Chief in 2008. The last increase in rates was in 2012. The legislature wanted to cap the rates at three times the Medicare rate. Subsequently the legislature has been discussing ambulance rates. One option is freezing rates as of June 1, 2018.

The Chief provided the Board with a copy of the Ambulance billing policy. Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett inquired as to how the town handles delinquent patients. Chief Thompson indicated the Town uses the

Deputy Collector for delinquent invoices. He said other communities use a collection company, which would require a RFP.

The revenue from the ambulance goes to the salaries for the firefighters. He reviewed the current and proposed fees for the ambulance.

Current		Proposed for 1/1/2018
BLS	\$1,050	\$1,200
ALS1	\$1,275	\$1,160
ALS2	\$1,875	\$2,200
Mileage	\$16.00	\$25.00

MOTION by Howard, second by Hickey to increase ambulance rates as presented. **Voted 4 - 0**

Chief Thompson indicated that the new rates would be effective January 1, 2018.

Brief discussion regarding issuing an RFP for collection services for delinquent ambulance fees. By consensus of the Board, Mr. McCue and Chief Thompson will work on an RFP for the collection of ambulance fees.

Appointment/Resignations

Conservation Applicants – One vacancy Term to Expire 6/30/18

Michael DeVeuve 75 Orchard Ave - Mr. DeVeuve has been an Associate Member since January. He attend UMass Amherst on line. He is training in conservation. He has been attending the meetings and has in interest conservation.

Kurt Tarvis, III 491 E. Washington Street – Mr. Tarvis was not present

MOTION by Hickey, second by Howard to appoint Michael DeVeuve to the Conservation Commission with a term to expire June 30, 2018. **Voted 4 – 0**

III TOWN ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Follow up from storm of October 30th - Mr. McCue noted that the storm was larger than predicted. He informed the Board that he met with the public safety team which all responded admirably and addressed at least 46 non-power outage tree issues. There was concerned that Hanson didn’t make reverse 911 calls as the Town of Whitman. The Town of Whitman has its own reverse 911 system. The County operates that system in Hanson and they shy away from over use of the system.

Mrs. FitzGerald-Kemmett inquired as to whom Whitman Hanson WILL uses for the calls. She would like to get a little more support from the County. She is interested in judicious use of the system. She was getting calls about the lack of communication to the resident.

The Town has purchased another server to ensure there are redundancies and communications would be better.

Mr. Mitchell explained the process for issuing the reverse 911 is up to the Departments heads. If people are without power they will not get the call.

Mr. McCue noted that the residents can get their information directly from National Grid. The Senior Center has a list of residents who may need assistance and the departments check on them.

Mr. Howard requested an article be placed on the May Town Meeting for a generator for Town Hall. Mr. McCue will add it to the Capital Improvement plan. Mr. McCue indicated in the short term, a backup server will be placed at the police station to insure communications.

Engineering review of the existing Highway Facility. Mr. McCue would like to use Weston and Sampson to review of the current Highway Building. Town Meeting approved \$28,000 for the assessment. Weston and Sampson performed the review of the Hawks Ave property which is the potential site for a new highway facility. The engineering does not require an RFP due to the procurement requirement.

Mr. Mitchell indicated an RFP will be issued for the potential site on Hawks Avenue.

Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett indicated she is always in favor of an RFP to get the best price. She questioned whether Mr. McCue thought we would get the same companies. Mr. McCue expected he would.

MOTION Howard, second by FitzGerald-Kemmett to work with Weston & Sampson regarding the engineering services on the existing Highway barn. **Voted 4 - 0**

IV OLD BUSINESS

Discussion regarding RFP for engineering services – Mr. McCue has sent out an RFP to engineering firms which will be due at the end of December. It is a good business practice to put the services out to bid. Mr. McCue noted that both Legal and Engineering services do not require an RFP but will be sending one out for each service..

Discussion and vote on Economic Development Committee – Mr. McCue provided the board with a Mission Statement for the Economic Development Committee.

MOTION by FitzGerald-Kemmett, second by Howard to create an Ad-Hoc Economic Development Commission, appointed by the Board of Selectmen to three-year staggered terms; to be comprised of the following members – One member of the Board of Selectmen, one member of the Planning Board, one member of the Hanson business community, and two members of the public at large. The Town Administrator shall serve as an ex-officio non-voting member who may at his discretion designate other member of professional staff to assist the Commission as needed. **Voted 4 – 0**

Mr. Mitchell asked for volunteers to serve on the Economic Development Committee. Mrs. FitzGerald volunteered.

9:00 pm. Mr. Hickey stepped out of the meeting.

MOTION by Mitchell, second by Howard to appoint Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett to the Economic Development Committee. **Voted 3 – 0**

9:02 p.m. Mr. Hickey returned to the meeting.

Update on Plymouth County Hospital Survey Results – Mr. McCue reviewed the results of the 45 surveys received, which were overwhelmingly in support for a park and a solar array. There were several comments regarding senior housing needs. Plymouth County Hospital Reuse committee member Phil Clemons noted the survey is a good gauge of how the residents feel regarding the site.

Discussion regarding Town Planner and Conservation Agent positions – Mr. McCue noted that the Conservation Agent position was filled at the last meeting. Mr. McCue had spoken with a contiguous community regarding a shared planner and it has fallen by the wayside. Mr. McCue has spoken with individuals who have planning experience to fill the position in a part-time temporary position. There are short term needs which must be addressed soon. Mr. McCue will provide an update at the next meet, after he speaks with the chairman of the Planning Board.

Deadline for the Recreation Director is the end of the month. Only one person interested in the veteran's agent position. He will update at the next meeting.

V **MINUTES**
November 14, 2017

MOTION by FitzGerald-Kemmett, second by Howard to approve the minutes of November 14, 2017 as printed. **Voted 3 – 0 – 1 (Mitchell).**

VI **ONE DAY LIQUOR LICENSES** - Camp Kiwanee
Gail Fusco, Hanson Sat., Dec. 2nd 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. – Family Christmas Party
Sarah Cherington/Joseph King, Hanson Sun, Dec. 10th 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. – Family Christmas Party

MOTION by Howard, second by FitzGerald-Kemmett to approve the one day liquor licenses as presented. **Voted 4 – 0**

VII **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Monponsett Pond Committee – Mr. Howard indicated there is still bacteria in the pond. Brockton can take water until May.

Final Plymouth County Hospital Reuse Comm. – Mr. Howard announced a meeting on Wednesday at 4:00 p.m.

Maquan School Reuse Committee – Mrs. FitzGerald-Kemmett reported there is meeting Thursday which is a site visit at the Maquan School. Mr. Mitchell indicated several groups are looking for more sports fields. Mrs. FitzGerald-Kemmett indicated the committee will be considering all options for the property.

Hanson School Repair Committee – Mr. Hickey - Nothing to report
Highway Building Committee – Mr. Mitchell - Nothing to report.
200th Anniversary Committee – Mrs. FitzGerald-Kemmett – Next meeting is Thursday.

VIII ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Hickey, second by FitzGerald-Kemmett to adjourn. **Voted 4 – 0**

9:31 p.m. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Marini,
Executive Assistant

Approved and Voted 3 – 0 – 1 (McGahan)

April 3, 2018