

***Hanson Board of Selectmen
Selectmen's Meeting Room, Hanson Town Hall
Tuesday, December 11, 2018
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. Clerk Dyer read the announcements and upcoming meetings. Chairman Mitchell thanked all the Town Employees for their work at the Annual Tree Lighting.

II NEW BUSINESS

Distribute Town Administrator Evaluation Forms – Chairman Mitchell informed the Board members to complete the evaluation form and return them to Mrs. Marini by January 14th, who will compile all the information. The compilation will be discussed at a future meeting in January. Mr. Dyer asked how previous evaluations were conducted. Mrs. Marini explained the previous evaluation processes. He pointed out that he only sees the Town Administrator once or twice a week. He asked if he could see input from department heads. Mrs. Marini indicated the Board member could seek input from the department heads, but should they evaluation should be based on the interactions each member has had with the Town Administrator.

Vote to approve exploration of potential sewer district – Mr. McCue informed the Board there had been a meeting a while back with members of the legislative delegation to discuss the exploration of a potential sewer district. Mrs. Kemmett had a discussion with Bruce Hughes of Old Colony Planning Council who supports the idea. OCPC can provide Technical Assistance through a grant. Mr. McCue is seeking the Board's support to start research for the section of Main Street. He will be meeting with Mr. Hughes on Thursday.

Mrs. FitzGerald-Kemmett also spoke with Rep. Cutler, Senator Brady and Mr. Hughes and discovered there are several hurdles. Hanson does have ETA designation and its proximity to significant bodies of water she feels it is worthwhile.

Mr. McCue feels it will improve economic development and protect the Town's drinking wells and Burrage Pond. Brockton has the capacity and a long standing moratorium has been lifted. The sewer would have to carry through Whitman.

Chairman Mitchell wants to be sure once things move forward, conservation, water and highway are aware of any projects.

MOTION by FitzGerald-Kemmett, second by Hickey to support the exploration of a potential sewer district on Main Street. ***Voted 5 – 0***

Vote and Approve agreement with Lakeville – Dog Shelter – Chairman Mitchell noted that the contract appears to have expired. Mrs. Marini reported that she has spoken with Lakeville and

they will be addressing the contract next Monday. Mrs. FitzGerald-Kemmett inquired about cats as they are not covered in the contract. Mr. McCue indicated he would contract Hanson's Animal Control Officer to see how she deals with cats.

MOTION Dyer, second by FitzGerald-Kemmett to approve the agreement with Lakeville for the dog shelter. **Voted 5 – 0**

Bob Hayes – Update from School Department - Tabled

Requests:

Meghan Milisi, Boy Scout Pack 34 – for a Touch a Truck fundraiser on Saturday, May 4, 2019 at the Maquan School

Mr. Hickey thinks it is a great idea, he inquired about the location being at Maquan School. Mrs. FitzGerald-Kemmett noted that any action on Maquan School will not happen until the May Town Meeting which is the week after the event. They will only be using the parking lot for the event. Mr. McCue reached out to the school and Parks & Fields and they have no issues with the event.

MOTION by FitzGerald-Kemmett, second by Blauss to approve the request for a Touch A Truck event at Maquan School on May 4th. **Voted 5 – 0**

Josh Singer – Hanson Business Network – St. Patrick Day Fundraiser – Request waiver of Camp Kiwanee fee. Mr. Singer was present and explained this is the 3rd St. Patrick's Day fundraiser. The Business Network changes the organization to whom the fund are given. The group will be voting the charity for receive the proceeds of the event. The first year was Panther Trust, the second year was the Food Pantry. Local organizations donate baskets. Saturday, March 16, 2019. The donation will go to a Hanson Non-profit. Brief discussion regarding the reduction in fees. Mr. Dyer pointed out that the operations at the lodge need to be covered.

MOTION by Hickey, second by Blauss to support the Hanson Business Network St. Patrick's Day Fundraiser on March 16th. **Voted 4 – 0 - 1 FitzGerald-Kemmett**

Hanson PTO – Request reduction in Camp Kiwanee Fee for Polar Plunge Jan. 27th

MOTION by FitzGerald-Kemmett, second by Dyer to support the request for reduction in fee for the Polar Plunge from \$120 to \$60. **Voted 5 – 0**

III OLD BUSINESS

Possible vote on Maquan School Reuse RFP – Mrs. FitzGerald-Kemmett reported the online survey resulted overwhelmingly as Senior Center/Library as reuse. Over 450 responses were received. Mrs. FitzGerald-Kemmett feels several suggestions for walking trails and parks are being addressed at the Plymouth County Hospital property. She would like to have a joint meeting with the Final PCH committee.

The committee has not heard from the Commercial Developers. The committee is open to leasing the property. One group attended the meeting. The committee would like the

commercial consultants review the entire town including Main Street, Maquan School. Payment for the consultants would come from the successful developer via an RFP. The committee would like to find a way to bring in revenue to the Town such as senior housing.

Mrs. FitzGerald-Kemmett noted that some responses included playing fields. Representatives from the Library and Council on Aging had a site visit at Maquan School. Nothing is cast in stone. Mr. Hickey inquired whether any responses were to sell the property. Mrs. FitzGerald-Kemmett said only a few people want to sell the property due to the proximity to the Senior Center.

Mr. McCue reported that the Town of Mendon has an RFP for a project similar to the Maquan project. Mr. McCue noted that the RFP for a brokerage firm would be sent out soon. He hopes to have the RFP results by Town Meeting. He hopes the cost of tear down will be borne by the developer. Funds would have to be appropriated by Town Meeting. A demolition RFP and hazmat RFP would have to be issued. Mr. McCue feels the building needs to come down. The Town cannot pay another year for liability reasons. It cost \$28,000 to close up the building.

MOTION by Hickey, second by Dyer to move forward with an RFP for Maquan School.
Voted 5 - 0

IV TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. McCue is seeking support from the Board for the \$30,000 Economic Development grant. The State is looking for a plan for the use of the funds. He contacted a firm which does Economic Development for municipalities. Mr. McCue wants to send the scope of work from the firm to the State. Half the cost is paid up front and the balance at the end of the project.

By consensus the Board supports the seeking a firm and scope for the grant for Economic Development.

Town Planner – Mr. McCue reported that Planning Board approved a job description. The Planner would first support Planning issues and then Appeals with additional work in grant writing and economic development. Create a full time planner thru the end of the fiscal year.

The Wage and Personnel would have to meet to approve the change in the job description and then he would post the position.

Mr. McCue reported that on December 13th the Hanson Economic Area will be approved in Worcester. He will be meeting with new Labor Counsel tomorrow. They may wish to meet with individual board members.

Mr. McCue announced that Recreation Director Josh Wolff has resigned. His last day will be December 28th. The Recreation Commission will be re-evaluating the position. Mr. McCue noted this is a slow time for the Camp.

Mr. McCue noted he had a conversation with Selectman Blauss regarding the responsibilities of the Recreation Commission which should include other town-wide recreation and not necessarily

Camp Kiwanee. Mr. Blauss gave a history of various committees involved with recreation and Cranberry Cove throughout the years. He noted Recreation has never been just Camp Kiwanee but it drifted in that direction.

Mr. Dyer noted that he will bring back the information to the Recreation Commission.

JJ's Update – Mr. McCue reminded the Board that Dec. 15th is the deadline for clean up at the property. The current owner indicated the property is under agreement and the buyer will pay for the clean up. Town Counsel is trying to contact the buyer's attorney. Mr. McCue suggests the Board wait until Dec. 17th to decide which direction to go. If the property changes hands, the Board will have to start over. Chairman Mitchell wants Town Counsel in court on December 17th

MOTION by FitzGerald-Kemmett, second by Hickey if not cleaned up by December 15th, authorize Town Counsel to go to court on December 17th to enforce the clean up. **Voted 5 – 0**

V APPROVE MINUTES
October 30, 2018

MOTION by Hickey, second by Dyer, to approve the minutes of October 30th **Voted 5 - 0**

VI COMMITTEE REPORTS

200th Anniversary Committee - Mrs. FitzGerald-Kemmett indicated they are reviewing submissions for the Logo contest

Final Plymouth County Hospital Reuse Comm. – Mr. Dyer reports there is a meeting Monday with the engineer.

Maquan School Reuse Committee – Already give

Hanson School Repair Committee – Mr. Hickey - Nothing to report

Highway Building Committee – Chairman Mitchell reported the committee is waiting on conveyance of the property.

VII EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Mitchell announced the Board will be going into Executive Session 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. Police Lieutenant & Fire Union

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

8:15 p.m. Brief Recess

8:30 p.m. Returned to Open Session

VIII ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Dyer, second by Hickey to adjourn. ***Voted 5 – 0***

8:30 p.m. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Meredith Marini,
Executive Assistant
Approve & Voted 5 – 0
January 22, 2019