

***Hanson Board of Selectmen
Selectmen's Meeting Room, Hanson Town Hall
Tuesday, March 20, 2018
Regular Meeting 7:00 P.M.***

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

Members Absent:

Others Present: Town Administrator Michael McCue
Executive Assistant Meredith Marini

7:00 p.m. Chairman McGahan called the meeting to order, led the Pledge of Allegiance, read the announcements and upcoming meeting schedule.

Mrs. FitzGerald-Kemmett indicated the Hanson Business Network's St. Patrick's Day event at Camp Kiwanee to benefit the Hanson Food Pantry was a successful event.

II NEW BUSINESS

Tom Hickey - SSVT – discussion regarding amendment to regional agreement – Mr. Hickey and Hanson representative Chris Amico were present. Mr. Hickey explained that the Regional District was chartered in 1960. The last amendment was in 1982 when Hanson and Whitman joined the district. There are eight towns in the district. Mr. Hickey provided the synopsis below along with a draft highlighting the changes and final draft.

Mr. Hickey reviewed the revisions to the South Shore Vocational Technical Regional Agreement, which included changes to the following sections:

Preamble: Edits to incorporate Whitman and Hanson into the district preamble and removal of any obsolete language (there and elsewhere) that referenced their entry in 1982.

Section I and Section IV primarily: Removal of obsolete language that dealt with the initial formation of the district in 1960, including the initial school committee formation and initial budget.

Section I: Statement that Massachusetts General Laws will take precedence if there is a conflict with regional agreement language

Section II: The school may be located in any town in the district.

Section V: Insertion of legal references as needed, including mention of the Chapter 70 funding formula.

Section V: Clarification on the categories of assessment information provided to towns, to match what we have been providing towns already.

Section V: Clarification in several places on 'fiscal year' versus 'calendar year' to avoid confusion.

Section V and Section VIII: More detailed explanation on how a new member town is admitted and how the town would be assessed in its first three years of membership. Language allows the regional school committee to negotiate potential 'buy in' costs for a new town. [Note: Towns cannot be admitted without amending the agreement, which requires action at town meetings.]

Section VI: New section organized to explain incurring of debt process options. Specific reference to statutory options the district has to authorize debt: a majority vote in favor at each town meeting; a majority vote at 2/3rds of the town meetings, with a caveat that those dissenting towns do not have to pay the debt; a district-wide ballot question on the debt.

Section VIII and IX: Reducing the # of towns needed (from unanimous to 2/3rds) to amend the agreement in the future and to allow a town to enter or withdraw from the district.

Section IX: Clarifies that withdrawing towns may still have financial obligations to the district. Clarifies the withdrawal process.

Section X: Clarifies the district's use of non resident tuition under the statute.

Section XI: Clarifies the purpose of an Annual Report.

Mr. Mitchell inquired as to the amount of non-resident students. Mr. Hickey indicated that there are 45 out of district students. Mr. Hickey reported that no towns have left the district.

Selectmen Hickey inquired about section IX if a Town left the district, noting that there would be a financial burden on the town leaving. Tom Hickey indicated there would have to be a significant reason for a Town to leave the District. Selectmen Hickey thanked Mr. Hickey and Mr. Amico for their work on the agreement.

MOTION by Howard, second by Hickey to vote to place and recommend Article 22 SSVT amended regional agreement. **Voted 5 – 0**

Discussion regarding Economic Development with OCPC Representative – Bruce Hughes reviewed some of the options for economic development in town and establishing an economic development committee. The committee encourages business in town and works with and supports businesses.

Mr. Hughes provided samples from Easton and Andover. He reviewed demographics in Hanson including the unemployment rate which was 3.5. State was 3.8. He noted that Hanson has some negatives, which were no sewerage or high speed internet.

He noted that there are issues with the old Ocean Spray Cranberry property. Mrs. FitzGerald-Kemmett noted that the Ocean Spray property is not the sole focus of the Town, but the entire length of Route 27 area. Mrs. FitzGerald-Kemmett is interested in grant money. Mr. Hughes noted that approving the Smart Growth and expedited permitting for the 40R districts would open the Town up to grant money.

Mr. Hughes suggested a guide for the business and land use of the Town for residents and local businesses. Mrs. FitzGerald-Kemmett asked who would put the process together. Mr. McCue indicated that he has worked with other communities to set up a process.

Chairman McGahan inquired as to how to fill vacancies and promote business to come to Hanson. Mr. Hughes reviewed the 40R criteria, which has a housing component and needs to be close to transit. Mr. Hughes indicated that Plymouth has adopted expedited permitting which has been very beneficial. He suggested Tax Incentive Financing for businesses to get started.

Mr. McCue noted that 40R and expedited permitting would have to be adopted by Town Meeting. He explained that the work would be done by Town staff with the assistance of Old Colony Planning Council. Mr. McCue is hopeful a Planner/Economic Development coordinator would handle the duties.

Mr. Hickey confirmed that OCPC would assist with the Town's presentation to Town Meeting.

Mrs. FitzGerald-Kemmett noted that the booklet should be crafted now.

The Board encouraged residents to apply for the committee.

Appointments/Resignation:

North River Commission - Term to Expire 6/30/18 - Applicant: Jennifer Heine 606 State Street was present. Chairman McGahan reviewed her application, noting she works at Stonehill College.

MOTION by Howard, second by Hickey to appoint Jennifer Heine to the North River Commission with a term to expire June 30, 2018 **Voted 5 – 0**

Maquan Reuse Committee – Applicants:

William Garvey 66 Morton Street
Jenna Gomes 113 Andrew Lane

Neither applicant was present. Mrs. FitzGerald-Kemmett indicated that Mr. Garvey serves on the School Repair committee and the Board of Water Commission and feels it would be good to bring on someone new. Chairman McGahan noted that Mr. Garvey can always attend the meetings if he were not appointed.

MOTION by Mitchell, second by FitzGerald-Kemmett to appoint Jenna Gomes to the Maquan Reuse Committee. Term to expire June 30, 2018. **Voted 5 – 0**

Reappoint – Animal Control Officer – Mary Drake – Term to Expire 3/31/19

MOTION by Mitchell, second by Hickey to reappoint Mary Drake as the Animal Control Officer term to expire March 31, 2019. **Voted 5 – 0**

Review proposed warrant articles –

Mr. McCue indicated that the warrant is not final. Several articles need amounts. The warrants will be reviewed by Town Counsel. Chairman McGahan briefly reviewed each of the Special Town Meeting articles to be placed on the warrant. Questioned were discussed as reviewed.

Article 1 – Unpaid bills – waiting for an amount

Article 2 – Supplemental budget – waiting on amounts

Article 3 – Dispatch Console - \$50, 000 - Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett questioned the necessity of the console in light of the potential of regional dispatch. Mr. McCue noted that the need is immediate and if approved, regional dispatch may not happen for at least a year.

Article 4 – Police Vests - \$20,000

Article 5 – Grading Private roads - \$10,000

Article 6 – Replace floor at COA - \$20,000

Article 7 – Install Thomas Mill Water wheel - \$15,000

Article 8 – Indian Head & Middle School repairs - \$50,000

Article 9 – Indian Head - reimburse for repairs - \$35,000

Article 10 – Recreation – Supplement Septic - \$25,000

Article 11 – Recreation – WiFi - \$23,000

Article 12 – CPC – dock restoration - \$80,000

Article 13 – W&P – Compensation Plan

Article 14 – W&P – Benefits

Article 15 – Water – Rescind borrowing

Article 16 – PCH – Rescind borrowing

MOTION by Howard, second by Mitchell to place **Articles 1 – 16** on the Special Town Meeting warrant. **Voted 5 – 0**

Annual Town Meeting Warrant –

Article 1 – Town Report

Article 2 – Compensating balances

Article 3 – Tax title accounts - \$20,000

Article 4 – Set elected officials salaries

Article 5 – Budget - waiting for final figures

Article 6 – Recreation budget - \$370,469

Article 7 – Transfer Station budget - \$345,016

Article 8 – CPC Budget - \$240,000

Article 9 – Capital Improvement Matrix

Article 10 – Capital Improvement projects - \$575,000

Article 11 – High School Capital - \$198,891

Article 12 – New Fire Engine - \$600,000

Article 13 – Middle School HVAC - \$500,000

Article 14 – Chapter 90

Article 15 – Replenish Conservation fund - \$5,000

Article 16 – Water - 2 trucks - \$80,000

Article 17 – Water – Storage containers - \$18,000

Article 18 – Water – Upgrade SCADA - \$40,000
Article 19 – Stabilization – TBD
Article 20 – School Stabilization – TBD
Article 21 – WHRSD – Amended regional agreement
Article 22 – SSVT – Amended regional agreement
Article 23 – Quorum by-law
Article 24 – Revolving accounts
Article 25 – Bulk Storage by-law
Article 26 – Bulk Storage – enforcement
Article 27 – Frontage zoning
Article 28 – Retail Marijuana
Article 29 – Tax retail Marijuana
Article 30 – Cell tower zoning
Article 31 – Cell tower height
Article 32 – Codification of zoning index
Article 33 – Amend recall act
Article 34 - Election

MOTION by Howard, second by Hickey to place **Articles 1 – 34** on the Annual Town Meeting warrant. ***Voted 5- 0***

Vote to close the May Special and Annual Town Meeting warrants

MOTION by FitzGerald-Kemmett, second by Howard to vote to close the May 2018 Special and Annual Town Meeting warrants. ***Voted 5 – 0***

Declaration of Arbor Day on April 27, 2018 - Mr. McCue requested the Board vote to declare April 27, 2018 as Arbor Day. He is working with the local Rotary to put together an event which will include local and State officials. The declaration is a requirement to become a Tree City.

MOTION by FitzGerald-Kemmett, second by Hickey to vote to declare April 27th as Arbor Day in Hanson. ***Voted 5 – 0***

III OLD BUSINESS

Update on cell tower RFP – Mr. McCue reported that the staff has identified a town owned site at the Hanson Middle School. It is in the middle of the gaps in coverage. He will be working with a company to put an RFP together. The company indicated that AT&T is looking for a service site. Mr. McCue will contact the Regional School District regarding the location. Mr. McCue will work with Conservation to review the site location. He hopes to put the RFP out in the Spring. Mr. McCue explained the process of the installation of the pole and the company which constructs the cell tower solicitors other carriers.

Mr. Hickey inquired about the fall zone. Mr. McCue is reviewing the fall zone area.

Mrs. FitzGerald-Kemmett inquired about the coverage in South Hanson. Mr. McCue would research the coverage.

Mr. McCue's main goal is to get coverage for the Town. If it doesn't work on Town property, he would not be opposed to a private person or company to install a Cell Tower. Mr. McCue noted that there are design options of cell towers including monopoles, flag poles and tree style poles.

IV TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. McCue reported that he had a meeting today regarding access to Town Hall for key card access. A computer program access will be implemented. Physical changes will need to be made to the doors. He is concerned about the aesthetics of the building.

Mrs. FitzGerald-Kemmett asked about individual offices. Mr. McCue said he is getting a price for the Treasurer/Collector and the Town Clerk's office.

Mr. Hickey asked about the status of the tax possession properties. Mr. McCue is waiting for feedback from the departments.

He met with the public safety staff this morning to prepare for the next upcoming snow storm. He noted that all the departments had praised the teamwork effort by all parties.

Mr. McCue will be out of the office tomorrow at a MMPA conference in Sturbridge and Thursday for an MMMA meeting at Fort Devens relative to performance evaluations. He will also be attending a meeting in Winthrop with Chairman McGahan for the Complete Streets grant. He expects there may be an early release tomorrow based on the current weather forecast.

V COMMITTEE REPORTS

200th Anniversary Committee – Mrs. FitzGerald-Kemmett reported the committee will be meeting Thursday March 29th.

Monponsett Pond Committee – Mr. Howard – No meeting

Final Plymouth County Hospital Reuse Comm. – Mr. Howard – The Committee will be meeting tomorrow at 4:30. The radio tower came down during the last snow storm.

Maquan School Reuse Committee – Mrs. FitzGerald-Kemmett will set up a meeting now that the committee has a full complement of members.

Hanson School Repair Committee – Mr. Hickey will be meeting next Thursday, March 29th

Highway Building Committee – Mr. Mitchell Nothing to report – Mr. McCue noted that he would like to put an RPF out for the design services.

VI EXECUTIVE SESSION - Chairman McGahan announced the Board would 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. Town Administrator

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

8:55 p.m. Brief Recess

9:33 p.m. Returned to Open Session

VII ADJOURNMENT

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

9:33 p.m. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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