

***Hanson Board of Selectmen
Selectmen's Meeting Room, Hanson Town Hall
Tuesday, March 26, 2019
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 meeting schedule.

II NEW BUSINESS

Adjust fees for the Weights and Measures – Sealer of Weights and Measures Rob O'Rourke was present to request the Board of Selectmen increase the Sealing fees. Mr. McCue informed the Board that Mr. O'Rourke had met with him regarding the fees and suggested the fees be increased to be more reflective of the costs. The fees currently bring in \$2,630.00 and the sealing wages and expenses are \$3,967.00.

A fee increase of \$10.00 would result in an additional \$890.00 of revenue. Mr. O'Rourke provided a survey of the State and Plymouth County fees. Some communities charge \$45.00 to \$50.00 per meter. He does not feel it will adversely affect the businesses. He also noted that he has added a weight kit to the fee schedule.

MOTION by FitzGerald-Kemmett, second by Hickey to approve the new fees rates, to allow the Sealer to do a price verification inspection on an annual basis and add a weight kit and retest fee for one half the regular fee. ***Voted 5 – 0***

Declare Woodbine Avenue parcel (Watts) as surplus – Mr. McCue explained that the Board needs to declare the parcel surplus in preparation of the Town Meeting article to grant an easement. Mrs. FitzGerald-Kemmett and Mr. Hickey want compensation for the easement. Mr. McCue will consult with Town Counsel.

MOTION by FitzGerald-Kemmett, second by Blauss that the Board of Selectmen declare a ten (10) foot strip of land running along the property line between Plot 30 and Plot 32 Woodbine Avenue, as more specifically described in the easement and on the plan entitled "Plot Plan of Land in Hanson, MA" prepared for Barbara Watts by John W. Delano and Associates, Inc., 220 Hudson Street, Halifax, MA, Job No. JN-6093" both on file in the Town Clerk's Office is no longer needed for exclusive municipal purposes, said property to be deemed surplus property. ***Voted 5 – 0***

REQUESTS:

Dollars for Scholars – Declare April as Dollars for Scholars Month & Erect to fundraising thermometer

Mrs. FitzGerald-Kemmett publicly thanked Dollars for Scholar coordinator Michael Ganshirt and his volunteers for their work.

Whereas, Whitman and Hanson Dollars for Scholars has been awarding scholarships to deserving students from Whitman and Hanson for fifty-six years; and

Whereas, Whitman and Hanson Dollars for Scholars has awarded \$2.5 million to over 3,400 students; and

Whereas, Whitman and Hanson Dollars for Scholars is a community-based, non-profit organization which receives support from residents, businesses, and community organizations; and,

Whereas, Whitman and Hanson Dollars for Scholars offers non-restricted scholarships open to qualified secondary school graduates from both private and public schools living in the towns of Whitman and Hanson; and

Whereas, Dollars for Scholars is currently appealing to Whitman and Hanson residents through their annual fundraising campaign.

Now, therefore, We, Board of Selectmen for the Town of Hanson, hereby proclaim the month of April as Dollars for Scholars month and urge all residents and businesses to recognize and support Whitman and Hanson Dollars for Scholars and the work that they do.

MOTION by Blauss, second by Hickey to declare April as Dollars for Scholars Month.
Voted 5 – 0

Dollars for Scholars – Request to use Maquan Parking Lot for annual Electronic Recycling event on Saturday May 11th from 9:00 a.m.– 1:00 p.m.

MOTION by FitzGerald-Kemmett, second by Dyer to authorize Dollars for Scholars to use Maquan School for the annual Electronic Recycling fundraiser. **Voted 5 – 0**

MOTION by Blauss, second by Dyer to grant permission for a fundraising thermometer on Town Hall Green in April. **Voted 5 – 0**

Review TA Evaluation Tool – Mr. Blauss explained that he met with Mr. McCue to develop a tool for his evaluations and goals. Town Clerk suggested meeting with the Safety Committee. The tool can be adjusted and updated. Mr. McCue to develop an evaluation tool for other Town employees.

Mrs. FitzGerald-Kemmett requested that an additional goal that the Board is adequately prepared for each Selectmen's meeting and Town Meeting as Goal #6. Mr. Dyer would like to add a line to the form for the Board comments.

Board of Health – Transfer Station Discussion - Tabled

Appointments/Resignation:

Board of Registrars – Barbara Ferguson – Term Expires – 3/31/22

MOTION by FitzGerald-Kemmett, second by Blauss to reappoint Barbara Ferguson to the Board of Registrars. ***Voted 5 – 0***

Council of Elder Affairs – Joanne Clemons 671 Indian Head Street – 6/30/20

Mr. McCue noted that he met with Mrs. Clemons who he sees regularly at the Senior Center. He recommended her appointment.

MOTION by FitzGerald-Kemmett, second by Hickey to appoint Joanne Clemons to the Council of Elder Affairs term to expire June 30, 2020. ***Voted 5 - 0***

Requests:

Hanson Little League – Opening Day Parade Sat., April 6th Noon – Town Hall
MOTION by FitzGerald-Kemmett, second by Dyer to approve the Hanson Little League opening day parade on April 6th. ***Voted 5 – 0***

Hanson Youth Cheerleading – Tulip Fundraiser, Sat., April 20th. 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
MOTION by FitzGerald-Kemmett, second by Dyer to approve Hanson Youth Cheerleading tulip fundraiser on April 20th. ***Voted 5 – 0***

III OLD BUSINESS

Review 2019 Special & Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles

Special Town Meeting Warrant

Article 1 – Selectmen - Unpaid bills

MOTION by FitzGerald-Kemmett, second by Blauss to place Article 1. ***Voted 5-0***

Article 2 – Selectmen - Supplemental budget

MOTION by FitzGerald-Kemmett, second by Dwyer to place Article 2. ***Voted 5-0***

Article 3 – Town Clerk - Election Equipment - \$5,500

MOTION by Hickey, second by Dyer to place Article 3. ***Voted 5-0***

Article 4 – Police Chief – Portable Radios - \$10,000

MOTION by Dyer, second by Hickey NOT to place Article 4. ***Voted 5-0***

Article 5 – Police Chief – Outside lighting - \$4,500

MOTION by Hickey, second by Dyer NOT to place Article 5. ***Voted 5-0***

Article 6 – Police Chief – Sidewalks - \$7,000

MOTION by Hickey, second by Dyer to place and recommend Article 6. ***Voted 5-0***

Article 7 – Highway – Grade Private Ways - \$10,000

MOTION by FitzGerald-Kemmett, second by Blauss NOT to place Article 7. ***Voted 5-0***

Article 8 – School Committee – Tiles at Middle School - \$25,000

MOTION by Dyer, second by Hickey to place and recommend Article 8. ***Voted 5-0***

Article 9 – School Committee – Solar Traffic Lights – Indian Head - \$15,000

MOTION by Blauss, second by FitzGerald-Kemmett to place and recommend Article 9.
Voted 5-0

Article 10 – Thomas Mill Comm. – Maintenance Improvements - \$30,000

MOTION by FitzGerald-Kemmett, second by Hickey to place Article 10. ***Voted 5-0***

Article 11 – Selectmen – Sergeant property reimbursement - \$4,269

MOTION by FitzGerald-Kemmett second by Hickey to place and recommend. Article 11.
Voted 5-0

Article 12 – Selectmen – Fund Demolition of Maquan School - \$1,000,000

MOTION by Hickey, second by Dyer to place Article 12. ***Voted 5-0***

Article 13 – Elder Affairs – Supplement Flooring article - \$15,000

MOTION by Dyer, second by Blauss to place and recommend Article 13. ***Voted 5-0***

Article 14 – Tree Warden – Remove Trees along Camp Kiwanee Road - \$45,000

Mrs. FitzGerald-Kemmett requested an arborist to check the trees prior to removal as there is historic value to the trees. She asked if new trees will be planted to replace the ones removed. Mr. McCue will get additional information. Mr. Hickey would like to add to the article that new trees will be planted. Mr. Dyer noted he is aware of the trees and it is evident which trees need to be removed.

MOTION by Dwyer, second by FitzGerald-Kemmett to place Article 14. ***Voted 4-0-1 Mitchell***

Article 15 – Selectmen – Right of first refusal of Maquan Street property

MOTION by Blauss, second by Hickey NOT to place Article 15. ***Voted 5-0***

Article 16 – Selectmen – Amend Wage & Personnel by-law

MOTION by Dyer, second by Hickey to place and recommend Article 16. ***Voted 5-0***

Annual Town Meeting Warrant

Article 1 – Selectmen – Town Report

MOTION by Blauss, second by Hickey to place and recommend Article 1. ***Voted 5-0***

Article 2 – Treasurer – Compensating Balances

MOTION by FitzGerald-Kemmett, second by Hickey to place and recommend Article 2 –
Voted 5-0

Article 3 – Treasurer – Tax Title Account - \$20,000

MOTION by Blauss, second by Dyer to place and recommend Article 3. ***Voted 5-0***

Article 4 – Selectmen – Set Elected Officials Salaries

MOTION by FitzGerald-Kemmett, second by Dyer to place and recommend Article 4.
Voted 5-0

Article 5 – Budget –

MOTION by Dyer, second by Hickey to place Article 5. ***Voted 5-0***

Article 6 – Recreation – Budget

MOTION by Dyer, second by Hickey to place Article 6. ***Voted 5-0***

Article 7 – Board of Health – Budget

MOTION by FitzGerald-Kemmett, second by Hickey to place Article 7 ***Voted 5-0***

Article 8 – Community Preservation – Budget

MOTION by FitzGerald-Kemmett, second by Blauss to place Article 8 ***Voted 5-0***

Article 9 – Capital Improvement – Matrix

MOTION by Dyer, second by Blauss to place Article 9. ***Voted 5-0***

Article 10 – Capital Improvement – Projects - \$558,000

MOTION by FitzGerald-Kemmett, second by Dyer to place Article 10. ***Voted 5-0***

Article 11 – School Committee – High School Capital \$311,385

MOTION by Dyer, second by FitzGerald-Kemmett to place Article 11. ***Voted 5-0***

Article 12 – School Committee – Middle School HVAC - \$675,000

MOTION by Blauss, second by Dyer to place and recommend Article 12.

Voted 4-0-1 FitzGerald-Kemmett

Article 13 – Selectmen – Authorize Chapter 90 funding

MOTION by Dyer, second by Hickey to place and recommend Article 13. ***Voted 5-0***

Article 14 – Selectmen – Establish a Plymouth County Hospital property fund

MOTION by FitzGerald-Kemmett, second by Dyer to place Article 14. ***Voted 5-0***

Article 15 – Police & Fire – Training- \$48,500

MOTION by FitzGerald-Kemmett, second by Dyer to place and recommend Article 15.
Voted 5-0

Article 16 – Selectmen – Stabilization

MOTION by Dyer, second by FitzGerald-Kemmett to place Article 16. ***Voted 5-0***

Article 17 – Selectmen – School Stabilization

MOTION by Dyer, second by Blauss to place Article 17. ***Voted 5-0***

Article 18 – Water – Replenish emergency water

MOTION by Dyer, second by FitzGerald-Kemmett to place and recommend Article 18.

Voted 5-0

Article 19 – Water – Repave parking lot

MOTION by Dyer, second by FitzGerald-Kemmett to place and recommend Article 19.

Voted 5-0

Article 20 – Water – Paint Building - \$5,000

MOTION by Hickey, second by Dyer NOT to place Article 20. ***Voted 5-0***

Article 21 – Water – New computers - \$4,500

MOTION by Hickey, second by Dyer NOT to place Article 21. ***Voted 5-0***

Article 22 – Water – Variable Frequency Drive - \$15,000

MOTION by Dyer, second by Hickey to place and recommend Article 22. ***Voted 5-0***

Article 23 – Highway – Wastewater Management - \$50,000

MOTION by FitzGerald-Kemmett, second by Dyer to place Article 23. ***Voted 5-0***

Article 24 – Selectmen – Accept Additional Lite Control Property

Chairman Mitchell explained that the original acceptance was for 2 acres but was not based on an engineered plan. A plan has been drawn which includes a total of 9 acres. Mrs. FitzGerald-Kemmett inquired as to whether testing was done on the additional 6.5 acres. Chairman Mitchell said that Town Counsel can explain that all the testing has been completed. Army Corp of engineers has done the work. Town Counsel is comfortable the due diligence has been completed.

MOTION by FitzGerald-Kemmett, second by Dyer to place Article 24. ***Voted 5-0***

Article 25 – Community Preservation – Dedicate Marcus Uran property

MOTION by Blauss, second by Dyer NOT to place Article 25. ***Voted 5-0***

Article 26 – Selectmen – Easement of Woodbine Ave property

MOTION by FitzGerald-Kemmett, second by Hickey to place Article 26. ***Voted 5-0***

Article 27 – Selectmen – TIF - Mr. McCue noted that he is waiting on the contract.

MOTION by Dyer, second by Hickey to place Article 27. ***Voted 5-0***

Article 28 – Selectmen – Old Pine Road Conservation property

Mrs. FitzGerald-Kemmett noted that the Water Department has to give the Town something in exchange for the acreage they will be using. Mr. Dyer suggested that the Lite Control property may meet that requirement. Mrs. FitzGerald-Kemmett has an opinion from the State outlining the requirement.

MOTION by FitzGerald-Kemmett, second by Dyer to place Article 28. ***Voted 5-0***

Article 29 – Assessors – Adopt Minimum Value

Mrs. FitzGerald-Kemmett inquired as to how the Assessors arrived at the \$3,000 minimum. Mr. McCue will get the information from the Assessors.

MOTION by FitzGerald-Kemmett, second by Dyer to place Article 29. ***Voted 5-0***

Article 30 – Veterans – Adopt Statute

MOTION by Dyer, second by Hickey to place and recommend Article 30. ***Voted 5-0***

Article 31 – Veterans – Adopt Statute – Gold Star recipients

MOTION by Dyer, second by Hickey to place and recommend Article 31. ***Voted 5-0***

Article 32 – Selectmen – No Knock by-law

Mr. McCue noted that the Police Chief does not recommend the article.

MOTION by Blauss, second by Dyer NOT to place Article 32. ***Voted 5-0***

Article 33 – Cable Access – PEG Access Account

MOTION by FitzGerald-Kemmett, second by Dwyer to place Article 33. ***Voted 5-0***

Article 34 – Selectmen – Stipends for Treasurer Staff

MOTION by FitzGerald-Kemmett, second by Dyer to place Article 34. ***Voted 5-0***

Article 35 – Selectmen – Amend zoning by-law prohibiting retail marijuana sales

MOTION by Hickey, second by FitzGerald-Kemmett to place and recommend Article 35. ***Voted 5-0***

Article 36 – Selectmen – Plastic Bag Ban

MOTION by Blauss, second by Dyer NOT to place Article 36. ***Voted 5-0***

Article 37 – Selectmen – Polystyrene Ban

MOTION by Blauss, second by Dyer NOT to place Article 37. ***Voted 5-0***

Article 38 – Selectmen – Revolving Accounts

MOTION by Hickey, second by Dyer to place and recommend Article 38. ***Voted 5-0***

Article 39 – Town Clerk – Election Article

MOTION by Hickey, second by Dyer to place and recommend Article 39. ***Voted 5-0***

Mr. McCue informed the Board that the Planning Board is requesting a new article to amend the Zoning by-laws for recreational cultivation, manufacturing and testing of marijuana, excluding retail, in the overlay district.

MOTION by FitzGerald-Kemmett, second by Hickey to open the Annual Town Meeting warrant. ***Voted 5 – 0***

MOTION by Hickey, second by Dyer to place an article in the Annual Town Meeting Warrant to amend the Town of Hanson Zoning Bylaw Section VI. L.: “Special Requirements for Medical

Marijuana Facilities”, to add Recreational cultivation, manufacturing, and testing, excluding retail, in the overlay district. **Voted 5 – 0**

MOTION by Dyer, second by FitzGerald-Kemmett to close the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. **Voted 5 – 0**

V APPROVE MINUTES

January 22, 2019 Reg. & Executive

January 29, 2019 - **TABLED**

March 12, 2019

March 19, 2019

MOTION FitzGerald-Kemmett, second by Hickey to approve the minutes of January 22, 2019, March 12, 2019 and March 19, 2019 as printed. **Vote 5 – 0**

MOTION FitzGerald-Kemmett, second by Dyer to approve, hold and not release the Executive Session minutes of January 22, 2019. **Vote 5 – 0**

VII ONE DAY LIQUOR LICENSES – Camp Kiwanee

Melissa David, Hanson, Fri., April 5th 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. – Memorial

Rockland Lions, Rockland Sat., April 6th 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. – Fundraiser

Michelle Pearce, Bridgewater, Fri., April 19th 6:00 – 11:00 p.m. – Class Reunion

MOTION Dyer, second by Hickey approve the One Day Liquor licenses as printed in the agenda. **Voted 5 – 0**

IV TOWN ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Mr. McCue informed the Board that JJ’s Pub clean-up is delayed s the owner is waiting for DEP approval. The owner has the Town’s approval to move forward with the clean-up.

Mr. McCue reported the Disabilities Committee will be meeting in April. Mrs. FitzGerald-Kemmett suggested having a table at the Hanson Day

Mr. McCue reported the former COA van was sold at auction for \$3,100.00. The Annual Watershed Action meeting will be held on Friday at Camp Kiwanee. He will attend and greet the group. Community Preservation Committee will hold a public forum on April 10th. It is soliciting input from groups regarding the sports fields.

There will be a Green Communities designation award ceremony on April 9th in Hingham. He requested the Board members let him know if they wished to attend. Mr. McCue acknowledged the Energy Committee, Town Planner and OCPC staff for their work in achieving the designation.

Mr. McCue reported that on Monday night the Planning Board voted to appoint Deb Petty as full time Town Planner .

Mr. McCue informed the Board that on March 14th he met with a company regarding installing solar carports around town. He is waiting for additional information. The units would pay for themselves. He will provide the information to the Energy Committee.

Mr. McCue spoke with Joe Cardinal at National Grid regarding street light purchase. National Grid has a program in which they would retain ownership and they would upgrade the lights to LED. The Town would reap the benefits of the incentives. National Grid is doing an audit of the street light and Mr. McCue will also have an independent audit through the Green Communities Grant. He will have all the figures by May. If National Grid retains the street lights, the Town will not have the responsibility of maintenance.

Mr. McCue reported that the designer will be out to walk the Plymouth County Hospital property in the next few weeks. They will also conduct a site walk with an arborist to determine if some trees can be removed with the possibility of getting some revenue from the wood.

Mr. McCue reported the Maquan School Reuse Committee is meeting April 3rd to meet with the Broker Keller Williams. They would like to have something in place in time for the October Town Meeting.

VIII COMMITTEE REPORTS

200th Anniversary Committee - Mrs. FitzGerald-Kemmett noted the committee is meeting this week. Mr. Blauss and Mr. Hickey attended the previous meeting. There will be a Monte Carlo night in October. The Logo contest was a success. They selected 3 designs. The Committee will be at Hanson Day to get people involved in 2020 events.

Final Plymouth County Hospital Reuse Comm. – Mr. McCue already updated. Mr. Dyer reported the committee is moving forward and will be looking at grants. They committee will discuss who should be responsible for park maintenance.

Mr. Dyer notified the Board that Recreation is interviewing Recreation Director applicants.

Maquan School Reuse Committee – Mrs. FitzGerald-Kemmett noted the committee is working with Keller Williams. They have no intention of selling the property. Committee agrees it is an important piece of property. They are looking to get someone to lease the property, or tear down and rebuild as a lease property. One possibility is affordable housing, as there is a need for housing. Whoever goes in, they hope to get some walking trails.

Hanson School Repair Committee – Mr. Blauss noted the committee will be meeting on April 18th.

Mr. Dyer recognized Assistant Town Clerk Jean Kelly for achieving certification as Municipal Town Clerk.

Mr. Blauss noted that Transfer Station discussion was on the agenda, but wants to move forward with a discussion.

Mrs. FitzGerald-Kemmett would like to discuss a five and ten year financial plan for the Town. Mr. McCue said that Hanson is in financially good shape. Mr. McCue has given the school a 6.5% increase for next year.

IX EXECUTIVE SESSION – Chairman Mitchell announced that 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 if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body and the chair so declares. Fire Union and Fire Chief

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

8:46 p.m. Brief Recess

9:04 p.m. Returned to open session.

X ADJOURNMENT

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

9:04 p.m. Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Marini,
Executive Assistant
Approved & Voted 5 -0
April 9, 2019