

***Hanson Board of Selectmen  
Selectmen's Meeting Room, Hanson Town Hall  
Tuesday, April 10, 2018  
Regular Meeting 7:00 P.M.***

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

***Members Absent:***

***Others Present:*** Town Administrator Michael McCue  
Executive Assistant Meredith Marini

**7:01 p.m.** Chairman McGahan called the meeting to order, read the Public Announcements & Upcoming meetings.

**II EXECUTIVE SESSION** - Chairman McGahan 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. Police Chief Contract

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

**7:06 p.m. Brief Recess**

**7:55 p.m. Returned to open session**

**Mr. McCue left the meeting to attend the Finance Committee meeting.**

**Discussion and possible vote - Police Chief Contract**

Chairman McGahan reviewed the discussion conducted in Executive Session noting the Chief Miksch had requested a five year extension to his current contract with a salary

Mrs. FitzGerald-Kemmett indicated that based on salary comparison, the Town Administrator's performance evaluation of the Chief and the Chief's accomplishments, the Board voted in the affirmative.

***MOTION*** by Hickey, second Mitchell to extended Chief's Miksch's contract to June 30, 2024 with a salary of \$140,000 all other terms of the contract remain the same. ***Voted 5 – 0***

**Beau Dyer, Plympton, MA – Request for Soil Removal Permit – 84 Liberty Street**

Chairman McGahan announced the hearing and read the following hearing notice.

*The Hanson Board of Selectmen will be holding a hearing for a soil removal permit at the request of William L. Dyer and Gerald R. Coulstring, Jr. of 167 Center Street, Plympton, MA on Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room at the Hanson Town Hall 542 Liberty Street, Hanson, MA . Said soil to be removed from the 84 Liberty Street and shown as Assessors Map 91, Lot 12-1.*

**MOTION** by Howard, second by Mitchell to open the hearing. **Voted 5 – 0**

Mr. Dyer indicated that they anticipate removing 2,000 yards of material. He explained that the materials had been placed on the site when the adjoining property was originally constructed. Mr. Dyer needs to remove the excess soil to reach a proper grade for construction.

They have a foot print for the project which has been approved by Zoning and Conservation. They are currently in a design stage based on the needs of their clients.

**MOTION** by Howard, second by Hickey to approve the request for gravel removal permit subject to operational standards and waive the requirement for bond or restoration standards.

Discussion – Mrs. FitzGerald-Kemmett noted that Town Counsel recommends that an Engineer inspect the site to ensure compliance of the Soil removal permit. Chairman McGahan noted that there is a bond requirement.

Building Commissioner Robert Curran noted that the project is permitted by the Zoning Board of Appeals. He feels that the Board should waive any additional requirements for the by-law. The building permit will be issued after the excess material is removed.

The permitting was approved through the Zoning Board and the site restoration. Mrs. FitzGerald-Kemmett wants to insure that the operation standards to be met. She wants to be sure someone does not come in and strip the lot without any construction.

Mr. Curran indicated there is no building permit yet, but the applicant will have to excavate additional soils for construction. He does not feel that a bond should be required for this particular project.

Patricia Dias an abutter asked what the transition will be from her property to site and whether it is going to be a retaining wall or slope. Mr. Coulstring noted there will be 150 feet from the Abington/Rockland Water easement. They will build a retention pond. They anticipate it will remain as it currently exists.

**So voted 5 – 0**

**MOTION** by Mitchell, second by Howard to close the hearing. **Voted 5- 0**

**Accept and Vote Donations –**

1/30/18 Paula Smith	\$200.00 Elder Affairs
1/30/18 Barbara Crimi & Leeann Fallon	\$100.00 Elder Affairs
1/31/18 Kathleen Womersley	\$100.00 Library
2/21/18 Mutual Bank	\$347.00 Library Nancy Cappellini foundation
3/21/18 Catherine Stevens	\$25.00 Elder Affairs
3/22/18 Kathleen & Hubert Monahan	\$50.00 Library

**MOTION** by Howard, second by Hickey to accept the donations as listed. **Voted 5 – 0**

### **Town-owned Stormwater easements – Highway Surveyor Robert Brown –**

Chairman McGahan noted that he had spoken to a resident of KatyDid Lane who has been having problems with a Town owned drainage easement on his property. Mr. Brown noted that most easements are in the front yard. When the Bogs were closed it created an issue. Mr. Brown will work with any of the boards or committees to resolve the issues. He noted that Plymouth County Mosquito Control will assist with cleaning the easement. Mr. Brown noted that the issue is based on the staffing levels or the finances. He would like to get some part time summer staff to work on these easements. Chairman McGahan asked if there is a plan regarding easement maintenance. Mr. Brown noted that it usually consists of clearing the brush.

Chairman McGahan requested a list of easements, particularly those near homes. Mr. Brown indicated that he also needs to address culverts.

Chairman McGahan indicated that the Board would be supportive of additional staff or funding in order to complete the necessary work in order to keep up with the maintenance of the easements and culverts.

Mr. Brown requested the Board's approval to set up a collection day for residential brush at the Industrial Park. They are storing street sweepings behind the highway barn. When it gets too high he will have it trucked out.

### ***Appointments/Resignation:***

Recreation - Melissa Scartissi, 38 Holly Ridge Drive – Term to expire 6/30/19  
Fill Rachel Gross vacancy –

***MOTION*** by FitzGerald-Kemmett, second by Howard to Appoint Melissa Scartissi ***Voted 5 – 0***

## **IV OLD BUSINESS**

**Vote recommendations of Town Meeting Articles – The Board reviewed the articles and made recommendations**

### **Special Town Meeting**

***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.

***MOTION*** by FitzGerald-Kemmett, second by Howard to recommend. ***Voted 5 – 0***

***Article 4*** – Police Vests - \$20,000

***MOTION*** by FitzGerald-Kemmett, second by Howard to recommend. ***Voted 5 – 0***

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

***MOTION*** by FitzGerald-Kemmett, second by Howard to recommend. ***Voted 5 – 0***

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

**MOTION** by FitzGerald-Kemmett, second by Howard to recommend. **Voted 5 – 0**

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

**MOTION** by FitzGerald-Kemmett, second by Howard to recommend. **Voted 5 – 0**

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

**MOTION** by FitzGerald-Kemmett, second by Howard to recommend. **Voted 5 – 0**

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

**MOTION** by FitzGerald-Kemmett, second by Howard to recommend. **Voted 5 – 0**

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

**MOTION** by FitzGerald-Kemmett, second by Howard to recommend. **Voted 5 – 0**

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

**MOTION** by FitzGerald-Kemmett, second by Howard to recommend. **Voted 5 – 0**

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

**Article 13** – W&P – Compensation Plan

**MOTION** by FitzGerald-Kemmett, second by Howard to recommend. **Voted 5 – 0**

**Article 14** – W&P – Benefits

**MOTION** by FitzGerald-Kemmett, second by Howard to recommend. **Voted 5 – 0**

**Article 15** – Water – Rescind borrowing

**MOTION** by FitzGerald-Kemmett, second by Howard to recommend. **Voted 5 – 0**

**Article 16** – PCH – Rescind borrowing

**MOTION** by FitzGerald-Kemmett, second by Howard to recommend. **Voted 5 – 0**

## **Annual Town Meeting**

**Article 1** – Town Report

**MOTION** by FitzGerald-Kemmett, second by Howard to recommend. **Voted 5 – 0**

**Article 2** – Compensating balances

**MOTION** by FitzGerald-Kemmett, second by Howard to recommend. **Voted 5 – 0**

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

**MOTION** by FitzGerald-Kemmett, second by Howard to recommend. **Voted 5 – 0**

**Article 4** – Set elected officials salaries

**MOTION** by FitzGerald-Kemmett, second by Howard to recommend. **Voted 5 – 0**

**Article 5** – Budget - waiting for final figures – Hold

**Article 6** – Recreation budget - \$370,469

**MOTION** by FitzGerald-Kemmett, second by Howard to recommend. **Voted 5 – 0**

**Article 7** – Transfer Station budget - \$345,016. Mrs. Marini noted that she met with the Town Accountant after the warrant was printed and the budget numbers have been changed. The Total budget is \$331,706 with \$86,690 coming from taxation. Salaries will be \$116,632 with \$58,985 from taxation. Program revenues \$187,369 and taxation \$27,705

**MOTION** by FitzGerald-Kemmett, second by Howard to recommend. **Voted 5 – 0**

**Article 8** – CPC Budget - \$240,000

**MOTION** by FitzGerald-Kemmett, second by Howard to recommend. **Voted 5 – 0**

**Article 9** – Capital Improvement Matrix - Hold

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

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

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

**MOTION** by FitzGerald-Kemmett, second by Howard to recommend. **Voted 5 – 0**

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

**MOTION** by FitzGerald-Kemmett, second by Howard to recommend. **Voted 5 – 0**

**Article 14** – Chapter 90

**MOTION** by FitzGerald-Kemmett, second by Howard to recommend. **Voted 5 – 0**

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

**MOTION** by FitzGerald-Kemmett, second by Howard to recommend. **Voted 5 – 0**

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

**MOTION** by FitzGerald-Kemmett, second by Howard to recommend. **Voted 5 – 0**

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

**MOTION** by FitzGerald-Kemmett, second by Howard to recommend. **Voted 5 – 0**

**Article 18** – Water – Upgrade SCADA - \$40,000

**MOTION** by FitzGerald-Kemmett, second by Howard to recommend. **Voted 5 – 0**

**Article 19** – Stabilization – TBD – Hold – subject to funding

**Article 20** – School Stabilization – TBD – Hold – subject to funding

**Article 21** – WHRSD – Amended regional agreement – Hold – Mrs. Marini noted that the agreement has not been received from the Region.

**Article 22** – SSVT – Amended regional agreement

**MOTION** by FitzGerald-Kemmett, second by Howard to recommend. **Voted 5 – 0**

**Article 23** – Quorum by-law – Chairman McGahan noted that the quorum change should be the same number for both annual and special. Town Clerk Beth Sloan explained that if the quorum amount for the Special is lower, a problem will arise as the Annual Town Meeting which requires 100 voters opens prior to the May Special. Mrs. FitzGerald-Kemmett is concerned about reducing the quorum. The Town should be encouraging residents to attend town meeting. Mr. Howard noted his disappointment in the lack of attendance at Town Meeting. Ms. Sloan noted that some communities have no quorum and they have more attendance. Ms. Sloan suggested leaving the quorum at 100.

**8:19 p.m. – Mr. McCue returned to the meeting.**

Mr. McCue pointed out that Mr. Howard requested that the article be placed on the warrant. The Board previously voted to place the article and the discussion is now being held regarding the article with the Board's recommendation.

**MOTION** by Howard, second by Mitchell to remove Article 23 from the warrant. **Voted 5 – 0**

**Article 24** – Revolving accounts

**MOTION** by FitzGerald-Kemmett, second by Howard to recommend. **Voted 5 – 0**

**Article 25** – Bulk Storage by-law - Hold

**Article 26** – Bulk Storage – enforcement - Hold

**Article 27** – Frontage zoning – Hold – Planning Board will attend the next meeting to address Articles 27 – 32.

**Article 28** – Retail Marijuana - Hold

**Article 29** – Tax retail Marijuana – Hold

**Article 30** – Cell tower zoning - Hold

**Article 31** – Cell tower height - Hold

**Article 32** – Codification of zoning index - Hold

**Article 33** – Amend recall act - Hold

**Article 34** – Election

**MOTION** by FitzGerald-Kemmett, second by Howard to recommend. **Voted 5 – 0**

**Approve Mass. Pregnancy fairness policy** – Mr. McCue noted that a new State Employment guidelines regarding pregnancy fairness recommends communities adopt policies.

**MOTION** by FitzGerald-Kemmett, second by Howard, to approve the Mass. Pregnancy fairness policy. **Voted 5 - 0**

**Approve revisions to Municipal Vehicle Policy** – Mr. McCue explained the policy has been tightened up to address the use of private vehicles and mileage reimbursements. The Town now has two vehicles which can be used for Town business.

**MOTION** by FitzGerald-Kemmett, second by Howard, to approve the Municipal Vehicle Policy.  
**Voted 5 - 0**

**Appointments –**

**Matt Tanis – Permanent Part-time Conservation Agent** - Mr. McCue indicated that he discussed with the Chairman of the Conservation Commission that Mr. Tanis has been working out well. He will receive a stipend of \$20,000 for the position.

**MOTION** by FitzGerald-Kemmett, second by Howard to appoint Matt Tanis as the permanent part-time Conservation agent. **Voted 5 – 0**

**V      TOWN ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

Mr. McCue reported that he has been working with the School District and the Town of Whitman regarding the budget. There will be another meeting Wednesday morning regarding the school’s requested budget.

Mr. McCue indicated that the contract for the \$20,000 for the Wampatuck Pond testing has been received. The State has requested a scope of services for the project. Conservation Chairman Phil Clemons is working on the scope of services. The funds must be spent by the end of the fiscal year.

Joint IT Director – Mr. McCue reported they interviewed one person last week and two individuals this week. Looking forward to having a dedicated person in the position. The current IT contract with MX expires the end of May.

Facilities Director has been narrowed down to one person, who will submit a proposal. Mr. McCue hopes to bring him forward next week.

Veteran’s agent will be out of the office next week. He is working on the Memorial Day Parade.

Street Sweeping and private road grading has begun. Mrs. FitzGerald-Kemmett requested that Mr. Brown put information on the website regarding private road and the schedule. Discussion about private roads and the Town’s requirement to maintain such. Mrs. FitzGerald-Kemmett suggested adding a list of private ways to the website.

Mr. McCue noted that while reviewing his list of accomplishments at the last meeting he did not credit all the support of department heads and staff. The list of accomplishments were not solely done by Mr. McCue.

**VI      APPROVE MINUTES – None**

**VII      COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee** – Mrs. FitzGerald-Kemmett reported the committee will be meeting on the April 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Monponsett Pond Committee** – Mr. Howard no meeting. Anticipates one shortly.

***Final Plymouth County Hospital Reuse Comm.*** – Meeting next Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. with the Conway School students will visit the property. There will also be another site visit on April 21<sup>st</sup>.

***Maquan School Reuse Committee*** – Mrs. FitzGerald-Kemmett reported she met with Mr. McCue to review the steps. They will set up another meeting in a few weeks.

***Hanson School Repair Committee*** – Mr. Hickey reported next meeting is after Town Meeting.

***Highway Building Committee*** – Mr. Mitchell – Will set up a meeting next week.

Chairman McGahan reported that the Town Accountant put together a list of the Town's debt schedule and thank him for the information.

## **VII    ADJOURNMENT**

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

**9:53 p.m. Meeting Adjourned**

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Marini,  
*Executive Assistant*  
**Approved and Voted 5 – 0**  
**May 15, 2018**