

***Hanson Board of Selectmen
Selectmen's Meeting Room, Hanson Town Hall
Tuesday, April 11, 2017
Regular Meeting 7:00 P.M.***

Members Present: Donald Howard, Bruce Young, James McGahan, Kenny Mitchell & William Scott (late)

Members Absent:

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

CALL TO ORDER - Chairman McGahan called the meeting to order and lead the Pledge of Allegiance, read the Announcements and Upcoming meeting schedule. Chairman McGahan read a letter of thanks from the Town of Rockland for the Hanson Fire Department's assistance during a recent fire in March.

II NEW BUSINESS

Swear in Lt. Charley Barends – Chief Thompson provided the Board with the process in which the Lieutenant is selected, which includes reading material, test with a grade of 70% or higher and assessment center dealing with an actual event and the rated on an employee counsel program. The position is to fill the vacancy of Lt. Ralph Becker. Chief Thompson reviewed Lt. Barends' background and experience on the department. Lt. Barends became full time in 2005. He is responsible for public education in the school and general. Town Clerk Elizabeth Sloan swore in Lt. Barends. His twins pinned on his badge.

Vote Acceptance of Donations –

Chairman McGahan read the donations:

March 2nd from the Bastek Family in the amount of \$125.00 for Elder Affairs

March 16th from the Salvetti Family in the amount of \$25.00 for Recreation.

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

Junk Dealers License Renewals -DMW Industries 1282 Main Street

Mrs. Marini indicated the police and fire departments reported no issues with the renewal.

MOTION by Howard, second by Mitchell to renew the Junk Dealers License for DMW Industries of 1282 Main Street. ***Voted 5 – 0***

Request J R's Indian Head Pub to open earlier on Sunday, April 23rd - Fundraiser

Mrs. Marini indicated that this is an annual request.

MOTION by Howard, second by Mitchell to approve the early opening of J R's Indian Head Pub on Sunday, April 23 at 10:00 a.m. for the annual motorcycle run fundraiser. ***Voted 5 – 0***

Appointments:

Veterans' Agent – Robert Arsenault – Term to expire 3/31/18

Veterans' Service Director – Robert Arsenault – Term to expire 3/31/18

Veterans' Burial Agent – Robert Arsenault – Term to expire 3/31/18

MOTION by Howard, second by Mitchell to reappoint Robert Arsenault to the above positions as read with a term to expire March 31, 2018. **Voted 5 – 0**

III OLD BUSINESS

Finalize and Sign Town Meeting Warrants

Special Town Meeting –

Article 1 – Unpaid Bills - & **Article 2** – Supplemental Budget - Mrs. Marini indicated that Article 1 & 2 still waiting for numbers and suggested holding the recommendation until the April 25th Meeting.

Articles 7 & 8 – Naming of parcel for Lt. David Hall - Mr. McCue noted that the location of the square is private property. Town Counsel noted that the Town can pursue the naming of the square.

Article 9 – Elementary School repairs. – Mr. McCue suggested holding the recommendation until a later date. Chairman McGahan questioned the assessment if the building is taken down. The numbers may be adjusted at Town Meeting.

Article 11 – Stabilization – Fund \$25,000 if the funds are available

MOTION by Howard, second by Mitchell to recommended Article 11 subject to funding.
Voted 5 – 0

Annual Town Meeting

Article 4 – Elected official Salaries - The amounts have been included in the article.

MOTION by Howard, second by Mitchell to recommend Article 4. **Voted 5 – 0**

Article 5 – Budget – Hold – Waiting on the final figures.

Article 6 – Override – Hold - Mr. McCue indicated the amount of the override is still unknown. The article will read “a sum of money”. The school committee will provide a number on Thursday. With respect to the ballot question in Article 33, the amount of money will be signified by a “TBD” to be determined. The actual question on the ballot will have the exact amount.

Mr. McCue indicated that the town could provide some additional funds to the school budget but he is still waiting for the final figures from the School Committee.

Article 7 – Ratify Contract – Hold

Article 14 – CIC matrix – Hold

Article 18 – Rehab of Route 14/Maquan Street – Mr. McCue indicated that notice has been received from the State that the project has increased to \$6 Million. The Town's obligation is

10% or \$600,000.00. Mr. McCue is investigating whether the project could be funded at the October Special Town Meeting. He suggested holding the recommendation.

Mr. Howard reported that the State has accepted the project, but the project costs have increased from \$3 Million to \$6 Million. He does not know what the timeline is for the project.

The Board will address a recommendation on April 25th.

Articles 31 & 32 – Petition for funding to private organizations. Town Counsel indicated that the Town cannot spend municipal funds for private organizations or entities.

MOTION by Mitchell, second by Howard not to recommend **Articles 31 and 32** based on legality of the articles. ***Voted 5 – 0***

Mr. McCue informed the Board that the Borrowing for Recreation Septic System article has been pulled and will be included on the October Special Town Meeting. After discussion with the Town Accountant he determined it would be best to request the funding after the bids have been received and fund the proper amount.

Mr. Howard asked if the system is currently working. Mr. McCue indicated the system is working, but will be required to be pumped throughout the season.

MOTION by Howard, second by Mitchell to open the May annual Town Meeting Warrant. ***Voted 5 – 0***

MOTION by Howard, second by Mitchell to remove former Article 18 the Septic System Repair at Camp Kiwanee. ***Voted 5 – 0***

MOTION Mitchell, second by Howard to close the warrant. ***Voted 5 – 0.***

IV TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. McCue reported he and the treasurer/collector selected a candidate for the Clerk's position in the Treasurer/Collector's office.

Received a letter from the legislative delegation regarding the Town's letter for local support. Rep. Culter and Senator Brady reported they are working on the town's behalf.

The House Wage & Means budget has increased the per pupil rate from \$20.00 to \$30.00.

Rep. Culter is seeking projects or funding requests for Hanson. Mr. McCue recommended \$30,000 for improvement at Camp Kiwanee and \$20,000 for testing of Wampatuck. By consensus Mr. McCue will notify Representative Culter of the Board's desire.

Mr. McCue spoke with Mass. Office of Disability. He believes the Town is eligible for a grant for the ramp repairs at the Food Pantry as well as hearing assistance equipment for Town Meeting.

There has been a lot of work by the inmates from the Plymouth County Sheriff's department. They have a licensed electrician and plumber who have done at the old police station. He thanked Sheriff McDonald for the assistance with the program. Mr. Mitchell indicated that a sign will be installed for notice of sports registration.

Mr. McCue noted that Sheriff's group will be working on the former fire association building on Main Street.

Mr. McCue reported that he has contacted Comcast about the fiber equipment which was granted in the contract.

National Grid will provide a few trees and fund the installation of the trees for the Arbor Day event on April 28th. He is seeking locations for the trees.

WasteZero contract – Mr. McCue has invited representatives of the Board of Health and Town Accountant to discuss the success or lack thereof of the program on April 25th.

Mr. Young questioned why it was the Board of Selectmen purview and now it is under the jurisdiction of the Board of Health. Mr. McCue indicated he was unaware of the circumstances of the past.

Mr. McCue congratulated the Police Department and Highway Department for locating a missing elderly resident who suffers from Alzheimers.

Mr. McCue reported that Plymouth County Hospital – Asbestos will be completely removed by the end of the week. The chimney still remains and testing is being conducted. The chimney ash will be contained by the Contractor in concert with DEP. The demolition is complete as well as all the out buildings. The basements will be filled with non-contaminated site materials.

Mr. Scott noted that the Highway Department has been assisting with the project and saving money on the project.

V ONE DAY LIQUOR LICENSES

Katie Kruskall, East Bridgewater, Sun., May 14th 5:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. – Wedding
Debra Kruk, Hanson, Sat., May 20th 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. – Graduation
Amy Amaral, Middleboro, Sun., May 21st 4:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. – Wedding
Amanda Veliotis, Quincy, Sat., May 27th 4:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. – Wedding
Amanda Ford, Middleboro, Sun., May 28th 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. - Wedding

MOTION by Howard, second by Mitchell to approve the one day liquor licenses as presented.
Voted 5 – 0

VI COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monponsett Pond Committee – Mr. Howard reported the committee will be meeting April 19 at Halifax Town Hall.

Indian Head & Maquan Priority Repair Comm. – Mr. Young – nothing to report

Highway Building Committee – Mr. Scott – Nothing to report

Final Plymouth County Hospital Committee Update – Mr. Howard – Already covered by Mr. McCue

VII EXECUTIVE SESSION – Chairman McGahan announced the Board will go into Executive Session to conduct strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares. Administrative Professionals, Dispatcher, Firefighters & Highway Unions

So Moved by Howard, second by Mitchell to go into Executive Session. ***Roll Call Howard aye, Young aye, McGahan aye, Mitchell aye and Scott aye. Voted 5 – 0***

8:13 p.m. Brief Recess

8:36 p.m. Returned to Open Session

VIII ADJOURNMENT

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

8:36 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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