

***Hanson Board of Selectmen  
Selectmen's Meeting Room, Hanson Town Hall  
Tuesday, April 25, 2017  
Regular Meeting 6:30 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

**6:30 p.m.** Chairman McGahan called the meeting to and announced the Board would be going into Executive Session to conduct strategy session in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel or contract negotiations with non-union personnel – Fire Chief and Highway Surveyor and further 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 Young, second by Howard. ***Roll Call Howard, Young aye, McGahan aye, and Mitchell aye. Voted 4– 0***

**6:31 p.m. Brief Recess**

**7:15 p.m. Returned to Open Session**

Mr. Scott arrived during Executive Session

Chairman McGahan led the Pledge of Allegiance and read the announcements and upcoming meeting schedule.

**III NEW BUSINESS**

Approve Town Administrator's recommendation of Rhondalee Larson as Clerk to the Treasurer/Collector. Chairman McGahan reviewed Ms. Larson's resume and experience which includes 20 years of service in the East Bridgewater Treasurer/Collector's office. Mr. McCue indicated the Town was fortunate to have Ms. Larson apply for the position due to her vast experience. He and Treasurer/Collector Jeanne Sullivan interview eight individuals for the position.

***MOTION*** by Howard, second by Mitchell, to affirm Mr. McCue's recommendation of employment of Ms. Larson. ***Voted 5 – 0***

***Appointment –***

***Animal Control Officer – Mary Drake – Term to Expire 3/31/18***

Chairman McGahan reviewed Ms. Drake's resume. She indicated that her father had been the Dog Officer in the Town of Hanson several years ago. She will continue her education and training for certification.

**MOTION** by Howard, second by Mitchell to appoint Mary Drake as Animal Control Officer with a term to expire March 31, 2018.

Mr. Scott asked about euthanizing of the road kill. She met with police chief to discuss the issue.  
**Voted 5 – 0.**

Request to Use Town Hall Green on June 4<sup>th</sup> for the 2017 Chicken Run by the 4-H Group

**MOTION** by Howard, second by Mitchell to approve the request to use the Town Hall Green by Hanson 4-H on June 4<sup>th</sup>. **Voted 5 – 0**

**200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Comm.** – Lee Gamache 819 Main St., - Term to Expire 12/31/2020

**MOTION** by Howard, second by Mitchell to appoint Lee Gamache to the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee. **Voted 5 – 0.**

**Town Meeting Preview –**

**Special Town Meeting Warrant**

**Article 1 – Unpaid bills**

**MOTION** by Howard, second by Mitchell to pass over Article #1. **Voted 5 – 0**

**Article 2 - Supplement budget**

**MOTION** by Howard, second by Mitchell to recommend Article #2 **Voted 5 – 0**

**Article 7 – Name 1120 Main Street in honor of Lt. David Hall**

**MOTION** Howard, second by Mitchell recommend Article 7 **Voted 5 – 0**

**Article 8 - Fund the memorial square for Lt. Hall**

**MOTION** by Howard, second by Mitchell recommend Article 8 **Voted 5 – 0**

**Article 9 – Mrs. Marini indicated that some of the amounts have been reduced. The School Committee recommended leaving the Maquan Assessment in the article in the event the Town needed the information. Mr. Scott feels an assessment should be done as to the current condition of the school. Chairman McGahan not in favor of spending the money and use the previous assessment information. Additional items included Middle School study of HVAC, Card access to the three elementary schools and ceiling fans at Indian Head and Middle School**

**MOTION** by Mitchell, second by Young not to recommend Item 1 and recommend items 2, 3 & 4 of **Article 9. Voted 5 – 0**

**Annual Town Meeting Warrant**

**Article 5 – Budget Article - Mr. McCue indicated that the budget is balanced.**

Mike Dugan noted that the Fin Com re-voted the recommendation for the Norfolk Agricultural Tuition Line 57. They had reduced the proposed amount to \$199,000 in accordance with the number of students attending. – Mr. McCue suggested the Selectmen vote its recommendation on Line 57 at Town Meeting.

Moderator noted a disagreement in recommendation to Lines 58 engineering and 61 snow and ice. Engineering Expense – Finance Committee zeroed engineering and placed the \$5,000t in Snow and Ice. They would support reserve fund request for engineering lines.

**MOTION** by Howard, second by Mitchell to approve Fin Com's recommendation of moving \$5,000 from Engineering to Line 61 Snow and Ice. **Voted 5 – 0**

**Article 6 – Prop 2 ½ override for school budget**

**MOTION** by Mitchell, second Howard to Passover Article 6. **Voted 5 – 0**

**Article 7 - Union contracts**

**MOTION** by Mitchell, second Howard to Passover Article 7. **Voted 5 – 0**

**Article 14 – Capital Matrix**

**MOTION** by Howard, second by Mitchell to recommend Article 14.

Mr. Young noted that the Capital priorities for FY 18 are \$12,718,621 and not affordable by the Town. He cannot support the matrix as presented. The Capital Improvement Committee did not perform their duties in accordance with the by-laws by spreading the various projects to other fiscal years. Lengthy discussion regarding the matrix.

**Voted 3 – 2 (Young & Scott)**

**Article 16 – High School Capital** Turf field, roadway repair and replace hot water heaters

**MOTION** by Howard, second by Mitchell to recommend Items 1 & 3 and passing over Item 2 roadway repairs. **Voted 5 – 0**

**Article 18 – Maquan Rehab**

**MOTION** by Mitchell, second by Howard to Passover article 18. **Voted 5 – 0**

**Article 20 – New Revolving Account for forestry.** Town Counsel indicated that the article is not in the proper form and should be passed over.

**MOTION** by Mitchell, second by Howard to Passover Article 20. **Voted 5 – 0**

**Article 28 – Marijuana – moratorium.**

Town Counsel recommended amending the by-law section 3 Temporary moratorium effect through January 1, 2019. Mr. Scott will present an amendment after moving the article.

Mrs. Kemmett asked why Finance voted not to recommend the moratorium. Finance Committee Chairman Mike Dugan indicated they were concerned about loss of business revenue in the area communities to allow the sale of marijuana and Hanson has a moratorium.

**Article 30** – Septic Loan Program – Laura Kemmett inquired why Finance Committee voted against it. Finance Committee member Joe Pelligra, former Board of Health member indicated in the past the management of the program by Old Colony has been a problem in the past. If it was managed more efficiently they would support it. Chairman McGahan indicated the he supports the article due to the environmental concerns for individuals who cannot afford to get a conventional loan. Discussion regarding the risk of the town. The Town borrows for a term which is shorter than the time individuals have to pay the loan back to the Town.

**Articles 31 & 32** – Request for funding from non-profit organizations for Women's resources. Mr. McCue indicated the law prohibits municipalities from spending money on private organizations. Moderator Sean Kealy asked if he could rule the article out of order. Town Counsel indicated that he could and would provide him with a copy of the law.

#### **8:58 Brief Recess**

#### **9:03 Return to open session**

### **IV OLD BUSINESS**

Discussion regarding WasteZero Contract - Board of Health Chairman Arlene Dias indicated that the WasteZero contract was for the purchase of bags and management of the program. Mrs. Dias indicated that a committee had made a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen regarding WasteZero. Gil Amado indicated that the former Town Administrator signed the contract as the procurement.

The costs for the bags have been reduced in the new contract from \$66.15 per case to \$65.00 per case for large bags and \$70.56 to \$69.00 per case for the small.

Tonnage information was provided to the Board for 2016 and 2017.

Mr. McCue explained that if the contract with WasteZero had not been signed there would be no provision for the disposal of waste using the under the current bag program.

Mr. Young noted that Mr. McCue was only performing his administrative duties as the Procurement Officer.

Mr. Mitchell inquired as to the revenues from the bags. He asked how many residents use private curbside pickup. The Board of Health is trying to gather the data, but one company has not provided the numbers. Ms. Dias indicated there are several out-of-date stickers.

Mr. Amado indicated it is full service transfer station for metal, electronics, batteries, light bulbs, mattresses, etc.

Chairman McGahan recommended that the Board of Health get the relevant data for usage at the Transfer Station.

The Hauler contract expires in November. Chairman McGahan indicated that this is a Board of Health matter. However, the Town Administrator is required to sign the contract.

**V      TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT** – Mr. McCue reported Green Up Clean Up event on Saturday, April 22 was a success with over 80 volunteers. Mr. McCue thanked everyone who participated and the Highway Department for its assistance.

There will be overnight work on the rail track during the month of May. Neighbor of the rail tracks may hear noise and lights during these hours.

An Arbor Day event will take place on Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 at the Library Senior Center. National Grid has donated a Tree for the event. He invited the Board and residents to attend. The event will assist in getting Hanson named as a Tree City which will open grant opportunities to the Town.

Representative Cutler will be setting up a meeting with representatives of Massworks to come to Hanson for a discussion regarding economic development opportunities in Hanson.

Mr. McCue reported that the fence at the former Plymouth County Hospital had previously been voted as surplus. He recommended that the fence be

***MOTION*** by Howard, second by Mitchell to authorize the Town Administrator to make arrangements with Sweezy Fence to remove and keep the fence at no cost. ***Voted 5 – 0***

Mr. McCue is working on a Draft Social Media policy. He is also drafting a policy to set up recording equipment at various Board and Committee meetings.

Mr. Young asked about the status of the land auctions. Mr. McCue indicated he would give the board an update at the next meeting.

Mr. Young inquired as the automation at Recreation. Mr. McCue indicated a webinar was held which was viewed by the administrative assistant and recreation director.

**VI      ONE DAY LIQUOR LICENSES - Camp Kiwanee**

Raymond Andruk, Hanson, Wed., May 31<sup>st</sup> 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. – Boy Scout Honor  
***MOTION*** by Howard, second by Mitchell to approve the one day Liquor License for Raymond Andruk - ***Voted 5 – 0***

**Nathaniel Thomas Mill –**

Tricia Dransfield, Hanson, Sat., May 20<sup>th</sup> 4:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

**MOTION** by Howard, second by Mitchell to approve the one day liquor license for Tricia Dransfield  
**Voted 5 – 0**

## **VII     COMMITTEE REPORTS**

***Monponsett Pond Committee*** – Mr. Howard indicated that Brockton is taking water. There has been discussion of Brockton selling water to Union Point (former naval airbase) in Weymouth at 10 million gallons a day. Mr. Howard does not know how Brockton can get the water to Weymouth and still produce enough for themselves.

***Indian Head & Maquan Priority Repair Comm.*** – Mr. Young had nothing to report. He held his last meeting as committee chairman and thanked the committee members for their service. The Committee has worked hard and accomplished a lot. According to Chairman McGahan the majority of the roof work was completed on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. There were three outstanding items which will occur in a manner not to interfere with school operations.

***Highway Building Committee*** – Mr. Scott indicated there have not been any meetings. He did meet with the engineers. They started the plantings and will meet with DEP in 5 – 6 weeks. Boulders have been placed along the proposed lot line.

***Final Plymouth County Hospital Committee Update*** – Mr. Howard reported the chimney is down and all the foundations have been removed.

## **VIII    ADJOURNMENT**

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

**9:53 pm. Meeting Adjourned.**

Respectfully submitted,

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