

***Hanson Board of Selectmen  
Selectmen's Meeting Room, Hanson Town Hall  
Tuesday, May 1, 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

**7:00 p.m.** Chairman McGahan called the meeting to order, read the Public Announcements & Upcoming meetings. He requested a Moment of Silence for former Planning Board Member Gordon Coyle

## **II NEW BUSINESS**

Swear In Deputy Fire Chief Rob O'Brien – Fire Chief Jerry Thompson welcomed everyone to Deputy Fire Chief Rob O'Brien's swearing in. He recognized former Fire Chief Peter Huska who had hired both Chief Thompson and Deputy Fire Chief O'Brien. Chief Thompson noted the increase of calls over the year leading to the need for a Deputy Fire Chief. He reviewed the hiring process which consisted of an assessment held in January. Chief Thompson gave a brief biography of Deputy Fire Chief O'Brien noting he is a life-long resident of Hanson where he lives with his wife the children. He has held several positions within the department and the community which started when he began as a lifeguard at Cranberry Cove. Town Clerk Elizabeth Sloan swore in Deputy Fire Chief O'Brien. His wife Deb and son Christopher pinned on his badge.

7:11 p.m. Brief Recess

7:14 p.m. Returned to open session

Chairman McGahan announced the Board would be taking the agenda out of order.

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

***Appointment:*** Economic Development Comm. - Patricia Sointu 600 Summer St., Duxbury – Business Representative Term to Expire 6/30/21

***MOTION*** by Howard, second by Mitchell to appoint Patricia Sointu to the Economic Development Committee Term to expire on June 30, 2021. ***Voted 5 – 0***

200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Comm. – Matt Dyer 68 Woodman Terrace – Term to expire 6/30/20

***MOTION*** by FitzGerald-Kemmett, second by Howard to appoint Matt Dyer to the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee – Term to expire June 30, 2020. ***Voted 5 – 0***

Affirm Town Administrator's recommendation to hire Mary Ellen Buckley of Hanson as the Volunteer/Intergenerational Coordinator at the Senior Center.

Mr. McCue noted the he and Elder Affairs Director Mary Collins interviewed three well qualified candidates. Ms. Buckley has been a volunteer at the Senior Center for six years. Mary Collins noted that Ms. Buckley has been well received at the Senior Center. She works closely with Ms. Buckley in dealing with the Senior population and highly recommends her hiring.

**MOTION** by Howard, second by FitzGerald-Kemmett to affirm the Town Administrator's recommendation to hire Mary Ellen Buckley. **Voted 5 – 0**

***Requests:***

Hanson Rod & Gun Club Annual Fishing Derby Sunday June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Wampatuck Pond

**MOTION** by FitzGerald-Kemmett, second by Howard to approve the request of Hanson Rod and Gun Club on Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> for the annual fishing derby. **Voted 5 – 0**

**V      ONE DAY LIQUOR LICENSE**

Wes Blauss, Perry Avenue, Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> 4:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Nathaniel Thomas Mill – Private Party

**MOTION** by Howard, second by FitzGerald-Kemmett to approve the one day liquor license for Wes Blauss on May 19<sup>th</sup> at Nathaniel Thomas Mill. **Voted 5 - 0**

Friend of the Hanson Library, Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Hanson Public Library – Fundraiser

**MOTION** by Howard, second by FitzGerald-Kemmett to approve the one day liquor license at the Hanson Library on May 8<sup>th</sup> for a fundraiser. **Voted 5 - 0**

Edit and vote Executive Session minutes March 20, 2018 – Mr. Hickey requested that the following language be added to the minutes:

*Selectman Hickey noted the October 1, 2018 date in Mr. McCue's contract for action on successor contract. Mr. McCue stated that he had sought the opinions of both General Counsel and Labor Counsel on the extension he was requesting, and both agreed it was permissible.*

**MOTION** by Howard, second by Hickey to amend the Executive Session minutes of March 20, 2018 as presented. **Voted 5 – 0**

**VI      COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee** – Mrs. FitzGerald-Kemmett indicated that things are moving along. Fundraisers are lining up. The historical society is working on displays. Tee shirts will be offered for sale. They have a list of events for 2020. The Committee welcomes

residents to volunteer to assist with the fundraisers or events. There may possibly be a Movie Night at Maquan. They expect to have things every month for all ages.

***Monponsett Pond Committee*** – Mr. Howard nothing to report.

***Final Plymouth County Hospital Reuse Comm.*** Mr. Howard reported they are meeting Wednesday May 2<sup>nd</sup> and on May 9<sup>th</sup> at the Hanson Middle School. The public is invited to see what the Conway School is suggesting for ideas for the property. He encouraged residents to attend and share their ideas. Mr. McCue explained the Conway School is a graduate school for public planning. The Meeting will run for 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

***Maquan School Reuse Committee*** – Mrs. FitzGerald-Kemmett reported that she and Mr. McCue have been strategizing and established a timeline of tasks to be completed before the next meeting of the full committee. They had a discussion with the Hanson Housing Director Tom Thibault. They agreed an RFP should be issued for the school. Once the committee gathers the possible options, they will bring it back to the Selectmen. Mr. McCue has reached out to area communities which have been through a similar situation.

Chairman McGahan asked School Committee Chairman Bob Hayes as to when the Town could expect to receive the School. Mr. Hayes indicated possibly by the end of September.

***Hanson School Repair Committee*** – Mr. Hickey reported the committee will meet after Town Meeting.

***Highway Building Committee*** – Mr. Mitchell reported that the committee met last week. Engineer Dan Tenney will be putting out an RFP. Mr. McCue will meet with Dan Tenney to draft the RFP, which he does not expect to be a lengthy request.

Mr. McCue will be looking at the existing facility with Wesson & Sampson. They have not had time to review the current facility. He received plans which Conservation will review.

### **III OLD BUSINESS**

School Committee – Discuss Amended Regional School District Agreement – School Committee Chairman Hayes reviewed the Amended agreement. The School Committee voted on April 23<sup>rd</sup> to approve the agreement. The Town of Whitman voted on April 23<sup>rd</sup> to approve the agreement and place it on their Town Meeting Warrant. He reviewed the RAAC Membership. Mass. Association of Regional Schools provided representatives.

Mr. Hayes noted that there have been no changes to the amended after April 19<sup>th</sup>. He said the Town can vote to amend the agreement through DESE. At any given time a community can vote to withdraw from the Region. Mr. Hayes addressed concerns that residents had stated regarding the school split of 60/40 Whitman to Hanson. He noted that the exact same split happens with students attending private schools.

Mr. Hayes pointed out that State laws have been changed since the 1992 Regional Agreement and have been addressed in the new amended agreement which is a 20 year agreement.

Mrs. FitzGerald-Kemmett feels a new agreement is a good thing for the communities. She would like to make a recommendation at the Selectmen's meeting prior to Town Meeting. Chairman McGahan noted that Pre-K will now be going to the High School.

Mr. Hickey thanked the Board for appointing him to the committee. He found the experience enlightening.

**Discussion relative to evaluation process** - The Board would like a more formal calendar and timeline when employees are evaluated relative to contracts, which includes a list of accomplishments and comprehensive evaluation. Mr. McCue inquired if the Board would like him draft a policy. Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett feels if the employer wants to see improvement, a good review is necessary. She would seek feedback from staff.

Chairman McGahan noted the Mr. McCue had sent out an evaluation tool on April 20<sup>th</sup>. Mr. McCue suggested changing the date for his evaluation to be completed in January so the any new members can participate after 6 months in office.

**Conduct Town Meeting Preview** – The Board reviewed the warrants and members of the Boards and Committees “moved” their articles.

### **Special Town Meeting**

#### **Article 1 – Unpaid Bills – None received**

**MOTION** by Hickey, second by Howard to Pass Over. **Voted 5 - 0**

#### **Article 2 – Supplemental Budget –**

**MOTION** by Mitchell, second by Howard to recommend Article 2. **Voted 5 - 0**

**Article 12 – Cove Docks** – Mrs. FitzGerald-Kemmett recommended that the CPC articles be completely closed out before reallocating to another project.

### **ANNUAL**

**Article 5 - Budget Article** - The Finance Committee indicated it reviewed the Police Department budget revisions and recommended the adjustments. Mr. McCue noted that the budget provides for a 9.5% increase for the School budget.

**MOTION** by Howard, second by Mitchell to approve the budget Article 5 as presented.  
**Voted 4 –0 - 1 FitzGerald-Kemmett**

#### **Article 10 – Capital Items**

**MOTION** by FitzGerald-Kemmett, second by Howard to recommend Article 10. **Voted 5 – 0**

Finance Committee did not recommend the Town Hall generator because they had already transferred funds for a redundant computer at the Police Station. Mr. Howards feels that the Town Hall should have power when the entire Town is without power.

Finance did not recommend the Highway truck as they did not feel it was fiscally responsible at this time. The explanation as to the need for a truck was not very compelling.

**Article 19 – Stabilization & Article 20 School Stabilization** – Mrs. Marini noted the Town Accountant informed her that there will be no funds available for the articles.

**MOTION** by FitzGerald-Kemmett, second by Mitchell to Passover articles 19 & 20.

**Voted 5 - 0**

**Article 23 Revolving Accounts** – The Finance Committee recommended 3-2 but would like to address some of the accounts in the future which could be funded in the operating budget.

**Article 30 – Cell Tower Height**

**MOTION** by Mitchell, second by Howard to recommend Article 30. **Voted 5- 0**

**Article 32 – Recall Petition** – Chairman McGahan reviewed the suggested changes to the article such as 170 days deleted from the article and insert 45 days from certification of Town Clerk.

Section c – Chairman McGahan tried to keep the existing provision in tact by replacing language to hold an election within a reasonable length of time from 45 days of certification of Town Clerk. Town Clerk indicated she favors waiting to the annual election. Mr. McGahan was concerned that if an issue is so egregious that someone should be removed sooner rather than waiting for the next election.

#### **IV TOWN ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

Mr. McCue reported that the Veteran’s Agent is looking for assistance with the upcoming Memorial Day Parade.

Mr. McCue will be issuing the Legal RFP on Wednesday.

Mr. McCue has drafted a contract for the Facilities Manager after consultation with Town Counsel. He requested the Board authorize him to sign the contract once approved by Town Counsel

**MOTION** by FitzGerald-Kemmett, second by Mitchell to authorize Town Administrator to continue with contract with Facilities Manager. **Voted 5 – 0**

Mr. McCue reported that he attended a contract seminar regarding School buildings. On April 18<sup>th</sup> he introduced Josh Wolff to the Seniors at the monthly coffee. Mrs. FitzGerald-Kemmett noted that Recreation put out a survey for recreation uses.

The Arbor Day event has been rescheduled from April 27<sup>th</sup> to May 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

Mr. McCue participated in the bid opening for FY2019 paving. The bid was awarded to Aggregate who was the low bidder.

On Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup> there will be a meeting with Jim FitzGerald of Environmental Partners and a business owner at County, High & Liberty Streets regarding the Complete Streets project.

Mr. McCue hopes to have the key access in place, but the vendor was not on the State bid list. IT is looking for additional vendors.

Social Media Policy has been vetted by Labor Counsel and sent it to General Counsel for review.

## **VII    ADJOURNMENT**

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

Chairman McGahan announced this is his last meeting at Town Hall and thanked the residents for allowing him to serve. He thanked the other Board members and staff.

**9:32 p.m. Meeting adjourned.**

Respectfully submitted,

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