

***Hanson Board of Selectmen
Selectmen's Meeting Room, Hanson Town Hall
Tuesday, September 17, 2019
Regular Session 7:00 P.M.***

Members Present: Wesley Blauss, James Hickey, Laura FitzGerald-Kemmett, Kenny Mitchell, and Matthew Dyer

Members Absent:

Others Present: Meredith Marini, Town Administrator
Greer Getzen, Executive Assistant

7:00 p.m. Chairman FitzGerald-Kemmett called the meeting to order, led the pledge of allegiance. Mr. Blauss read the announcements and upcoming meeting schedule.

II NEW BUSINESS

Kim Moore – Discuss adding basketball hoops at Boteri Field - Resident Kim Moore came before the Board this evening to discuss her plans to install two basketball hoops and sealcoat the unused tennis courts at Boteri Field with monies from fundraising.

Chairman FitzGerald-Kemmett informed Ms. Moore that in addition to receiving an approval to proceed with this project from the Parks & Fields Commission, all alterations to any of the Town's properties must first get the approval of the Board of Selectmen. Town Administrator Merry Marini added that after the work is completed, the Selectmen should vote to accept the donation of the work. Chairman FitzGerald-Kemmett applauded Ms. Moore for her efforts and supports her project as a parent herself.

MOTION by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to support Ms. Moore's work at Boteri Field.
Voted 5 – 0

200th Anniversary Update – Audrey Flanagan – Chairman FitzGerald-Kemmett welcomed Audrey Flanagan, Chairman of the 200th Anniversary Committee, to this evening's meeting to update the Board on that committee's activities. Ms. Flanagan reported that her committee has been meeting more frequently recently and that the last two meetings in particular were very productive. Upcoming 200th anniversary events in 2020 include the following:

February – There will be a formal dinner and proclamation to kick off Hanson's 200th anniversary.

March – The committee is partnering with the Hanson Business Network at their March 14, 2020 St. Patrick's Day fundraiser at the lodge at Camp Kiwanee.

May – The committee will approach the Historical Society and the Historical Commission about holding a series of historical talks during this month. They will ask the Mattakeesett tribe to host a series of talks/walks related to the Indians' history as local residents in Hanson and surrounding communities. Chairman FitzGerald-Kemmett also thought it would be a wonderful idea to see if the tribe could send representatives to Hanson's schools to educate the students on the tribe's history in town. Also, there will be a geocaching event (scavenger hunt using coordinates) with the caches located at historical landmarks around town.

June – An event to be determined (possibly a carnival).

July – Old Home Day Celebration, with local churches, businesses and organizations involved in the activities.

Board of Selectmen meeting 9/17/19

Approved 10/15/19

August – There will be a Food Truck Rodeo with music.

September – The committee is planning a parade with an Oktoberfest beer garden.

December – There will be a holiday festival.

Ms. Flanagan said there will also be 2020 calendars (using local photographers) for sale in the near future, and that CafePress has a number of customized Hanson items available for sale, including Christmas ornaments, bags, sweatshirts, blankets and coffee mugs. She encouraged residents to check out www.cafepress.com and search “Hanson” or by using the link on the 200th Anniversary Committee’s Facebook page.

Finalize and sign Warrant Articles –

Article 1 – Unpaid Bills – Mrs. Marini recommended funding this article using \$3,100.27 from Free Cash and \$3,565 from (other sources) for a total of \$6,665.00.

MOTION by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Blauss, to recommend Article 1.

Voted 5 - 0

Articles 7 & 8 – Zoning Map Books and Codification of Zoning Bylaws

MOTION by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Dyer, to recommend Articles 7 and 8.

Voted 5 - 0

Article 18 – Removal of Trees at Camp Kiwanee – Mrs. Marini reported that the Tree Warden will be the sponsor of this article. The Selectmen put this article on hold until the Town Administrator asks Tree Warden Dave Hanlon if he has consulted with an arborist regarding selection of take downs and cost.

Articles 20 & 21 – Adding to the Town and School’s Stabilization Funds – Mrs. Marini told the Board that Articles 20 and 21 will be funded with \$50,000 and \$25,000 respectively from Free Cash. She told them that the Town has a total of \$1.6 million dollars in certified Free Cash.

MOTION by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Dyer, to recommend Articles 20 and 21. ***Voted 5 - 0***

Mrs. Marini told the Board that she received a call from the Federal National Mortgage Association today regarding the unresolved conveyance of a non-exclusive use easement for a 10-foot strip of property running between Plots 30 and 32 on Woodbine Avenue. She spoke to Assessor Lee Gamache today, who will do some research to determine what would be an appropriate dollar amount to ask for in consideration of this conveyance. Mrs. Marini suggested adding an article to the warrant, and she will move forward with negotiations in advance of Town Meeting.

MOTION by Mr. Dyer, seconded by Mr. Hickey, to open the warrant. ***Voted 5 - 0***

MOTION by Mr. Dyer, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to place Article 26 – Easement on 410 Woodbine Avenue - on the Special Town Meeting warrant.

Board of Selectmen meeting 9/17/19
Approved 10/15/19

Article 12 – Removal and Replacement of Trees at the Library - Corinne Cafardo, Chairman of the Library Trustees, questioned why the Library Trustees’ original appropriation amount of \$5,000 has been changed. Mrs. Marini explained that Library Director Karen Stolfer increased the appropriation to \$10,000.00 after consulting with the Tree Warden. She further explained that if the Trustees are able to get grant monies for this work or the costs are under \$10,000, the remainder of the unspent appropriation will be returned to the General Fund with an article closeout.

MOTION by Mr. Dyer, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to close the warrant. ***Voted 5 – 0***

Mrs. Marini told the Board that the Board of Health has made minor changes to the verbiage of Articles 31 and 32 regarding banning plastic bags and polystyrene.

MOTION by Mr. Blauss, seconded by Mr. Hickey, to recommend Article 31.
Voted 5 – 0

MOTION by Mr. Blauss, seconded by Mr. Hickey, to recommend Article 32.
Voted 5 - 0

MOTION by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to sign the October 7th Special Town Meeting warrant. ***Voted 5 - 0***

Land donation at King Street, Map 107, Lot 11-2 – Mrs. Marini told the Board that the Conservation Commission has been approached about accepting a donation of the house lot located at the corner of Whitman and King Streets. They are recommending that the Selectmen approve this donation since the land with a vernal pool and request that the lot be in the care and custody of the Conservation Commission.

MOTION by Mr. Dyer, seconded by Mr. Hickey, to accept this land [to be in the care and custody of the Conservation Commission]. ***Voted 5 – 0***

Requests:

Kelly George – Request a Fishing Derby on Sunday, October 6th at Wampatuck Pond – The Board has received a citizens’ request to use the parking lot and Town Hall lawn to host a fishing derby at Wampatuck Pond followed by pizza on Sunday, October 6th, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

MOTION by Mr. Dyer, seconded by Mr. Hickey, to approve the fishing derby request.
Voted 5 - 0

Hanson Business Network – Camp Kiwanee Waiver for fundraiser on 3/14/20

MOTION by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to waive the fee for the Hanson Business Network’s St. Patrick’s Day fundraiser on March 14, 2020. ***Voted 5 - 0***

III OLD BUSINESS

Board of Selectmen meeting 9/17/19
Approved 10/15/19

Community Compact Best Practices Selection – The Board was in agreement that it will take the Town Planner Deb Pettey’s recommendation regarding selection of two of the three best practices for her to apply for grants for:

MOTION by Mr. Dyer, seconded by Mitchell, to select Housing and Economic Development Best Practices, and Information Technology Best Practices. ***Voted 5 – 0***

Discussion Regarding School Assessment – Chairman FitzGerald-Kemmett noted that at the regional school committee meeting tomorrow night, there will be a discussion regarding the question of a change to the school debt apportionment methodology that Whitman is seeking. A Selectmen’s meeting has been posted in case a quorum of the Board attends. The Chairman emphasized the need to remain collegial during this process as it would be in Hanson’s best interest as part of this larger district.

IV TOWN ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT – Town Administrator Merry Marini shared the following information:

Mrs. Marini noted that there will be aerial spraying for mosquitoes beginning this evening for the next several evenings in critical areas of Plymouth County including Hanson and Whitman, dependent on weather and availability of equipment. She will confirm with the Department of Public Health whether the danger of Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) will be over after the first or second frost.

Telephone call with Keller-William next Tuesday regarding

The Town Administrator said that so far she has been impressed by Municipal Resources, Inc. (MRI), the consulting firm hired by the Board to assist with the new Town Administrator search. She observed that they were attentive to input given by department heads and the residents during yesterday’s three separate meetings. MRI has familiarized itself very well with the particulars of Hanson. Thirteen applications have been received to date, and the deadline for submission is September 30, 2019.

Mr. Mitchell agreed that MRI is taking a holistic, 360-degree perspective in this process. The candidates will be thoroughly vetted with extensive background checks, and MRI has relationships with a number of potential candidates in the industry. The final result be that three to five candidates who meet all of the criteria will be presented to the Board of Selectmen for consideration.

V APPROVE MINUTES
September 10, 2019 Reg. & Executive Session – The minutes were tabled this evening.

VI ONE DAY LIQUOR LICENSES – Camp Kiwanee
Melissa Foley, Hanson, Friday, October 4th, 6:00-11:00 p.m., wedding
Mala Chan, Watertown, Saturday, October 5th, 4:00-10:00 p.m., wedding
~~The Bartending Service, Middleboro, Sunday, October 6th, 1:00-5:00 p.m., food festival (cancelled)~~
Kimberly Tasney, Hanson, Saturday, October 12th, 4:00-8:00 p.m., anniversary party
Amanda Tiedtke, Hanover, Sunday, October 13th, 4:00-10:00 p.m., wedding
Terri Griffin, Milton, Saturday, October 19th, 5:00-10:00 p.m., wedding
Theresa Cocio, Hanson, Sunday, October 20th, 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., baby shower

Board of Selectmen meeting 9/17/19
Approved 10/15/19

The Bartending Service, Middleboro, Saturday, October 26th, 12:30-4:30 p.m. Rec. fundraiser

MOTION by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Dyer, to approve the one day liquor licenses as presented.
Voted 5 - 0

VII COMMITTEE REPORTS

200th Anniversary Committee – *See schedule of events above under New Business.*

Final Plymouth County Hospital Reuse Comm. – Mr. Dyer reported that the survey of that property, which reflects the true topography, has been completed, and the committee is moving forward with the conceptual designs and layout. He will be meeting with the committee tomorrow.

Maquan School Reuse Committee – Chairman FitzGerald-Kemmett will be meeting with Keller Williams in the near future.

Highway Building Committee – Mr. Mitchell is waiting to hear back from the engineer.

VIII EXECUTIVE SESSION At this time, Chairman FitzGerald-Kemmett said the Board will convene in executive session for the purpose of discussing strategy with respect to collective bargaining for the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Council 93, - Highway if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares, not to return to open session.

So moved by Mr. Dyer, second by Mr. Mitchell. **Roll Call Blauss aye, Hickey aye, FitzGerald-Kemmett aye, Mitchell aye and Dyer aye. Voted 5 - 0**

7:50 p.m. Brief Recess

9:15 p.m. Returned to open session – Note: During the Executive Session Mr. Blauss left the meeting for the evening.

IX ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mr. Dyer, second by Mr. Mitchell to adjourn. **Voted 4 – 0**

Respectfully submitted,

Greer Getzen
Executive Assistant