



Tuesday, April 25, 2023

Hanson Select Board

Select Board's meeting room, Town Hall

Open Session

Members Present: Laura FitzGerald-Kemmett, Joseph Weeks, Edwin Heal, Ann Rein
Members Absent: James Hickey
Others Present: Lisa Green, Town Administrator; Lynn McDowell, Executive Assistant; Eric Kinsherf, Interim Town Accountant; Elizabeth Sloan, Town Clerk; Lee Gamache, Town Assessor; Michael Dugan, Chair, Finance Committee; Sean Kealy, Town Moderator; Sean Duffy, Limitless Auto Sales

I CALL TO ORDER

Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance

II PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING MEETINGS

Ms. Rein read the public announcements and upcoming meetings.

III APPOINTMENTS

1. Appoint Kimberly Cunningham as Town of Hanson Planning Administrative Assistant

Ms. Green updated the Select Board about Ms. Cunningham's resume and background. She was presented to the Planning Board on April 24, 2023 was appointed.

MOTION by Ms. Rein, seconded by Mr. Weeks, to appoint Kimberly Cunningham as Town of Hanson Planning Administrative Assistant, commencing May 1, 2023. ***Voted 4 – 0***

2. Vote to appoint Mary Collins to serve as a member of the Old Colony Elder Services Board of Directors for fiscal year 2024

Ms. Green updated the Board that Ms. Collins has served as a Board member in prior years. This is an annual re-appointment.

MOTION by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Ms. Rein, to appoint Mary Collins to serve as a member of the Old Colony Elder Services Board of Directors for fiscal year 2024. ***Voted 4 – 0***

3. Vote to appoint Stephen M. Smith to serve as an associate member of the Conservation Commission

Ms. Green presented Mr. Smith application to the Board. She noted she has not confirmed with the Conservation Commission of a vote. Mr. Heal stated the Commission has discussed and Mr. Smith was encouraged to apply. However, there was a question of membership. The Commission will need to update the Select Board if it wishes to increase the number of Associate members to the Conservation Commission. As Mr. Clemons would like to prep and mentor volunteers, he would be amenable. Ms. Green will invite Mr. Clemons to attend a meeting in May.

MOTION by Ms. Rein, seconded by Mr. Weeks, to appoint Stephen M. Smith to serve as an associate member of the Conservation Commission, for a term to expire June 30, 2024. ***Voted 4 – 0***

4. Vote to appoint Camp Kiwanee Caretakers

Ms. Green recused herself and submitted a disclosure.

Ms. Jamison screened several resumes for the caretaker position as there are several vacancies for the upcoming event season. She is presenting two candidates she would like the Board to appoint. Both have been accepted by the Camp Kiwanee Committee.

The Select Board discussed concerns about Ms. Green's family member being one of the caretakers. Ms. Green will not be the direct supervisor; however, she would oversee as human resources director.

MOTION by Mr. Heal, seconded by Mr. Weeks, to appoint Lori Cogan as a Camp Kiwanee Caretakers. ***Voted 4 – 0***

MOTION by Mr. Heal, seconded by Ms. Rein, to appoint Jason Green as a Camp Kiwanee Caretakers. ***Voted 3 – 1***

IV HEARING

1. Limitless Auto Sales, Inc., 200 Liberty Street

Ms. Green shared that the new owners submitted an application for used auto sales at 200 Liberty Street and are working to get the building ready. Mr. Glass has reviewed the property and has given his approval. There will be no change of use, so no need to address the Zoning Board of Appeals. The Acting Fire Chief is scheduled to meet with Mr. Duffy on Thursday to review the property. He does not expect any issues.

The property will have a house, for residential use, with a separate office in the back of the building.

MOTION by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Heal, to conditionally accept Limitless Auto Sales, located at 200 Liberty Street, not to exceed a maximum of 44 cars, with the Acting Fire Chief finding no issues. **Voted 4 – 0**

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NEW BUSINESS

1. Vote to approve Live Entertainment License for Hanson Tavern, Inc., DBA, J&R's Indian Pub

Ms. McDowell informed the Board that Hanson Tavern previous Live Entertainment License was created to have an expiration date of March 2023. All the necessary paperwork has been submitted. She set the expiration date for this license to expire in December 2023, putting it on the same schedule as his other licenses. She also confirmed with both the Building Inspector and the Acting Fire Chief that all is up to code for them.

MOTION by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Ms. Rein, to approve Live Entertainment License for Hanson Tavern, Inc., DBA, J&R's Indian Pub. **Voted 4 – 0**

2. Vote to approve Class II License for Auto Express

Ms. Green confirmed for the Board that this is the Franklin Street address. As requested, Mr. Glass prepared a written approval for Auto Express, as it is satisfied the requirements needed.

MOTION by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Ms. Rein, approve Class II License for Auto Express, not to exceed a maximum of 30 cars. **Voted 4 – 0**

3. Vote to accept the Intermunicipal Agreement for Cooperative Recycling on the South Shore

Ms. Green shared that the Town of Hanson has an agreement with South Shore Recycling Coop for all types of recycling as well as keeping the Town abreast of any happenings/issues related to recycling. The document presented is the annual renewal; legal counsel reviewed and had no issues.

MOTION by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Heal, to allow Ms. Green to executed the Extension of Intermunicipal Agreement for Cooperative Recycling on the South Shore. **Voted 4 – 0**

4. Discuss WHRSD Regional Agreement

Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett spoke with the Whitman Selectmen Chair regarding the vote. Both the School committee and the Town of Whitman voted to move to a requirement for a 2/3's vote for everything coming before the School committee. While it is not the per pupil formula, it does show some partnership. She thanked Mr. Hickey for his hard work getting this done. It is not yet executed but all have taken votes.

Ms. Green updated that there is a consensus document finalizing issues – capital, transportation, , etc. – discussed; wording in 2018 agreement is being addressed. Primarily the warrant states the Select Board shall include an article in the warrant. This will change to – instead of “shall” it will be “shall considers”. The document was forwarded to the Schools’ town counsel for review. After Town meetings and elections, the group will reconvene.

Is it only statutory? Ms. Green will confirm whether any change in language related to method – statutory vs per pupil; she believes not but will check if there is a reference to another method.

5. Town Meeting Preview and Vote Recommendations

Mr. Dugan appreciated the cooperative effort behind the scenes to complete this work. He would also like to start the process earlier. The Board agreed, stating at the prior meeting it suggested work on next year’s budget should begin soon after Town Meeting. It would also like to clarify and emphasize the rules of engagement with the District.

The Board thanked Mr. Dugan and Mr. Kinsherf for all their assistance with the process this year, as well as the Capital Improvement Committee and the Town Administrator’s office. All worked well with creating processes that worked to move the budget process along.

Mr. Kinsherf updated the Board regarding having a presentation on net school spending. He and Ms. Green spoke offline with the person, who is eager to participate, either in person or via zoom. He stated the presentation will be 45-60 minutes, with time for some questions. The Board suggested scheduling for May 30, to tie in with the Strategic planning session. Ms. Green will coordinate with Mr. Kinsherf to schedule.

Ms. Green shared the format for both Special and Annual Town meetings will be the same format as previous years.

- SPECIAL TOWN MEETING:

The Finance committee approved all

Article 1 – recommended by both

Article 2 – recommended by both

Article 3 – recommended by both

Article 4 – recommended by both

Article 5 – recommended by both

Article 6 – recommended by both – the Board would like the acronym to be updated.

MOTION by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Ms. Rein, to recommend Article 6 as listed in the Special Town meeting warrant. **Voted 4 – 0**

Article 7 – recommended by both

- ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Article 1 – recommended by both

Article 2 – recommended by both

Article 3 – recommended by both

Article 4 – recommended by both

Article 5 – recommended by both

Article 6 – recommended by both; move to pass if article 4 passes.

Mr. Kinsherf noted if Article 4 doesn't pass, there will be a need to amend budget. He suggested taking a recess to determine numbers. The Board suggested he have draft numbers ready.

Article 7 – recommended by Select Board; Finance Committee to not recommend due to optics more than dollars

Article 8 – recommended by both; move to pass if the District passed it assessment.

Article 9 – recommended by both

Article 10 – recommended by both

Article 11 – recommended by both

Article 12 – recommended by both

Article 13 – recommended by both

Article 14 – recommended by both

Article 15 – recommended by both

Article 16 – voted to defer by Select Board; Finance Committee to not recommend

Article 17 – recommended by both

Article 18 – recommended by both

Article 19 – recommended by both

Article 20 – recommended by both

Article 21 – recommended by both

Article 22 – recommended by both

Article 23 – recommended by both

Article 24 – recommended by both

Article 25 – recommended by both

Article 26 – recommended by both

Article 27 – recommended by both

Article 28 – recommended by both

Article 29 – recommended by both

Article 30 – recommended by both

Mr. Milisi updated the Board that Capital Improvement no longer needed \$98,000 as the Acting Fire Chief moved this item to the Special Town meeting. Mr. Kealy will address each item and Mr. Milisi will request this item to be passed over.

Article 31 – recommended by both

Town Counsel reviewed and approved. The Finance Committee wanted to discuss further; it will address and present its decision at Town Meeting.

Article 32 – recommended by Select Board; Finance Committee is neutral

Article 33 – recommended by both

Article 34 – recommended by both

Article 35 – recommended by both

Article 36 – recommended by both

Article 37 – recommended by both

Article 38 – Citizens’ petition

There will be real costs to the Town related to surveying and deeds, which could be up to \$75,000; the Highway Department estimated an additional \$100,000 for repairs. It is important to address this point during the discussion at Town Meeting. Mr. Milisi recommended the Town state it is not supporting with Ms. Green and Mr. Shave addressing these costs, as well as what has already been spent.

Article 39 – Citizens’ petition

Related to the treatment of indigenous people and requesting the State to make a change.

For detailed discussions on each article, please view the meeting here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b4WSgWkdY3k&t=1637s> at 30:58

To ensure there will be a quorum, Ms. Green advertised on social media; the Warrants are posted on the Town Administrator page as well as the Select Board page.

6. Discuss Highway Department internship

Mr. Shave was offered an opportunity to have a student as an intern through the summer season, working on landscaping. All wages will be reimbursed to the Town. As the Highway Department is short-staffed, the additional staff would be greatly welcomed. This would also be a great experience for entry into this position.

MOTION by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Ms. Rein, to accept the Mass Department of Transportation Apprenticeship Co-Op Program. **Voted 4 – 0**

7. Town Administrator Review Timeline

All Board members completed the reviews, as well as Ms. Green completing her self-review. Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett would like to have a complete for Ms. Green prior to the change of Board. Per Town Counsel, Board members need to meet with Ms. Green for a discussion. Ms. McDowell will put all the reviews together for the next meeting. If anyone would like to make edits, please forward to Ms. McDowell. It will be scheduled for May 9, 2023.

8. Updated Select Board Calendar

Ms. McDowell presented the updated Select Board calendar, adding a meeting on August 29, 2023 for Wage and Personnel. The Board requested changing January 2, 2024 to January 9, 2024.

MOTION by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Ms. Rein, to accepted the revised 2023-2024 Select Board calendar, as presented. **Voted 4 – 0**

VI COMMITTEE UPDATES

- No updates tonight

VII TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

- Ms. Green provided a grid of the fees paid to date by ImPressed LLC. It included real estate taxes, community preservation fees, building inspection and board of health fees, personal property taxes as well as cannabis impact and gross community fees as per the host agreement. This totaled to over \$167,000.
- The Select Board office has been busy preparing for Town Meeting. She thanked Ms. McDowell for her prep work, Ms. Sloan for her guidance and proofing, as well as Ms. Feodoroff, Mr. Kinsherf, Mr. Kealy and the Finance Committee.
- She prepared the closeout report for the Community IT grant, which will enhance disaster recovery for both hardware and software. This will allow the Town to be eligible to apply for FY25.
- She thanked the Town Planner for his continued work related to the Mass OneStop Growth program. He is now applying for each accepted request, each needing separate application, for a June 2, 2023 deadline.
- She led the Maquan bid site walk through this week that was attended by fourteen contractors. She is drafting a question/answer sheet to post to the website. Bids are due May 4, 2023.
- Green Hanson's cleanup is scheduled for this weekend. She thanked Michael DelPrete of DelPrete Disposal for donating the dumpster.

VIII ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Rein, to adjourn to Executive Session.

Voted 4 – 0

Roll call vote – Rein -Aye, FitzGerald-Kemmett -Aye, Weeks-Aye, Heal-Aye

*Respectfully submitted,
Lynn McDowell*