



Tuesday, July 26, 2022

Hanson Select Board

Select Board's meeting room, Town Hall

Open Session

Members Present: Laura FitzGerald-Kemmett, Ann Rein, James Hickey, Edwin Heal
Members Absent: Joseph Weeks
Others Present: Lisa Green, Town Administrator; Kerry Glass, Building Inspector; Christopher Howard, WHRSD; Jeffrey Szymaniak, Superintendent of Schools; Allie Greenburg, Impress; Ralph Greenburg, Impress; Nick Holmes, Impress; William Cushing, Gail Joyce

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 APPOINTMENT

1. Appoint Chris Hoffman to the Conservation Commission.

Mr. Heal met with him; he was not aware of any openings. Ms. Green has not be able to reach him yet. Tabled

IV NEW BUSINESS

1. Vote to approve Calvary Baptist Church's "Hanson Family Fun Day" on August 20, 2022 from 11am to 2pm.

MOTION by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Mr. Weeks, to approve Calvary Baptist Church's "Hanson Family Fun Day" on August 20, 2022 from 11am to 2pm.

Voted 5 - 0

2. Vote warrant for state primary

Ms. Green shared the Town Clerk is requesting the Select Board vote to open the warrant for the state primary.

MOTION by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Mr. Weeks, to open the warrant for state primary. **Voted 5 - 0**

3. Vote to approve Hanson Day, September 24, 2022, held at Hanson Green

MOTION by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Ms. Rein, to approve Hanson Day, September 24, 2022, held at Hanson Green. **Voted 5 - 0**

4. Impressed LLC, Host Community Agreement and Marijuana Delivery Operator discussion

Ms. Fitzgerald-Kemmett introduced the new members of the board to the Impress team. She also suggested providing them with a tour of the facility to have a better understanding of what they do.

Ms. Greenberg introduced herself as one of the owners of Impress. Currently they only have a cultivation license and are growing product. They have submitted the paperwork for a provisional license for manufacturing but have not received it yet. According to the host community agreement, there is revenue once they start producing; this has not yet happened so there are no financials to share. First harvest is expected in September.

Mr. Greenburg introduced himself as also one of the owners of Impress. He expressed his excitement for the agreement and looking forward to working together.

Mr. Holmes, attorney for Impress, shared some of the company's history as well as this will not be a brick and mortar retail but a delivery service only. No individuals will be able to walk in and purchase. All will be done remotely, either by phone or internet purchase. To ensure children are not purchasing, there are numerous contact points of verification, including the drivers making deliveries. All drivers are on camera the entire time; any unauthorized stops will be tracked. All recipients need to be verified in person prior to receiving a first delivery; there will only be one delivery per day per location. Vehicles are unmarked; cash transactions are discouraged.

Mr. Weeks would like to know what is the best way to educate the process and procedures; is there something in writing for those with questions and concerns? Mr. Holmes will send a memorandum with this detail, highlighting the key areas addressing such concerns. He also stated since the Town has voted to prohibit retail others are not able to deliver at this time.

Ms. Green asked how medical cannabis fits in this delivery. Mr. Holmes stated they would be able to get the delivery through a medical courier service, which is all that is being done. This is separate from what Impress is offering as a recreational delivery service.

Mr. Holmes offered to prepare a short presentation for Special Town Meeting.

5. Whitman Hanson Regional School District Agreement discussion

Ms. Fitzgerald-Kemmett introduced the newest board members. Mr. Howard discussed the regional agreement. It is thirty years old and there are areas that may not be compliant. He is speaking with both boards for Hanson and Whitman to get feedback and thoughts for moving forward with the creation of a subcommittee. All should be done in public, then go through a formal vetting process the school committees and boards of each town.

Ms. Rein expressed concerns with the negotiations of the agreement. Best to move forward with all understanding how representation came to be. There are regulations based on pupils. While Hanson is not paying more than Whitman, it is actually paying more per pupil than Whitman. Mr. Howard shared there is a Mass general law that articulates the state law; there are five ways to address. The Select Board suggested creating a committee that is on the smaller side to keep the direction of the committee able to move forward and make decisions, as well as weekly meetings until decisions are finalized. Mr. Howard stated Whitman made similar comments.

Mr. Hickey is meeting with the Feasibility Committee for an update of their research prior to presenting its recommendations to the Select Board next month. While the Board will take the recommendations under advisement, it still would like to update the current agreement. The Select Board would like to improve the partnership, have all voices be heard throughout the entire discussions related to the regional agreement. It suggests using two select board members, town administrator and a school committee member from each respective town. Any other persons interested in participating can be part of the conversation but not vote on the final product. Superintendent Szymaniak stated he and the Deputy Superintendent will be nonvoting members of the committee. He also invited Mr. Heal and Ms. Rein to come and speak with him for any questions they have.

Ms. Fitzgerald-Kemmett stated what the Select Board would like to see going forward with the budgeting process, knowing there will be changes but also knowing how it will work with the Town's budget. The Select Board is also planning to be more disciplined with discussions and timing; this will help keep the focus on being collaborative with each other. Mr. Howard stated for his end, there is a plan to create a budget document with timelines that will be presented. He also requested a joint meeting with the Finance Committee, in a public hearing; the Select Board agreed.

6. Discussion of part-time position in Select Board office.

Ms. Green is developing a job description for the temporary part-time position in the office. The Town Accountant suggested an alternative position. With the Planning office also seeking a part-time administrative assistant, it might be more appealing to applicants to combine the two roles into one full-time position. She is working with Town Counsel to draft a job description and title as it will be a union role. The breakdown would be 20 hours for Planning and 15 hours for Select Board with benefits.

Currently the part-time temporary administrative position in the Select Board will be until October 1. The full-time position will be added to the warrant to be funded. The Planning office position is already a funded position, so wording in the article needs to specify this difference. If not accepted at Special Town meeting, the Planning office position will still exist, but will be a 22 hour position with benefits. As a union position it will need to be posted internally for ten days, then open to external candidates.

MOTION by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Hickey, to create a full-time union administrative assistant position will be shared between the Planning office and the Select Board office, upon approval at Special Town meeting in October 2022.

Voted 5 - 0

V

OLD BUSINESS

1. 252 Lakeside Road update

Previously some concerned citizens approached the Board regarding a fence posted between Rollercoaster Road and Lakeside Road that may be considered an impediment and safety hazard. The chiefs have both told their staff of the fencing, as this is a private road, but feel it is not a safety issue. The Board wanted to future investigate and spoke with both the Town Planner and Building Inspector for their professional opinions. Mr. Cushing forwarded correspondence on behalf of the petitioners. Mr. Glass shared he received the petition, signed by 44 residents. He spoke with Town Council, who recommended the Building Inspector act as the zoning complaint is based upon a bylaw (250 foot driveway rule). However, it does not apply in this case and the appeal instead needs to go before the Zoning Board of Appeals, as it is the body that reviews private property issues.

Mr. Cushing stated that when the fence was added, the street became a dead end for both roads. By doing that it is still nonconforming. He accepts Town Council response and feels it needs to go back to Zoning Board as that is what it does. Ms. Rein asked if this is a similar situation to Lakeside and Pine Grove. Mr. Cushing stated it is a different as related to manner of egress, not

a shortcut. The Board offered it meeting space for a hearing for the Zoning Board. It also questioned if there would be the needed quorum as two members, who live on the street need to recuse themselves. Mr. Cushing stated that was the plan and will have a quorum. He also requested Town Council and Town Planner be available to attend the hearing.

Mrs. Joyce asked why the Building Inspector gave permission. When he said he did not, she asked who did. He stated it is private property, no permission is needed. Advice from Town Council is that it is a private way and the citizens need to take civil action. The Board reminded all residents involved need to attend the hearing hosted by the Zoning Board of Appeals

2. Vote to ratify complete integrated Police Union contract

Ms. Green noted this is regarding the Fire not Police contract. The contract signed by the Select Board a few weeks back was an incomplete contract. She was unaware until the union representative brought an updated version to her. She reviewed it today; some of the questions outstanding needing additional review and discussion. Tabled.

3. Committee Updates

Mr. Weeks updated that the Capital Improvement Committee reorganization and Frank Milisi is now the committee chair. There is one more vacancy on the committee and several candidates interested in joining. Reviewing, prioritizing and updating the matrix; finalizing the matrix for Special Town meeting.

Ms. Fitzgerald-Kemmett questioned the quote on the Maquan property. Ms. Green will need to develop a bid. At this time, she is only person trained to work on the process. She will look for a similar template used by another town and see what she can pull together.

Ms. Fitzgerald-Kemmett did not have an update for the Economic Committee but is soliciting members, if anyone is interested.

Ms. Rein stated she too is looking for interested parties to sit on the Highway Committee with her. Mr. Tarvis suggested when adding to the announcements of committee needs to include the day and time the committees meet, as it is not added to the website.

Mr. Hickey will be meeting with the Feasibility Committee tomorrow evening. Parson Fields have no openings but meet once a quarter.

4. Update on Strategic Plan

Ms. Green updated that Ms. Donner is looking for a finalized date for the Strategic Planning retreat session. She offered the following options, all on Saturdays. – October 29, November 19 or December 3. October 29 is tentatively selected.

Ms. Fitzgerald-Kemmett reminded the Select Board members to schedule time to speak with Ms. Donner, as this information will be part of the strategic plan. Ms. Green met with Ms. Donner last week; she gave Ms. Donner a tour of the town as well.

VI ONE DAY LICENSES

1. 8/21/2022 – 12:00pm – 5:00pm – Birthday party – Francesco Facchetti
2. 09/03/2022 – 5:30pm – 10:30pm – Wedding – Ashley Kemmett
3. 09/11/2022 – 11:00am – 4:00pm – Bridal Shower – Kerri Goodwin
4. 10/01/2022 – 3:00pm – 9:00pm – Wedding Reception – Ashley and Brittany Bannon
5. 08/14/2022 – 4:00pm – 10:00pm – Party – LeeAnne Delroy
6. 08/19/2022 – 4:00pm – 9:00pm – Birthday Party – Jessica McAlpine

MOTION by Mr. Heal, seconded by Mr. Weeks to approve the one-day liquor licenses as printed on the agenda. ***Voted 5 - 0***

VII TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Ms. Green and the Town Planner interviewed candidates for the Planning Administrative Assistant. In these conversations they both shared that there may be a part-time position in the Town Administrator's office. When asked all candidates expressed interest in that position as well.

Ms. Green updated the meals tax, as she had mentioned there was a website for businesses to register. The Town Clerk informed her the DOR will be sending notices thirty days prior to going live; businesses should receive notice by September 1, 2022. It should be an easy process for them.

All year end bills were compiled and paid. There were a few stragglers; the Town Accountant gave approval to pay. She anticipates very few for Special Town Meeting.

VIII ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Ms. Rein to adjourn to Wage and Personnel. ***Voted 5 - 0***

Respectfully submitted,
Lynn McDowell