



Tuesday, June 14, 2022

***Hanson Select Board***

Select Board's meeting room, Town Hall

Open Session

***Members Present:*** Laura FitzGerald-Kemmett, Ann Rein, James Hickey, Joseph Weeks, Edwin Heal

***Members Absent:***

***Others Present:*** Lisa Green, Town Administrator, Representative Joshua Cutler, Kenneth Mitchell, Matthew Dyer, Frank Milisi, Donald Howard, Katherine Feodoroff; William Cushing; Mr. and Mrs. Nick Reveno; Chief Michael Miksch

**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 NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Representative Cutler – Presentation of Citations for Kenneth Mitchell and Matt Dyer**

Representative Cutler welcomed the new Select Board members and thanked the outgoing members for their service. He and Senator Brady, along with the Select Board, recognized and thanked Mr. Dyer and Mr. Mitchell for their service and leadership to the Town.

**2. Public Hearing taking by Eminent Domain by Select Board – by order of taking to be vote on an issued; 0 Maquan Street, Hanson**

Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett opened the public hearing for 0 Maquan Street, Hanson.

Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett read the Order of Taking, then requested all speaking in favor and all speaking against. With no comment either way, she opened up for discussion.

Ms. Feodoroff noted this is part of the public process, including presenting a warrant at Town Meeting to take the property. This process will clear the title. She will notify all recorded owners, and refund as appropriate through Land Court. Mr. Sleeper supports this process. Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett closed the public hearing for 0 Maquan Street, Hanson. She moves that pursuant the authority granted by General Law Chapter 4014, the Select Board take by imminent domain by article 4 of May 2022 Town meeting. This taking is for the purpose of recreational open space use as deemed necessary for the health and welfare of Hanson residents, and there be an award of \$203,296 for this taking with accordance of the appraisal.

***MOTION*** by Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett, second by Mr. Weeks. **Vote 5-0**

Ms. Green has a document for the Select Board to sign. She will then forward to the owners via certified mail that this action was taken.

### **3. 252 Lakeside Road, Hanson**

A fence was place across the road blocking access to Rollercoaster road.

Open to public discussion. Reminded this is a private way. The Select Board will have a conversation with legal and planning to determine what can be done moving forward. Town Counsel is present to address questions.

Mr. Cushing noted that by creating a road closure, Rollercoaster becomes a dead end and prevents access to the lake. Lakeside Road is less than a mile. He presented to the Board a Right of Way, highlighting the lots effected.

Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett added that neither fire nor police had any concerns regarding the fencing added. A combination of Zoning and Planning will need to review with legal counsel. Ms. FK mentioned that Mr. Shave has concerns with access.

Nick Reveno reviewed the zoning and safety issues prior to moving to the road five years ago. He noted the firehouse knows they need to go around a different way to get to his home. He also had deliveries canceled due the road closure. Would like the board's assistance to resolve.

Darlene Chelsea noted that as a disabled person, she has concerns emergency vehicles will not reach her timely. She has had similar experiences with deliveries being canceled as well.

MaryEllen Buckley, as a longtime resident of the street, understands the road is considered a right-of-way and should be open to all.

Matt LeBlanc, lives next door to the property. Most people turn around in his driveway. He feels it is primarily a safety issue as well as an inconvenience. He noted that the waterline is permanently affixed as rebar is in the road.

Jeff Gustofson noted this past winter the road was blocked and requested the snowplow use the fencing to leave the snow. The police did request the barricade be removed when this happened.

Chief Miksch wanted to clarify on safety issues and responses. Generally do not use Rollercoaster Road as it is too narrow for emergency vehicles. During the snowstorm, when he learned the road was blocked, he asked it to be unblock, siting no notice to public safety or 911 center. He also has a priority list for those that need immediate emergency access. Those who are aggrieved need to go to Land Court as this is a civil issue; the Town cannot file on behalf.

Ms. Feodoroff clarified there are very clear ways roads become public as well permissive use vs adverse possession. She is not aware of deeds or how the easement rights of each property owner is listed; she does not review as it is not a Town issue. Easement issues are resolved between property owners.

The Select Board will work with the Town Planner, the Zoning Board and the Building Department to try and work out some details and share back with the community. An updated will place on the agenda if any additional developments.

#### **4. Public Communication Plan**

Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett would like the board to think about what can be done to improve communication of Town events, e.g. Town Meeting, Elections, open positions on committees, etc. Suggestions include:

- Policy for all committees to post agendas on the town website.
- Increase use of the Town of Hanson Facebook page, including posting the Select Board Agenda.
- Update the Town website to have correct contact information for Department heads and Chairs of committee and commissions
- Public office hours, once a month, via appointment. Tuesday night when not having a meeting is a possible time.
- Have the Regional School Committee chair and superintendent communicate ongoing basis regarding budgetary needs.
- Select Board members providing updates of the committees they are each participating.
- The Select Board work with Ms. Green to create a shared vision of how the board communicates with the Public

## 5. Silver Lake Regional School District invitation July 26, 2022

The Board received an invitation from Silver Lake Regional School District to have some conversations about joining the School District. If the results of the TMS study for cost of regionalization have not been received, it may not be productive to meet. It is a four year process to Hanson to de-regionalize. Mr. Hickey spoke with Ms. Hatch at Silver Lake previously to get an idea of what would be offered to Hanson.

Ms. Rein has some concerns regarding dissolving Whitman-Hanson and regionalizing with another school district with no final report. Generally the Board is open to having conversations, not ready to present a formal negotiation.

Ms. Green reached out to TMS and anticipate to receive information early next week. She will include them on the next Select Board meeting agenda.

## 6. Select Board Committee Appointments

As well as having committee assignments, it is helpful for departments within Town Hall to have another point of contact to advocate on their behalf. It also alleviates some of the demands from Ms. Green's office. Suggested departments include Fire, Police, Highway, Library, Council on Ageing and Finance. Also include Parks/Fields and Capital Improvement, and School Committee.

The Board needs to determine what the definition of the role is and what the expectation is for the committee being supported.

For Committee appointments, they include De-regionalization, Plymouth County Hospital, Energy Committee, and Highway Feasibility.

- Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett      Maquan Reuse and Economic Development
- Mr. Heal      Energy Committee
- Mr. Hickey      Parks and Fields
- Ms. Rein      Highway Feasibility
- Mr. Weeks      Plymouth County Hospital Reuse Committee

**MOTION** by Mr. Heal, seconded by Mr. Weeks, to accept the discussed committee and liaison assignments. **Voted 5 - 0**

## **7. Select Board Committee Reports**

As previously stated, Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett would like to receive regular updates.

Mr. Hickey reported the Council on Ageing met last week and they will be discussing the Outreach Coordinator position tomorrow.

## **8. Public Records Request and Fee discussion**

Ms. Green discussed that while it is the public's right to have copies of documents, it is timely and costly to Town Hall, especially when they do not pick up the copied documents.

Going forward Public Records will be made available to the public for a nominal cost to cover paper and time copying. Mr. Weeks suggested charges of \$25 per hour, plus \$0.05 per page. Mr. Hickey suggested fees or a deposit be paid up front before the copying occurs.

**MOTION** by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Mr. Heal, to Town Hall to charge \$25 per hour, plus \$0.05 per page for all copy requests, and have it prepaid. **Voted 5 - 0**

## **9. Incident at Camp Kiwanee – Rental Refund Fee – Frank Milisi**

Mr. Milisi reported an incident from two weeks ago at the Camp. The mother of the bride had a medical incident during the wedding reception and later passed due to an aneurysm. As full use of the facilities for the wedding reception was not used by the bridal party, he will be discussing with the Recreation Committee reimbursing the family. He is advising the Select Board as the Recreation Committee is meeting later this evening.

**MOTION** by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Mr. Weeks, to allow the Recreation Committee to reimburse the family of the bride in an amount not to exceed \$5000.00. **Voted 5 - 0**

## **10. Ratify Fire Contract – Paternity & Maternity leave.**

Ms. Green negotiated with all the unions. Received Fire with agreed upon terms recently. Based upon longevity, will receive an additional 2% in addition to the salary increases. Police increases differ from Fire as Police is based upon education while Fire is position driven.

Waiting on Police to ratify their union contract. Ms. Green expects to receive it shortly and all will be posted to the website.

**MOTION** by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Hickey, to accept the ratified Fire Department contract. **Voted 5 - 0**

#### **11. Select Board Office Hours**

Due to the holiday, Town Hall will be closed on June 20.

### **IV**

#### **ONE DAY LICENCES**

1. Vote to approve One Day Liquor License for Camp Kiwanee, Rachel Gardner, on June 17, 2022, between hours of 5:30pm and 10:00pm for a wedding
2. Vote to approve One Day Liquor License for Camp Kiwanee, Stephanie LaPointe, on June 25, 2022, between hours of 5:30pm and 10:30pm for a wedding
3. Vote to approve One Day Liquor License for Camp Kiwanee, Catherine Hollinger, on July 1, 2022, between hours of 5:00pm and 10:00pm for a wedding
4. Vote to approve One Day Liquor License for Camp Kiwanee, Linda Wall, on July 19, 2022, between hours of 5:00pm and 9:30pm for Hanson Library Trivia Night
5. Vote to approve One Day Liquor License for Camp Kiwanee, Brian T. Roach, Jr., on November 6, 2022, between hours of 2:00pm and 8:00pm for a wedding
6. Vote to approve One Day Liquor License for Camp Kiwanee, Matthew Pinaud, on September 2, 2023, between hours of 5:00pm and 10:00pm for a wedding

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

### **V**

#### **APPOINTMENTS**

1. Appoint Jillian Tully as Temporary Minutes Clerk to the Planning Board and Economic Development Committee until an Administrative Assistant to the Planning Board is hired.

**MOTION** by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Hickey to appoint Jill Tully as Temporary Minutes Clerk to the Planning Board and Economic Development Committee. **Voted 5 - 0**

2. Appoint Don Howard to the Drainage Committee

***MOTION*** by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Mr. Weeks, to appoint Don Howard to the Drainage Committee. ***Voted 5 - 0***

## **VI**

### **APPROVE OPEN SESSION MINUTES**

1. March 29, 2022

***MOTION*** by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Hickey to approve the March 29, 2022 minutes as printed. ***Voted 4 - 0***

2. April 12, 2022

***MOTION*** by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Hickey to approve the April 12, 2022 minutes as printed. ***Voted 4 - 0***

3. April 14, 2022

***MOTION*** by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett to approve the April 14, 2022 minutes as printed. ***Voted 4 - 0***

## **VII**

### **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

1. Ms. Green reminded Town Hall and the Transfer Station will be closed on Monday, June 20.
2. Mr. DeFrias successfully completed and submitted five grant applications for the Massachusetts One Stop Grant Program.
3. Ms. Green thanks Tim White, the Town Veteran Liaison, for a great job during the Hanson Memorial Day parade. It was a lovely tribute.
4. Ms. Green met with Patrick Roche to overview the documents for Good Energy, allowing Hanson to aggregate into the plan. The attorney for DOR was satisfied and create correspondence allowing to move forward in good faith.
5. Green Communities discussed some possible projects for the fall, as the Town will be eligible. Focusing on heating and cooling systems for Town Hall and the Library. Green Community funding could cover up to \$250,000.
6. 751 Main Street is currently in foreclosure and waiting upon final judgement. There will then be one year for any owners/heirs to come forward for ownership; they will be responsible to pay outstanding taxes. If the year passes, the Town is awarded ownership free and clear, and to do as best for the Town.
7. Ms. Green getting insurance quotes outside the current plans to see what is best for the Town. Some of the bids are showing possible savings.

**ADJOURNMENT**

***MOTION*** by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Mr. Weeks, to adjourn the meeting.  
***Voted 5 - 0***

Respectfully submitted,  
Lynn McDowell