



Tuesday, June 21, 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; Antonio DeFrias, Town Planner

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. Antonio DeFrias, Town Planner

Mr. DeFrias has presented to the Planning Board, Economic Development Committee, Library and Senior Center and Maquan Reuse Committee to discuss some of the needs of the Town. Nothing has been implemented to date; if the Board decides to move forward a public forum will be scheduled. He is sharing his vision for the future.

When he came on board three locations were highlighted as priorities to the Town – the Library, Maquan reuse and the Highway Commission relocation. The proposed changes and updates will give the Town and its residents a safe environment as well as providing additional services.

- a.** Maquan School Site, 60 School Street – there a various possibilities for this property. For tonight's discussion Mr. DeFrias is suggesting the following.

He is proposing razing the existing building and create an athletic complex. The three fields can be moved there as well as adding a skate park, a basketball court, soccer/football practice field. The site will have 93 parking spaces and additional parking will be provided near the Library. A Concession stand and bathrooms would also be added to the space. The small playground will be moved and incorporated with the new design.

There has been strong feedback not to sell the property from the community. Plans to possibility convert the building to housing proved to not be feasible.

The Board questioned whether 93 parking spaces would be enough to accommodate both the fields and the Library. Mr. DeFrias stated there is plenty of space as the current plan is not fully utilizing the 17 acres, as the wood line has not be moved in this plan. He also noted there are no wetlands on this property. However, if there is a change in the wood line that would lead to a different discussion.

b. Hanson Public Library, 132 Maquan Street

For the Library, the current building is undersized for the community serving. The location works well for expansion or new build. Mr. DeFrias suggests reconfiguring of the property line. Both the Library and the Senior Center would be renovated, doubling the size of both facilities. Both would remain open during construction.

The Board commented how it is challenging moving through the parking lot. Reconfiguring would be a great help.

c. Highway Department, 797 Indian Head Street

Mr. DeFrias notes the current site is centrally located, opposed to the proposed Hawkes Avenue site located on the southeast side of town. This location would add travel time for highway department vehicles responding to incidents. It is also located by a wildlife and conservation area.

Instead he is suggesting using the existing location and redeveloped. A new building would be constructed to the front of the building with parking to accommodate staff and visitors. A second building could be constructed for equipment storage. A smaller building could be erected as a salt shed and storage bins. The existing buildings could remain open during construction, then either razed or to create green space. If they are not razed, they can also be renovated and leased out.

The former police building could be renovated for Town Hall overflow office space.

Ms. Rein will be working with the Highway Committee to finalize the Lite control study. The plan for Hawkes Avenue is not completed, and will need a Needs assessment.

2. Selectmen Liaison Assignments:

Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett reminded that prior meeting agreed to open lines of communication and report back to each other. She reviewed at other towns and noticed they have liaisons for all committees and departments. She forwarded proposed liaison job descriptions for each department give everyone a sense of expectations.

Liaisons

<i>Department</i>	<i>Name</i>
Police Department	Ms. Rein
Fire Department	Mr. Heal
Highway Department	Ms. Rein
Finance Committee	Mr. Weeks
Library	Ms. Fitzgerald-Kemmett
Senior Center	Mr. Hickey
Community Preservation	Ms. Fitzgerald-Kemmett
Planning Board	Mr. Heal
Board of Appeals	Mr. Hickey
Board of Health	Mr. Weeks
Parks and Fields	Mr. Hickey
Recreation Commission	Ms. Fitzgerald-Kemmett
Conservation Commission	Mr. Heal

Mr. Heal expressed concern of overlapping meeting. Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett noted that Select Board members are not expected to attend every meeting. Please use best judgement to attend.

3. Vote to authorize the use of new election equipment

At the previous Town meeting, it was voted to fund and implement new technology for elections.

MOTION by Mr. Weeks, second by Mr. Heal, moves pursuant to Mass General Law, Chapter 54, Section 34 that the Hanson Select Board vote to approve the use of poll pads as new election equipment to be used by the Town of Hanson starting at the September 2022 State Primary. **Voted 5 - 0**

4. Recognize Jim Hickey's resignation from the Drainage Committee

MOTION by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Ms. Rein, to accept Mr. Hickey's resignation. **Voted 4 - 0**

5. Discuss Town Insurance coverages and vote to approve change in Insurance Agent

Ms. Green previously mentioned she has been getting quotes from insurance agents. Insurance is exempt from a 30b procurement, however best practices is good to get quotes. She presented figures from a proposed and current providers. The current provider, which is a local vendor, is comparable to the proposed, but the proposed insurer, which is a larger company, offers other tools and opportunities that will benefit the Town. Ms. Green spoke with the Town Accountant and he assured her there will be not issues paying in full.

MOTION by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Mr. Weeks, to approve the change of insurance agents from Hannon Murphy to MIIA. **Voted 5 - 0**

There are a few outstanding liabilities that are covered under separate policies. Ms. Green will have the new insurer review when those policies come up for renewal.

IV OLD BUSINESS

1. Committee Updates – Select Board

Mr. Hickey provided some updates:

- Council on Ageing had a summer cookout earlier today
- De-regionalization Feasibility forwarded an email request to TMS and are waiting to hear back. An update will be presented August 8, 2022 to the Select Board.

Ms. Rein will sit with the previous liaison to get up to speed.

Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett also provided updates:

- Economic Development committee is working on several projects and she expects to have a detailed update for the next meeting.
- The Maquan re-use requires a quote for the teardown of the building for the October warrant.

2. Review Select Board meeting calendar

Ms. Green reviewed the current calendar and updated changes as needed.

V

ONE DAY LICENCES

1. Vote to approve One Day Liquor License for Camp Kiwanee, Diane Cohen, on June 26, 2022, between hours of 9:00am and 2:00pm for a bridal shower
2. Vote to approve One Day Liquor License for Camp Kiwanee, Justin Ross, on July 10, 2022, between hours of 10:00am and 3:00pm for a bridal shower
3. Vote to approve One Day Liquor License for Camp Kiwanee, Alison Subda, on September 4, 2022, between hours of 5:30pm and 10:30pm for a wedding
4. Vote to approve One Day Liquor License for Camp Kiwanee, Gemma Kite, on September 9, 2022, between hours of 4:30pm and 10:30pm for a wedding
5. Vote to approve One Day Liquor License for Camp Kiwanee, Lindsey Bezanson, on October 14, 2022, between hours of 4:00pm and 9:00pm 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***

VI

APPOINTMENTS

1. Appoint Ella Nagle as Camp Kiwanee Event Caretaker
2. Appoint Taylor Grossman as Camp Kiwanee Event Caretaker
3. Appoint Francesca Luongo as Camp Kiwanee Event Caretaker
4. Appoint Renae Brown as Event Coordinator

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

5. Annual Appointments

Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett and Ms. Green updated that the current Zoning Board investigation will not be resolved before the mid to end of July 2022. He recommended either not appoint or do abbreviated appointments, suggesting three month terms.

Mr. Perkins doesn't understand the concerns. If the investigation comes back warranting removal, the Board can then remove. Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett explained that if the applicants are appointed to full terms, the investigation determines cause, it is required to have a full hearing, involving legal counsel for all involved. If appointed for a short period, and there is an issue, the Board will not re-appointment. Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett understands the need for Zoning Board to have a quorum but the Select Board needs to abide by the citizen petition to investigate the entire Zoning Board.

MOTION by Mr. Hickey, to approve appointments as printed on the agenda. ***No second***

MOTION by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Ms. Rein to temporarily approve the appointments of Mr. Cushing as a Member to the Zoning Board of Appeals and Mr. Pratti as an Alternate for the Zoning Board of Appeals for a period to end September 1, 2022. ***Voted 4 - 0***

Mr. Perkins noted that they could have a continuation hearing; Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett acknowledges his statement and says this will buy them some time until September. He then states “how much longer are we going to kick that friggin can down the road” and walks out of the conference room. Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett requested a brief recess.

When returned she shared with Ms. Green some of the history that lead to the issue presented this evening for the Zoning Board of Appeals. Town counsel advised the selection of Mr. Lampke, and he was hired in December 2021. To date, no one has received any information or updates, as that is the way it needs to be. The previous Select Board voted to have the entire Zoning Board reviewed and investigated, as that will keep everything impartial and complete.

Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett shared that Ms. Green updated the Annual Appointments list, noting that there were several lists to cleanup. She stated there are several committees in need to volunteers, if anyone is so interested.

Voting on current list with the following recommendations:

- 200th Anniversary committee will be appointed with length of term to end September 30, 2022
- Changing the appointment of the De-regionalization Feasibility committee with length of term to end December 31, 2022
- Excepting out the Zoning Board of Appeals members, as that was approved in a separate motion
- Adding Mr. Heal and Mr. Travis to the Capital Improvement committee for three year terms each.

MOTION by Mr. Heal, seconded by Mr. Weeks to approve appointments, with the exception of Mr. Cushing and Mr. Pratti, as printed on the agenda. ***Voted 5 - 0***

VII

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

1. Depot Village ribbon cutting ceremony, 48-unit apartment building

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett, second by Mr. Heal, to adjourn the meeting to Wage and Personnel. **Vote 5-0**

Respectfully submitted,
Lynn McDowell