



Tuesday, June 6, 2023  
**Hanson Select Board**  
Select Board Meeting Room, Town Hall  
Open Session

**Members Present:** Laura FitzGerald-Kemmett, Joseph Weeks, Edwin Heal, David George, Ann Rein

**Members Absent:**

**Others Present:** Lisa Green, Town Administrator; Lynn McDowell, Executive Assistant;

**I CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett called the meeting to order.

**II EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MOTION** by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Heal, to adjourn to Executive Session, pursuant to Open Meeting Law, Chapter 30A Section 21 (a)(3)), Chapter 30A Section 21 (a)(3)), Chapter 30A Section 21 (a)(7)), and will return to Open Session upon completion of that meeting. ***Voted 5 – 0***

***Roll call – Weeks -Aye; FitzGerald-Kemmett-Aye; Rein-Aye; Heal-Aye; George-Aye***

The Select Board returned from Executive Session at 7:12pm to continue Open Session.

**III PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING MEETINGS**

Ms. Rein read the public announcements and upcoming meetings.

Update the committee openings for next agenda.

**IV APPOINTMENTS**

1. Appoint Samantha Tucker as Camp Kiwanee Life Guard
2. Appoint Mateo Santalucia as Camp Kiwanee Life Guard
3. Appoint James Gillan as Camp Kiwanee Life Guard
4. Appoint Brogan Byron as Camp Kiwanee Life Guard

**MOTION** by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Ms. Rein, to appoint Samantha Tucker, Mateo Santalucia, James Gillan and Brogan Bryon as Camp Kiwanee Life Guards. ***Voted 5 – 0***

5. Appoint Jillian Clarke as Gate Attendant
6. Appoint Isabella Mello as Gate Attendant
7. Appoint Michael Giannino as Gate Attendant
8. Appoint Nicholas Ceurvels as Gate Attendant
9. Appoint Brady LaPointe as Gate Attendant
10. Appoint Mariela Santalucia as Gate Attendant

11. Appoint Lilliana Lowe as Gate Attendant
12. Appoint Zoe Buckley as Gate Attendant
13. Appoint Lynne McCoy as Gate Attendant

**MOTION** by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Ms. Rein, to appoint Jillian Clarke, Isabella Mello, Michael Giannino, Nicholas Ceurvels, Brady LaPointe, Mariela Santalucia, Lilliana Lowe, Zoe Buckley, Lynne McCoy as Camp Kiwanee Gate Attendants. **Voted 5 – 0**

#### 14. Annual Appointments

Ms. McDowell presented the updated list for the Select Board's review. The Board thanked her for her work updating the annual appointments list, as it had not been thoroughly vetted in a few years.

The 200th Anniversary Committee is still active, as Ms. Gamache is completing the work for one last task. With the passing of the article during the May Annual Town meeting, she can complete her work on the linen map. The term for this committee will run through October 2023.

The list presented includes only board and committee members with terms expiring in 2023. Ms. McDowell has the complete list and will forward to the Board.

**MOTION** by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Heal, to reappoint all persons on their respective committees on the attached list as presented, with terms to expire June 30, 2024, with the exception of the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee, with term to expire October 31, 2023. **Voted 5 – 0**

### V NEW BUSINESS

#### 1. Police Department update

Chief Miksch provided the Select Board a general overview. The number of calls the department has received to date is just under 5000, which is on the low end. He felt this is related to documenting differently than prior years. Arrests are primarily related to OUI and domestic calls. He stated that overall, the Town is a safe community.

During the past year the department worked on accreditation, as it needs to hit 394 standards. Most the department is already doing but need to track and record. The challenge is having an officer that is dedicated to focusing on the task. He adjusted staffing and scheduling to have one of the sergeants address two days a week.

He updated the departments the rules and regulations. Much of what is done is taught in the academy, in specialized training or inhouse training, but on paper, most of the policies were outdated. The sergeant has drafted policies for almost all this past year. He needs to have counsel as well as the union review, then will present to the Board to vote and approve. The

challenge is keeping up with changes occurring in real time, with standards changing. He stated it will take close to two years to receive accreditation.

May and June are very busy months, with all year end activities. Focusing on wrapping up any outstanding training and report out to Police Officers Standard and Training by June 30 for all officers. Not as overwhelming as he works with all in the department to ensure all necessary training is happening timely with each officer, sometimes more, to keep them safe and the Town's liability at a minimum. He thanked the Plymouth County Sheriff for providing a shooting range training as well as one-to-one instruction for each officer.

He also had officers update ATV training. He will try to use for patrolling but mostly for crowd control during demonstrations and search and rescue. And some officers attended training in human trafficking as it effects every community. This training was paid by a grant from the District Attorney Cruz's office.

Plymouth County Outreach (PCO), which works community organizations and coalitions to make treatment, resources, and harm reduction tools more accessible to those, and their families, living with substance use disorder, received a grant for Narcan boxes. He will coordinate with Mr. Baker to install in the Library, the Council on Aging and Town Hall. Chief O'Brien will provide training to staff to know what to do when necessary. Sargent Durgan is the department's liaison to PCO as well as Officer Harrington and Detective O'Brien. Over the past seven years, the department is average one outreach per month. The statistics PCO compiled showed 8 out of 12 times services were accepted; it's a great program generating a great response. The program is funded through federal grants, which end in October 2023. He would like to create and present a warrant article to use the opioid money to assist the with the funding.

To continue with mental health and substance abuse, through coordinated efforts with Carver, Halifax and Plympton, the department received a grant through the Department of Public Health to hire a clinician. There is an advertisement for the role but having a hard time finding the right person to fill it. There was a great candidate but due to finances it did not work out.

There is an open officer position, with resumes due on June 16, 2023. He has received seven to date. He noted the department is being very specific with requirements, primarily being academy trained, which could affect the number of potential candidates. He spoke with surrounding towns to coordinate efforts and have an outside agency oversee the exams, then send to the academy. Overall, the goal is to minimize the cost of hiring.

Budgeting looks good. When preparing the department's annual budget, he tries to include an additional week of payroll to cover any additional overtime due to major storms or incidents. He also placed a hold on purchasing a new cruiser as there are no hybrids currently available. The fleet is in good shape and maintain the program he is using. Lastly, he would like to thank Deputy Chief Casey for his great work. Currently working on grants for the department; recently awarded funding for new flashing lights for the school zone on School St. the Deputy is working on requests for new body armor and traffic enforcement.

2. Kerry Glass certifications update

Tabled for next meeting.

3. Vote to create a Recreation Committee

As previously discussed, what was known as the Recreation Committee was renamed to Camp Kiwanee Committee as the committee's focus is directed towards the needs of the Camp exclusively. That left the Town without a Recreation Committee.

During a recent Library strategic planning discussion, the request of recreational programs was highlighted with community events for all in Town.

The Board's focus is to vote to create a recreation committee and let the committee determine its needs and charter. Membership will include five full members and two alternatives.

This committee will operate separately from both Camp Kiwanee and Parks and Fields. For the High Street Committee, one of its impediments to applying for grants and funding is a lack of a contact person in charge of recreation and overseeing the grounds.

For a future meeting, the Select Board will need to determine an outline and objectives for how this newly formed committee can best move forward.

**MOTION** by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Heal, to create a Recreation Committee, with 5 members and 2 alternatives. **Voted 5 – 0**

4. Discuss of Lite Control Building for storage

During the previous strategic planning session, one of the discussion points included how to best use the Lite Control building. The best solution determined dry storage for the Highway and Fire departments. Ms. Green addressed municipal use for storage with Mr. DeFrias. Both agreed it may be a gray area. However, the Town has not been awarded the grant yet, and if awarded, will not receive before the Fall 2023. Mr. DeFrias will request a defined definition from the municipal administrator at that time.

Ms. Green clarified that the Brownfields grant will provide the funding to investigate what is in the ground and then evaluate the pollution, what it actually is, and the cost to clean up. At this time the Lite Control building has not been deemed by the State as a Brownfields but by using this grant money to enact the investigation and cost, the State can deem the property a Brownfields. That will allow the Town to then apply for additional grants to clean up the land. Ms. Green intends to reach out to One Stop administrator to get more information on municipal use. Mr. Baker is investigating the costs to use for dry storage (smoke alarms, electricity, heat, etc.) with the Fire Chief and Town Building Inspector.

## 5. Discuss insertion of Town information in tax/water bills

Also from the previous strategic planning session, a second discussion point related to best in from citizens about tax and abatement deferments, dates of town meeting, volunteer opportunities, etc. Not everyone uses social media, but all do need to pay taxes. Through the Treasurer-Collector's office, how can a buck slip announcement be included in the mailing. Ms. Green will speak with the Treasurer-Collector regarding implementation. She will also contact Capital Strategic Solution for drafting a buck slip with QR code insert.

Ms. Green will also confirm with Ms. Sullivan who and how the tax bills are stuffed and mailed. She will reach out to Mr. Davis to do the same with water billing.

## 6. Discuss Committees/Boards vacancies

The Board reviewed the current committee and liaison assignments, and discussed options.

<i>Board/Committee</i>	<i>Name</i>
Board of Appeals	
Board of Health	Mr. Weeks
Camp Kiwanee	
Capital Improvement Committee	Mr. Heal, Mr. Weeks
Community Preservation	Ms. Fitzgerald-Kemmett
Conservation Commission	Mr. Heal
Council on Ageing	Ms. Rein
Economic Development Committee	Ms. Fitzgerald-Kemmett
Energy Committee	Mr. Heal
Finance Committee	Mr. Weeks
Fire Department	Mr. Heal
High Street Park Committee	Mr. Weeks
Highway Department	Ms. Rein
Library	Ms. Fitzgerald-Kemmett
Maquan School Reuse Committee	Ms. Fitzgerald-Kemmett
Parks and Fields	Mr. George
Planning Board	Mr. Heal
Police Department	Mr. George
Recreation Commission	Mr. Heal, Ms. Fitzgerald-Kemmett
Stormwater and Drainage	Mr. Heal
Transfer Station Taskforce	Mr. Weeks
Veterans Service Agent	Mr. George

**MOTION** by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Heal, to approve the Select Board Liaison list of assignments, adding Mr. Heal and Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett to the new created Recreation Committee, adding Mr. George to Parks and Fields and renaming the Maquan School Reuse Committee to the Maquan Property Reuse Committee. **Voted 5 – 0**

7. Discuss creation of committee determining use of Maquan property after demolition

As noted previously, the Maquan building will be demolished with ARPA fundings. At this time, it would best suit the needs of the Town to create a committee to address the footprint and what it would look like. Best to have participants who will be affected by the proposed uses of the space. That includes the Library, the Council on Ageing, the Highway Department, Parks and Fields, citizens at large, as well as a Select Board liaison.

Similar to the High Street property, it will be pivotal the Town in its final determined use now and in the future.

After some discussion, the Board decided upon calling it The Maquan Property Reuse Committee.

**MOTION** by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Ms. Rein, to rename the Maquan School Reuse Committee to Maquan Property Reuse Committee, with 7 members. **Voted 5 – 0**

8. Accept Timothy Van Amringe’s resignation from the Highway Department

Ms. Green shared he was offered and accepted a new position in the private sector.

**MOTION** by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Heal, to Timothy Van Amringe’s resignation from the Highway Department, as of June 2, 2023. **Voted 5 – 0**

9. Accept donation to the Council on Ageing from Roberta O’Reilly

**MOTION** by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Heal, to accept the donation to the Council on Ageing from Roberta O’Reilly. **Voted 5 – 0**

## VI

### **ONE DAY LIQUOR LICENSES**

1. 06/03/2023 – 5:00pm – 10:00pm – Amanda Levangie – Wedding
2. 06/11/2023 – 1:00pm – 5:00pm – Robin Sullivan – Graduation
3. 06/17/2023 – 4:00pm – 9:00pm – Jill Hennessey – Wedding
4. 06/18/2023 – 1:00pm – 6:00pm – Jason Amado – Graduation
5. 07/09/2023 – 10:00am – 3:00pm – Carol Ennis – Baby Shower
6. 07/16/2023 – 10:00am – 3:00pm – Stephanie Davis – Bridal Shower
7. 07/28/2023 – 5:00pm – 10:00pm – Malissa Chelmo – Graduation
8. 08/11/2023 – 5:00pm – 10:00pm – Carol Ennis – Birthday Party

9. 08/27/2023 – 11:00am – 4:00pm – Sherrie Wright – Wedding Shower
10. 11/18/2023 – 5:00pm – 11:00pm – Kurt Piccuito – Birthday Party

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

## **VII**                    **COMMITTEE UPDATES**

- Mr. Weeks provided an update regarding the recent High Street Committee meeting. After completing a walk-through irrigation system, the committee decided to hire an outside company to create an irrigation plan. Mr. Weeks would like to confirm with Ms. Green that there is funding. It will be done in phases. He noted that the committee is planning to craft an article for October Special Town meeting requesting fundings for land clearing, a playground and road grading, as well as review other funding options.
- As this has been a long ongoing project, the committee is creating a presentation that will highlight the progress done to date and what is expected in the near future. Mr. Weeks also reminded that all meetings are public and the committee would welcome attendance, comments and feedback.
- Mr. Weeks shared, during the latest Transfer Station Taskforce meeting, the group met with representatives from State agencies to discuss the cost-benefits of best utilizing the transfer station. The agencies offered to review the data from stickers and bag fees; it will then provide informational recommendations for fees and supplement charges.
- He reminded that the Taskforce does not make decisions nor act on behalf of the Board of Health. All meetings are recorded and available to listen. He suggested viewers watch the last meeting, as it provided an abundance of excellent information.

## **VIII**                    **MEETING MINUTES**

1. May 23, 2023
2. May 30, 2023

**MOTION** by Ms. Rein, seconded by Mr. Weeks, to approve the meeting minutes for May 23, 2023 only. **Voted 5-0**

## **IX**                    **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

- Ms. Green provided a brief update regarding the Route 14 TIP program. Funding for the project was announced by Senator Brady's office as it included in the FY24 budget, waiting for the Governor's signature.
- With Mr. DeFrias, She met with the Old Colony Planning Council. It applied for grants on behalf of several municipalities, including the Town of Hanson, and was awarded grants. At this time, no definitive information is available but will know soon. One of

the grants focused on Brownfields, including the same stipulations as the previously awarded funding.

- She acknowledged the hard work of the Town's employees taking time from their daily tasks to research, complete and submit grants for the Town, allowing for additional projects that overall improve the Town. She estimated the Town has received close to \$800,000 in grant money since she joined Town Hall.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

***MOTION*** by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Ms. Rein, to adjourn. ***Voted 5 – 0***

*Respectfully submitted,  
Lynn McDowell*