



Tuesday, May 16, 2023

Hanson Select Board

Select Board's meeting room, Town Hall

Open Session

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

Members Absent: Edwin Heal

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

I CALL TO ORDER

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

Susan Maran, on behalf of Representative Josh Cutler and Representative Ronald Mariano, presented Mr. Hickey a citation from the House of Representatives, thanking him for his tireless service to the Town of Hanson, and wishing him best wishes and future good fortune. He thanked Ms. Maran and both representatives for their thoughtfulness and generosity.

II EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by Ms. Rein, seconded by Mr. Weeks, to adjourn to Executive Session, pursuant to Open Meeting Law, Chapter 30A Section 21 (a)(3)), Chapter 30A Section 21 (a)(1)), Chapter 30A Section 21 (a)(7)), and will return to Open Session upon completion of that meeting. ***Voted 4 – 0***

Roll call – Weeks -Aye; FitzGerald-Kemmett-Aye; Rein-Aye

The Select Board returned from Executive Session at 7:03pm to continue Open Session.

III PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING MEETINGS

Ms. Rein read the public announcements and upcoming meetings.

Ms. McDowell is currently validating the board and committee vacancies. An updated list will be presented soon.

IV NEW BUSINESS

1. Fire Chief contract update

Ms. Green shared the discussion related to Fire Chief O'Brien's compensation under his contract as newly hired fire chief.

Part of the compensation includes a new stipend for holding a paramedic certification. He was elevated to Acting Fire Chief in April 2023, however the contract with this stipend starts July 2023. He requested the Select Board tie this back to the time he was elevated in April 2023.

He also requested the Select Board include holidays covered in the second half of the year, matching his previous contract as Deputy Chief. Again, related to his elevation to Acting Fire Chief in April, the contract would exclude the holidays from April through June 2023.

Ms. Green updated his contract to include language related to both items.

MOTION by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Hickey, to approve the changes to Robert O'Brien's contract. ***Voted 4 – 0***

2. Town Administrator review

Ms. Green read a list of her accomplishments from the past year and how they will positively affect the Town moving forward.

The Board shared its thoughts with her. It believes she is meeting the requirements of the position and taking the Board's feedback to move forward. Some points it would like to see addressed in the coming year included:

- More participation/higher public profile in the Town committees.
- Stronger communication out to the citizens of the Town of what is happening at Town Hall and around Town in general

The Select Board will develop goals for Ms. Green to focus on in the coming year. It appreciated that she participates in seminars and training sessions to professionalize the Administrator's office. However, it would like her to have tangible goals to know what is expected from the Board and what to work towards.

Ms. Green shared she enjoys working at Town Hall and with the Board. She appreciated the feedback and support, and is looking forward to what will come in the next year.

V APPROVE OPEN SESSION MINUTES

1. May 9, 2023

MOTION by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Hickey, to approve the meeting minutes as printed on the agenda. ***Voted 4 – 0***

VI ADJOURNMENT

Prior to adjourning, Ms. Green wished Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett well in the election on Saturday. She thanked Mr. Hickey for his service as a Select Board member, noting she enjoyed working with him during the past two years and will miss his comments.

She also thanked the horticultural students from the South Shore Vocation Technical High School for the amazing job landscaping at Town Hall. They were onsite for two days working on the front and back.

MOTION by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Hickey, to adjourn. ***Voted 4 – 0***

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn McDowell