



Tuesday, November 29, 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: Lisa Green, Town Administrator

Others Present: Lynn McDowell, Executive Assistant, Denise Alexander, Lee Gamache

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. Town of Hanson FY24 Classification Hearing 7:00PM

Ms. Rein opened the hearing.

Ms. Alexander presented a PowerPoint presentation to the Select Board, stating the figures shown are currently estimates. Three actions required by the Select Board:

1. Selecting the Residential Factor for Fiscal Year 2023. ***Vote Required***

The Board of Assessors has consistently recommended a factor "1" meaning that the tax rate should NOT be split in order to shift more tax burden to the Commercial Class.

2. Will Hanson adopt a Residential Exemption? ***Vote Required***

The Board of Assessors has consistently recommended that a residential exemption NOT be adopted.

3. Will Hanson adopt a Small Business Exemption? ***Vote Required***

The Board of Assessors has consistently recommended that the Small Business Exemption NOT be adopted

Ms. Alexander showed some of the proposed shifts due to changes in the marketplace. She noted commercial would increase while residential will decrease. To determine detailed dollar values, the average residential values are. She provided examples with several proposed figures, also noting it will be heavier on industrial. This helps retaining and attracting new businesses to the community.

Mr. Heal questioned if the total will remain the same. Ms. Alexander stated yes, the levy will be the same; it will be adjusting who is be paying differences. As sales drive number, the rates will be determined by reviewing the adjustments/sales as values change. She noted it is a complex algorithm that determines the rate; the Department of Revenue has the tools online.

Ms. Alexander and Ms. Gamache thanked the Town Accountant and the Town Treasurer/Collector and their respective offices for their assistance. The Board of Assessors estimated levy capacity to be \$77,074. As this is a notification no vote needed. However as the number is an estimate, the hearing cannot be closed. Ms. Gamache expects to have the final numbers this week and requests to extend the hearing until December 63, 2022.

MOTION by Ms. Rein, seconded by Mr. Hickey, to not split the tax rate, thus not shifting more tax burden to the Commercial Class. **Voted 5-0**

MOTION by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Mr. Weeks, to not adopt a residential exemption. **Voted 5-0**

MOTION by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Mr. Weeks, to not adopt small commercial exemption. **Voted 5-0**

MOTION by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Hickey, to continue the hearing on December 6 at 5:45pm. **Voted 5-0**

2. Scout Jake Wheeling, Troop 34, to present his Eagle Scout project plan for the Council on Ageing gazebo.

Mr. Wheeling shared his project for the Senior Center gazebo and benches. He stated his plan is to replace and repair with some painting before it becomes too cold, then will completed the rest of the painting in the spring. He needs to complete the project for the end of December, with paperwork to be submitted the end of January 2023, so is focused on completing all structural requirements. He is fundraising with his troop as well as seeking donations from family and friends. From his assessments, costs are not as high as he first anticipated but he is finalizing the full estimate. Once he has all materials needed, he plans to do the bulk of work in one day. He will have several adults assisting with the completion.

MOTION by Ms. Rein, seconded by Mr. Hickey, to approve Jake Wheeling's Eagle Scout project at the Council on Ageing. **Voted 5-0**

3. Discussion for 902 Main Street

Ms. Green received an email confirming that the Hanson Housing Authority does not wish to exercise the Right of First Refusal for 902 Main Street, Unit 51 in Hanson Ma. 02341

MOTION by M. Hickey, seconded by Mr. Weeks, to allow the property at 902 Main Street, Hanson to be sold and the Town will not exercise its right of first refusal. **Voted 5-0**

4. Accept donations to the Senior Center in Memory of Ernie Jutras.
 - a. Mary and David Ryan \$25

MOTION by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Mr. Weeks, to accept a donation to the Senior Center in memory of Ernie Jutras by Mary and David Ryan. **Voted 5-0**

5. Appointment of Town Administrator as Municipal Representative to attend WHRSC meeting on December 7, 2022

MOTION by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Mr. Weeks, to appointment the Town Administrator as Municipal Representative to attend WHRSC meeting on December 7, 2022. **Voted 5-0**

IV APPROVE OPEN SESSION MINUTES

1. May 24, 2022
2. July 26, 2022
3. August 23, 2022
4. November 10, 2022

MOTION by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Hickey to approve the meeting minutes as presented. **Voted 5 - 0**

V ONE DAY LIQUOR LICENSES

1. 12/16/22 – 1:00pm – 6:00pm – Party – Renae Brown
2. 12/17/22 – 1:00pm – 6:00pm – Celebration of Life – Jason Willis
3. 3/18/2023 – 11:00am – 4:00pm – Bridal Shower – Lauren Shidler

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

VI TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

No updates tonight

VII ADJOURNMENT

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

*Respectfully submitted,
Lynn McDowell*