

Hanson Board of Selectmen
Selectmen's Meeting Room, Hanson Town Hall
Tuesday, January 5, 2016
Regular Meeting 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Donald Howard, James McGahan, Kenny Mitchell, William Scott & Bruce Young

Members Absent:

Others Present: Interim Town Administrator Richard LaCamera
Executive Assistant Meredith Marini

7:00 p.m. Chairman Young called the meeting to order, led the Pledge Allegiance. He read the announcements and upcoming meeting schedule.

II TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. LaCamera indicated that all the budgets have been submitted with the exception of the schools. He will be meeting with the department heads to review their budgets. The Capital plans have been submitted. He will be meeting with departments to review their plans. Mr. LaCamera will also be meeting with the Finance Committee to discuss the budget process.

The School Committee will be reviewing their budget on February 3, 2016. The Board is invited to attend.

Mr. LaCamera reported that the Board of Health received a commendation at MassRecycle's meeting for the largest reduction in disposed trash per household, a total of 64% . Board of Health Member Arlene Dias and Health Agent Donna Tramontana accepted the certificate.

III NEW BUSINESS

Vote Surplus Vehicle – Police Dept. - 1988 Chev. P30 VIN 1GCJP32J7J3328149

MOTION by Howard, second by McGahan to declare the 1988 Chev as surplus. **Voted 5 – 0**

Vote Surplus Vehicles Bid Award

Mr. LaCamera informed the Board that South Shore Vocational Technical High School students have been working on two police vehicles. The students are removing the engine from one vehicle and installing it into the other to make it a viable vehicle for the inspectional services. One of the vehicles, Item number 9 on the Surplus vehicle list is a 2008 Dodge Charger. It has no engine. South Shore Voc Tech has requested that the 2008 Dodge Charger be donated to the school for use by the students for training.

MOTION by Howard, second by McGahan to donate the 2008 Dodge Charger VIN 2B3KA43H47H845388 to South Shore Vocational School for use in training. **Voted 5 – 0**

Chairman Young read the high bidders of the Surplus Vehicles. The bids deadline was Monday, January 4, 2016.

Item 1 - 2006 Ford Crown Victoria VIN **2FAFP71W17X100272** to Chuckran Auto Parts of Bridgewater in the amount of \$250.00.

MOTION by Howard, second by Scott to award the 2006 Crown Victoria to Chuckran Auto Part in the amount of \$250.00. *Voted 5 – 0*

Item 2 - 1999 Ford F350 VIN **1FDSF35F5XEE72757** to Chuckran Auto Parts of Bridgewater in the amount of \$300.00.

MOTION by Scott, second by Mitchell to award the 1999 Ford F350 to Chuckran Auto Parts in the amount of \$300.00. *Voted 5 - 0*

Item 3 - 1998 E350 Van VIN **1FTN324L3WHB82147** to Everett's Auto Parts of Brockton in the amount of \$329.99.

MOTION by Scott, second by Howard to award the 1988 E350 van to Everett's Auto Parts in the amount of \$329.99. *Voted 5 – 0*

Item 4 - 1999 Dodge Van VIN **2B4FP25B5XR262269** to Everett's Auto Parts of Brockton in the amount of \$275.99

MOTION by McGahan, second by Mitchell to award the 1999 Dodge Van to Everett's Auto Parts in the amount of \$279.99. *Voted 5 – 0*

Item 5 - 1996 Chevy 3500 Pick up VIN **1GCGK24ROTE250424** to Everett's Auto Parts of Brockton in the amount of \$329.99.

MOTION by Mitchell, second Scott to award the 1996 Chevy 3500 Pick up to Everett's Auto Parts in the amount of \$329.99. *Voted 5 – 0*

Item 6 - 2003 F150 Pick up VIN **2FTRX18W43CB10869** to Angel's Towing of Plympton in the amount of \$350.00.

MOTION by McGahan, second by Howard to award the 2003 F15 Pick up to Angel's Towing Plympton in the amount of \$350.00. *Voted 5 – 0*

Item 7 - 2004 Ford Explorer VIN **1FMZU73W34UC14415** to Everett's Auto Parts of Brockton in the amount of \$329.99.

MOTION by McGahan, second by Howard to award the 2004 Ford Explorer to Everett's Auto Parts in the amount of \$329.99. *Voted 5 – 0*

Item 8 - 2007 Dodge Charger VIN **2B3KA43H47H845388** to Everett's Auto Parts of Brockton in the amount of \$699.99.

MOTION by McGahan, second by Howard to award the 2007 Dodge Charger to Everett's Auto Parts in the amount of \$699.99. *Voted 5 – 0*

Item 10 2007 Crown Victoria VIN **2FAFP71WX7X100271** to Everett's Auto Parts of Brockton in the amount of \$329.99

MOTION by McGahan, second by Howard to award the 2007 Crown Victoria to Everett's Auto Parts in the amount of \$329.99. *Voted 5 – 0*

Item 11 2005 Crown Victoria VIN 2FAFP71W35X176928 to Corkery Tractor Trailer of Canton in the amount of \$387.00.

MOTION by McGahan, second by Howard to award the 2005 Crown Victoria to Corkery Tractor Trailer in the amount of \$387.00. **Voted 5 – 0**

Item 12 1988 Chevy P30 VIN 1GCJP32J7J3328149 to Chuckran Auto Parts of Bridgewater in the amount of \$350.00.

MOTION by McGahan, second by Howard to award the 1988 Chevy P30 to Chuckran Auto Parts in the amount of \$350.00 **Voted 5 – 0**

Open May 2016 Special and Annual Town Meeting Warrants

MOTION by Howard, second by McGahan to Open the May 2016 Special and Annual Town Meeting Warrants. **Voted 5 – 0**

Vote to extend Accounting Service Contract with Financial Advisory Associates to June 30, 2016.

Mr. LaCamera noted the Mr. Hassett has done a fantastic job and requested that the Board vote to extend the contract and authorize him to sign the contract.

MOTION by Howard, second by McGahan to extend the contract with Financial Advisory Associates until June 30, 2016 and to authorize the Town Administrator Rich LaCamera to sign the contract.

Voted 5 – 0

Discussion relative to Green Harbor Dispensary interest in opening Medical Marijuana Dispensary in Hanson – Chairman Young noted that this would be the first dispensary in the Town. In accordance with the Zoning By-laws, the Board of Selectmen would be the awarding authority. Chairman Young read a letter from Green Harbor Dispensary dated December 23, 2015.

Dear Selectman Young,

Permit me to introduce myself. I am Bob Schnibbe, CEO of The Green Harbor Dispensary. My team and I are very interested in beginning the process of securing a letter of Approval or Non-Opposition and, ultimately, a Special Permit from the Town of Hanson to place a medical marijuana dispensary and/or cultivation site in your town.

The Green Harbor Dispensary has an impressive management team, a comprehensive security solution and well thought out vision for our dispensary. Our Team is composed of business professionals that live and work in the immediate area and are committed to being responsible corporate citizens and good neighbors.

We hope that as we move forward with the Special Permitting process in Hanson, the Green Harbor Dispensary would be invited to have an opportunity to present our RMD program to Town Management and the Board of Selectman.

I look forward to hearing back from you and about you(r) decision to move forward with a RMD facility in Hanson and learn more about The Green Harbor Dispensary.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

*Sincerely
Roberty (Bob) Schnibbe
Chief Executive Officer
The Green Harbor Dispensary*

Mr. LaCamera recommended that the Board get additional information on the request. The group is a non-profit organization which would require payment in lieu of taxes. Mr. LaCamera indicated he would like to speak to Town Counsel. He noted that the proponents would have to apply for a special permit through the Zoning Board of Appeals.

By consensus the Board tabled the matter.

Review MSBA response Statement of Interest for Maquan School & discuss 2016 Action – Chairman Young reviewed the process in which the School District wrote to the communities asking if the Town's had projects which would be eligible for a Statement of Interest submission.

School Committee Chairman Bob Hayes was present and reviewed changes to the Indian Head project contract. The Town will receive a credit in the amount of \$4,510.00 from the General Contractor Losordo for materials which were not used. The Town must vote to accept the credit.

MOTION by Howard, second by McGahan to accept a credit of \$4,510.00 from Losordo. **Voted 5 – 0.**

Mr. Hayes indicated that total contract price is 640,708.00

Mr. Hayes also noted that the contract required seeding in the Spring and the Town is holding \$3,500 for the task to be completed. The School Department has the materials and the staff can provide the labor and seeding.

MOTION by McGahan, second by Howard to accept the \$3,500 from the School Department for the landscaping and seeding. **Voted 5 – 0**

Mr. Hayes explained that annually the MSBA sends a letter to the schools to see if there are any repair or construction projects. The School Committee then checks with the Towns to see if either town has a project. The Town of Hanson requested a new school to replace Maquan.

Mr. Hayes read the letter dated December 18, 2015 from the MSBA to Dr. Ruth C. Gilbert-Whitner, Superintendent, Re: Whitman-Hanson Regional School District 2015 SOI Status

Dear Dr. Gilbert-Whitner:

The Massachusetts School Building Authority (the “MSBA”) would like to thank the Whitman-Hanson Regional School District (the “District”) for expressing an interest in the MSBA’s program for school building construction, renovation, and repair grants through the 2015 Statement of Interest (the “SOI”) process.

Overall, that MSBA received 97 SOIs from 67 different school districts for consideration in 2015. In reviewing SOIs, the MSBA identifies the school facilities that have the greatest and most urgent need based on an assessment of the entire cohort of SOIs that are received for consideration each year.

Through the MSBA’s due diligence process and review of the 97 SOIs that were received for consideration in 2015, the MSBA has determined that the Maquan Elementary School SOI will not be invited into the MSBA’s Eligibility Period at this time.

If the District would like this school to be considered for future collaboration with the MSBA, the District should file an SOI in an upcoming year. The MSBA will be accepting SOIs for consideration in 2016 starting on January 8, 2016. Please see the detailed information about the process below and on the MSBA’s website. If your District is planning to submit an SOI in 2016, consider notifying local governing boards of your intentions, as local governing bodies will have to vote to approve submission of an SOI prior to the following closing dates:

The SOI closing date for Districts submitting under the Accelerated Repair Program, which is primarily for repair and/or replacement of windows, roofs, and/or boilers in an otherwise structurally sound facility, will be Friday, February 12, 2016.

The SOI closing date for Districts submitting under the Core Program, which is primarily for projects beyond the scope of Accelerated Repair, including extensive repairs, renovations, addition/renovation and new school construction will be Friday, April 8, 2016.

The MSBA remains committed to collaborating and partnering with the Whitman Hanson Regional School District to better understand any other school facility issues in the District, and will be sending more detailed information regarding the 2016 SOI process in the coming weeks.

Please feel free to contact Diane Sullivan, Director of Program Management at (617) 720-4466 should you have any questions.

*Sincerely
Maureen G. Valente
Chief Executive Officer*

*John K. McCarthy
Executive Director/Deputy CEO*

Mr. Hayes reported that MSBA has updated the process for submitting SOI and will start accepting statements on January 8, 2016. Mr. Hayes indicated that an SOI is a lengthy process to create and develop. There are no guarantees of acceptance.

Mr. Hayes indicated the School Committee will be considering some projects, but the communities must vote to submit the SOI. Chairman Young noted that nothing has changed at Maquan and all the major issues need to be addressed.

Mr. Hayes explained that the MSBA sets the requirements on who must be on the building committee. Chairman Young reviewed the order of committees, architects, project managers and then bidding the project.

Mr. Hayes noted there are various possibilities for the projects including adding an addition to Indian Head. The Selectmen must make a recommendation to the School Committee to draft and submit the Statement of Interest. The SOI will list the items which need to be addressed, including replacement.

Mr. Hayes indicated that he will come back to a future meeting for the Board's decision on submission of a Statement of Interest.

Mr. McGahan asked if the SOI could be submitted for both accelerated and CORE project. Mr. Hayes indicated that you cannot submit a request for both accelerated and CORE for one location.

Mr. LaCamera explained that the School capital plan has over five million dollars in projects. Mr. LaCamera suggested that the parties get together to determine which projects need to be done before the Statement of Interest is submitted.

Mr. Hayes said that the School Committee needs to prioritize the projects and then get an architect to provide an estimate for presentation at Town Meeting. Mr. LaCamera indicated that there is no funding for architects.

Mr. LaCamera feels that all the parties need to be on the same page. A meeting of the School Committee, Finance, Selectmen and Capital Improvement Committee is in order. The School Committee will be meeting in January 13th. The State Representatives and State Senator will be present at the meeting.

Resident Leanne Silva 68 Milford Street asked about the credits for the Indian Head School. She asked why the refund can't be applied to the architect for the other projects. Mr. LaCamera explained that funds can't be used without the approval of Town Meeting. Chairman Young explained that if there is money left from the capital exclusion project (Indian Head Roof) the funds need to be used to reduce the tax rate. They cannot be used for other projects.

Kimberly King suggested that the Selectmen and School Committee also consider an addition to the Middle School. Chairman Young indicated that all options are on the table.

Review Small Business annual report – Mr. LaCamera indicated that he has brochures in the office which Mr. McGahan can take to the up coming Business Network meeting in February.

Resignation ~

Maria McClellan resignation from the Recreation Commission - Chairman Young read a letter from Maria McClellan dated December 26, 2015 addressed to the Board of Selectmen.

Gentlemen:

As of this date, I resign from the Hanson Recreation Commission.

*Thank you
Maria McClellan*

The Board thanked Ms. McClellan for her years of service noting that she will be missed.

MOTION by Mitchell, second by McGahan to accept with regret the resignation of Maria McClellan.
Voted 5 - 0

IV OLD BUSINESS

Review complaint policy – Mr. LaCamera noted that the subcommittee has reviewed the policies and made a recommendation.

Chairman Young suggested that the Town Administrator needs to notify a committee if a complaint has been made. The Town Administrator should explain the process to the committees with respect to the requirement to respond within two weeks. Lengthy discussion as to the process of receiving complaints and what constitutes a complaint.

Chairman Young wants to be sure that the rights of employees are protected. Mr. McGahan requested that the Selectmen receive a copy of complaints against employees and committees.

Mr. LaCamera indicated that when complaints come to the office they will be logged and forwarded to the appropriate committee.

V APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

December 15, 2015

MOTION McGahan, second by Howard to approve the minutes of December 15, 2015. **Voted 5 – 0**

VI COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monponsett Pond Committee – Mr. Howard indicated there have been no meetings.

Indian Head & Maquan Priority Repair Comm. – Chairman Young indicated that all work on the project has been completed. The landscaping will be conducted by the school district. The new water heater system has been installed with a few minor adjustments of piping. Mr. Young and Bill

Garvey were present to the testing of the smoke hatch. The group discussed the SOI for the Maquan School. Next meeting is January 20th.

Highway Building Committee – Mr. Scott reported that a briefing was held on December 28th for prospective firms which may respond to the Request for Proposals. The responses to the RFP are due on Friday, January 8th. The committee will review the submittals and determine which firms they wish to interview.

Mr. McGahan asked if any applications for appointment have been received for the Final Plymouth County Hospital Reuse committee. Mrs. Marini indicated that one application has been received and noted the deadline is Friday, January 15th.

VII EXECUTIVE SESSION – Chairman Young announced that the Board would be going into to discuss the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than the professional competence, of an individual, or discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges against, the public officer, employee, staff member or individual. To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the Chair so declares –Anderson matter. And to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body – High Street radio tower.

So moved by Howard, second by McGahan. **Roll Call Howard aye, McGahan aye, Young aye, Scott aye and Mitchell aye. Voted 5 – 0**

Chairman Young announced that Board would return to open session only to adjourn.

8:38 p.m. Brief Recess

9:03 p.m. Returned to open session.

VIII ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Howard, second by Mitchell to adjourn. **Voted 5 – 0**

9:04 p.m. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Marini,
Executive Assistant
Approved and Voted 5 – 0
January 26, 2016