

Tuesday, February 8, 2021
Hanson Board of Selectmen
Selectmen's meeting room, Town Hall

Members Present: James Hickey, Matthew Dyer, Laura FitzGerald-Kemmett, Joseph Weeks, Kenny Mitchell

Others Present: Lisa Green, Town Administrator, Lucia Silveira, Executive Assistant

I CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dyer called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING MEETINGS

Mr. Weeks read the public announcements and upcoming meetings.

A moment of silence was requested by Chairman Dyer for Marilyn Cardile (board member of the Hanson Housing Authority) and David Goodrow (retired Hanson Firefighter), both passed in December 2021.

III NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Laura Kemmett, seconded by Kenny Mitchell, to accept resignation of Chairman Matt Dyer effective May 21, 2022. ***Voted 5-0***

Motion by Jim Hickey, seconded by Laura Kemmett, to place a two-year term for Selectmen for the May 21, 2022 Annual Town Election. ***Voted 5-0***

Motion by Jim Hickey, seconded by Joe Weeks, to approve Hanson Business Network request to hold St. Patrick's Day fundraiser at Camp Kiwanee to benefit the Hanson Food Pantry on March 11th. ***Voted 4-0, Laura Kemmett recused***

COVID Tests for Residents

Tests will be distributed on Saturday at 9am to 12pm at Maquan. Each car will be handed a box. They will either look for identification or Transfer Station sticker on car. Contact Mary Collins, Director of Elder Affairs, if you can't pick up a test.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

Mask Mandate

Motion by Laura Kemmett, seconded by Jim Hickey, to lift mask mandate at Town Hall. All are encouraged to wear a mask if they so choose. ***Voted 5-0***

Correction of disclosure for Charlie Baker

Ms. Green made the board aware that Charlie Baker, Custodian, did not have to file a disclosure to plow for the Town, as he is a member of the Highway Union. Mr. Baker plows at night outside of his hours as a custodian maintenance technician. He would be using Highway's trucks to plow and not his own vehicle. As a result, he would not need to file a disclosure. Ms. Green wanted to make this correction because she mentioned that he filed a disclosure during the last meeting.

Storm update

Mr. Weeks wanted to thank everyone that helped during the blizzard. The Town of Hanson had over 27 inches of snow. Fortunately, there were no power outages. The Highway Department and the Town's contractors worked around the clock to clear streets and keep our roadways safe. Ms. Kemmett also wanted to thank Police and Fire for all their help as well. Mr. Hickey mentioned that he attended the pre-storm meeting with Ms. Green and that he was impressed with the teamwork and all the work done in preparation for the storm. Ms. Green said that everyone did a phenomenal job. The storm was a challenging one, but everyone worked hard to ensure the safety of the residents.

V. One Day Licenses

MOTION by Joe Weeks, seconded by Kenny Mitchell, to approve the one-day liquor licenses as printed on the agenda. ***Voted 5 - 0***

VI Town Administrator Report

Ms. Green mentioned that she has been working with the Town Accountant to put together the proposed budget for FY23. They were waiting on the initial budget for the FY23 and FY24 school year. They received the tuition for the agricultural school today. The next Board of Selectmen meeting on February 22, 2022, Ms. Green and the Town Accountant will present the proposed budget to the board for review.

Ms. Kemmett mentioned that after having discussions about the school audit that there was a suggestion about having a joint Board of Selectmen meeting where Mr. Szymaniak and Mr. Stanbrook to attend and present

the school budget. Ms. Kemmett believes in strengthening the partnership with the schools, especially since it's a huge part of both budgets. Chairman Dyer agreed that it's a great way to ask questions and keep in the spirit of being informed about all articles.

Annual Town Meeting Location

Ms. Green spoke to the Town Moderator about the preferred location for the Annual Town Meeting. The Middle School is the preferred choice.

MOTION by Ms. Kemmett, seconded by Mr. Weeks, to move forward with working with the schools to reserve the auditorium for the Annual Town Meeting on Monday, May 2, 2022. **5-0.**

ZBA Investigation Update

Ms. Kemmett asked Lisa Green regarding the status of the ZBA investigation. Ms. Green mentioned that right now a number of permits are being looked at through the Building Dept. Ms. Green also mentioned that she did not have full access to the permitting software. It took some time to get access and now Ms. Green is working on learning the software in order to retrieve the necessary information needed for the investigation. Ms. Green will work with the Administrative Assistant in the Building Department to gather all the information and forward it to the investigators.

De-regionalization update

Ms. Kemmett asked about any updates with TMS. Ms. Green mentioned that she had not been able to talk to speak with TMS. ***{There was a technical glitch that caused the last 2 minutes and 11 seconds of audio for this meeting to stop capturing}.***

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Kenny Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Hickey, to adjourn meeting. **5-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

Lucia Silveira
Executive Assistant