

**Town of Hanson**  
**542 Liberty Street, Hanson, MA 02341**

## **Selectmen's Minutes 9-22-15**

*Town of Hanson - Board of Selectmen*  
*Meeting Minutes – Hanson Town Hall*  
*September 22, 2015*

**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**

Dedication of Hancock Field – Saturday, Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> – Veterans Agent Robert Arsenault was present and distributed the brochure for the dedication. Mr. Arsenault indicated the ceremony will honor United States Army Sergeant James “Red” Harrington. Sgt. Harrington grew up in the area and played ball at the field when he was a child. Mr. Arsenault thanked Highway Surveyor Bob Brown and the Highway Department, Brian Deroucher and Bob Hayes for their assistance in preparing the ball field for the event. Mr. Hayes will be assisting during the dedication. A reception will be held at the VFW following the ceremony. He invited residents and the Selectmen to attend. The Board thanked Mr. Arsenault for his efforts.

Mr. LaCamera informed the Board that he received notification from the Department of Revenue that Free Cash has been certified in the amount of \$1,098,611.00.

### **III NEW BUSINESS**

#### ***Appointments***

**Animal Control Officers** – Lisa McKay 3 Nevada Ave., Assonet – Term to Expire  
June 30, 2016

Chairman Young indicated that Ms. McKay will be the Town’s first regional animal control officer. Ms. McKay was introduced to the Board. The Board members were impressed with her resume’ noting some of her key qualifications, which included being an experienced Animal Control Officer and animal inspector, certified in defensive tactics, possesses Animal Control Officer certification, knowledge in use of firearms and possesses a license to carry, excellent customer service skills, calm demeanor and ability to read animal body language in order to handle animals safely. She also serves as the Bridgewater Animal Control Officer and the Halifax Animal Inspector.

**MOTION** by Howard, second by McGahan to appoint Lisa McKay as Animal Inspector.

**Voted 5 – 0**

**Assistant Animal Control Officer** - Joshua Kimball 94 Pinehaven Drive, Whitman  
Term to Expire 6/30/16

Chairman Young noted that Mr. Kimball will be the Town’s first regional assistant animal control officer. Chairman Young read Mr. Kimball’s cover letter dated August 1, 2015 address to the Town of Whitman.

*My name is Joshua Kimball and I am writing you today to inquire about the position of Assistant Animal Control officer within the inter-municipal Animal Control Department. Being a Whitman resident, and a person who takes great measures to protect our wildlife and environment as well as our domesticated animals that get loose.*

*Currently, I am a part-time Endangered Species Monitor for the Town of Duxbury Harbormaster Department where I enforce beach rules to protect pedestrians and vehicles from entering enclosed areas to protect the nesting shorebirds. Working to protect animals also goes hand in hand with this position. I am able to work in various weather conditions and off-hours. I have great interpersonal and customer service skills and am proficient in the use of many computer programs. I have a valid Massachusetts Class D Drivers License as well as a Department of Transportation Medical Card. I am very familiar with the three towns streets and landmarks. I also have the ability to obtain my Animal Control Officer Certification as well as my NIMS training.*

*Thank you for your time and consideration. I feel that my qualifications and skills would make me a great candidate for the position. You can contact me at 781-252-1010 or by e-mail at [jkimballhld@gmail.com](mailto:jkimballhld@gmail.com). Thank you and I look forward to hearing from you soon. Sincerely, Joshua Kimball.*

**MOTION** by Howard, second by McGahan to appoint Joshua Kimball as the Assistant Animal Control officer. **Voted 5 – 0**

#### **Council of Elder Affairs**

Stephanie McSweeney 78 Pierce Ave – Fill vacancy of Lorraine Lentini –  
Term to Expire 6/30/16

Chairman Young indicated that Mrs. McSweeney served on several boards including the Board of Selectmen, School Committee and Housing Authority.

**MOTION** by Howard, second by McGahan to appoint Stephanie McSweeney to the Council of Elder Affairs, term to expire June 30, 2016. **Voted 5 - 0**

Mr. McGahan requested that applicants for appointment be present at the Selectmen's meetings.

#### **IV OLD BUSINESS**

Vote article recommendations – **Articles 11 & 18**

**Article 11** – Assessment Study of Wampatuck Pond.

Mr. McGahan would like to keep the article on the warrant. He is seeking funding from Rep. Cutler.

**MOTION** by Howard, second by McGahan to recommend **Voted 4 – 1 (Mitchell)**

**Article 18** – Investigate water flow along Main and Philips Streets.

Chairman Young indicated that additional information has been provided since the article was placed on the warrant. Mr. McGahan thanked the Highway Department for their research and it appears the Town has plans delineating the water flow. Mr. McGahan wants to be sure that additional work on the project is completed. Mr. McGahan feels that the issue may be passed over at Town Meeting and requested that the Board leave the recommendation as "Hold".

#### **V APPROVE MEETING MINUTES**

April 14, 2015

**MOTION** by Howard, second by Mitchell to approve minutes of April 14, 2015. **Voted 5 – 0**

May 19, 2015 – Mr. McGahan indicated there was a typo on page one "so votd" Mr. Young as Chairman.

**MOTION** by Howard, second by McGahan to approve the minutes of May 19, 2015 as amended. **Voted 5 – 0**

May 26, 2015

**MOTION** by Howard, second by McGahan to approve the minutes of May 26, 2015.

**Voted 5 – 0**

June 2, 2015

**MOTION** by Howard, second by McGahan to approve the minutes of June 2, 2015. **Voted 5 – 0**

June 16, 2015

**MOTION** by Howard, second by McGahan to approve the minutes of June 16, 2015. **Voted 5 – 0**

#### **VI ONE DAY LIQUOR LICENSES – Camp Kiwanee**

Meredith Gomes, Canton, Friday, Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6:00 – 11:00 p.m. – Wedding  
Amy Comeau, Randolph, Sat., Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 3:00 – 9:00 p.m. – Wedding  
Darcy Breen, Pembroke, Sun., Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> 12:00 – 4:00 p.m. – Shower  
Stephanie Coots, E. Bridgewater, Fri., Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 – 9:00 p.m. – Wedding  
Carissa Catarella, Taunton, Sat., Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> 4:00 – 11:00 p.m. – Wedding  
Amy Kelly, Middleboro, Sun., Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> 1:00 – 6:00 p.m. – Wedding  
Pecan Johnson, Somerville, Fri, Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> 4:00 – 9:00 p.m. – Wedding  
Jennifer Stearns, Brockton, Sat., Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> 4:00 – 10:00 p.m. – Wedding  
Mari Giovanni, Stoughton, Sun., Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> 4:00 – 9:00 p.m. Wedding  
Travis Begmiller, Taunton, Fri., Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> 3:00 – 8:00 p.m. – Wedding  
Katie Quinn, Lowell, Sat., Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> 5:00 – 11:00 p.m. – Wedding  
Angela Caron, Hanson, Fri., Oct 30<sup>st</sup> 7:00 – 11:00 p.m. – Retirement

**MOTION** by Howard, second by McGahan to approve the one day liquor licenses as presented for the Month of October. **Voted 5 – 0**

## **VII COMMITTEE REPORTS**

***Monponsett Pond Committee*** – Mr. Howard reported that he and Paul Collis went to the dam and sluiceway was not open. Last week he received a call from Ocean Avenue resident Audrey Hayward indicating that the pond level was down significantly. Mr. Howard believes the low levels were due to flooding of area bogs. He is waiting for an update from Paul Collis relative the meeting Mr. Collis attended with representatives from the State.

***Indian Head & Maquan Priority Repair Comm.*** – Chairman Young indicated the committee met Thursday, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> reviewed down spouts, chimney, penthouse and ridge vents. The elevator shaft was discussed, which requires additional work. A change order was reviewed. The committee reviewed the window replacement at Maquan and tile floor replacement at the Indian Head School. They discussed the repair items which are on the October Special Town Meeting. They reviewed the Capital Improvement matrix. The Statement of Interest was discussed and the approval should be sent by November or December.

The Committee will research the insurance claim and the warranty on the hot water heater at the High School. The next meeting will be held Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at the Indian Head School for a site inspection.

***WHRDS Capital Repairs & Facilities Committee*** – Mr. McGahan reported the next meeting is Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>. Mr. McGahan inquired of IT Director Chad Peters the status of the new school computers. Mr. Peters will attend an upcoming Selectmen's meeting to give the Board a report on the school computer upgrades.

***Highway Building Committee*** – Mr. Scott reported the committee met last evening. The property at Lite Control has piles of materials throughout the property including the portion which the Town will acquire. The materials are from remediation process and will be removed. The clean-up is moving forward. They are in Stage 4 of the remediation. The committee discussed the Warrant article. The Committee would like to have an open site visit for the residents. The Committee is considering hiring a site engineer to review all the clean up documentation.

Elm Street resident Mike Jones inquired who patrols the area of the property owned by Fisheries and Wildlife. Mr. Scott indicated the Environmental Police have a headquarters on the property. Mr. Jones indicated there is a lot of dumping along Elm Street. Mr. Jones noted that Hanson Police have been great but don't have jurisdiction on the Fisheries & Wildlife property.

Mr. Howard inquired about the ownership of the roadway into Burrage. The State is responsible for the access.

***Town Administrator Search Committee*** - Chairman Young reported that the Committee met on September 16<sup>th</sup>. The Committee conducted interviews. They will meet again the first week of October. They hope to move three qualified candidates to the Board sometime in October.

## **VIII ADJOURNMENT**

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

***8:50 p.m. Meeting Adjourned.***

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Marini,

*Executive Assistant*

***Approved and Voted 5 – 0 as amended***

***September 29, 2015***