

Town of Hanson
542 Liberty Street, Hanson, MA 02341

Selectmen's Minutes 9-29-15

Town of Hanson - Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes – Hanson Town Hall
September 29, 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

Town Counsel Jay Talerman

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 reported that the list of town owned properties will be in the Board's boxes and will discuss at the meeting on October 13th. Mr. McGahan acknowledged the work that Mr. LaCamera has done as Interim Town Administrator. The Board thanked him for his work.

III NEW BUSINESS

Town Meeting Preview – The Board and other departments were in attendance to present their articles for the October Special Town Meeting. Moderator Sean Kealy, Town Clerk Beth Sloan and Town Counsel Jay Talerman were present. The proponents moved their articles.

Article 4 – Stabilization - Mr. LaCamera informed that Board that the Finance Committee has reduced the amount from \$25,000 to \$10,000.

Article 5 – Drop Box - Mrs. Sloan asked the Finance Committee why they were not in favor of it. The Finance Committee feels it is a superfluous expense. Ms. Sloan indicated that it is not for the Town Employees, but for the benefit of Town residents. The box could be used for materials other than tax payments. Mr. LaCamera indicated it is a convenience for the residents.

Article 6 – Highway Building Design – Chairman Young asked if the Moderator is going to allow discussion regarding the remediation and contamination of the Lite Control property. Mr. Kealy indicated that at the May Town Meeting it was a valid discussion. The present article addresses a different matter.

Article 11 – Wampatuck Pond – Mr. McGahan indicated that he is working with Rep. Josh Cutler and he may be passing over the article.

Article 16 - Loader - Mr. Brown moved the article. Mr. LaCamera indicated that as a result of the Finance Committee reducing the amount in Article 3 – Stabilization, an additional \$15,000 is available through raise and appropriate. By adding an the \$15,000 to this article, the amount to be borrow can be reduced. The new amount of Raise and Appropriate will be \$74,411 with \$90,000 to be borrowed.

Article 18 – Water Flow at High & Phillips – Mr. McGahan indicated that the article may be passed over. He thanked the Highway Dept. and other departments for their assistance in locating the drainage.

Article 23 – W&P by-law. Moderator Kealy recommended that Mr. Mitchell emphasize that these are not new positions.

Article 24 – Radio Tower – Chairman Young pointed out that the radio tower has not been used for years and that the radio tower is very different than a cell tower. Attorney Talerman indicated as a lease it should be a 2/3's vote. Chairman Young noted that a Request For Proposals will be issued for the use of the property.

Article 25 – Restricted Service by Selectmen – Attorney Talerman indicated that the article is a-typical.

Mr. Kealy requested that any amendments should be in writing prior to Town Meeting. The Town Clerk will have the forms available prior to and at Town Meeting.

Mr. LaCamera requested that the Moderator asked for a motion at the beginning of the Town Meeting to allow all non-resident department heads speak. Mr. Kealy indicated that he usually addresses the issue on an as needed basis.

Requests:

Boy Scout Troop 34 – Request to use Town Hall Green on October 17 & 18 for annual pumpkins sale and campout. – Connor Keane of Troop 34 was present with other scouts to formally request the use of Town Hall Green.

MOTION by Howard, second by McGahan to approve the request of Boy Scout Troop 34 to use Town Hall Green on October 17 & 18 for annual pumpkin sale and campout. ***Voted 5 – 0***

Vote Agreement relative to Fireworks Site in Hanover – Mr. LaCamera indicated that he has not been able to speak to someone from the Attorney General's office. Attorney Talerman had requested a Word document from Pierce Atwood so that he could review it. He has not had an opportunity to review it. Matter tabled until next meeting.

MOTION by McGahan second by Howard to table to next meeting. ***Voted 5 – 0***

IV OLD BUSINESS- None Heard

V APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

June 23, 2015

MOTION by Mitchell, second by Howard to approve June 23, 2015. ***Voted 4 – 0 – 1 (Scott)***

July 7, 2015

MOTION by Mitchell, second by Howard to approve July 7, 2015 ***Voted 5 – 0***

July 21, 2015

MOTION by Mitchell, second by Howard to approve July 21, 2015 ***Voted 5 – 0***

September 22, 2015

MOTION by Mitchell, second by Howard to approve September 22, 2015.

Mr. McGahan requested the minutes reflect his request to have applicants present when being considered for appointment to committees.

MOTION by McGahan, second by Howard to amend the minutes on Page 2 that Mr. McGahan requested applicants for appointment be present at the Selectmen's meetings. ***Voted 5 – 0 as amended.***

VI COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monponsett Pond Committee – Mr. Howard reported there will be a meeting in Brockton on Wednesday, September 30th at GAR Hall in Brockton City Hall regarding the Stump Brook Dam. They will discuss whether to use electric cable or solar panels to power the dam controls.

Indian Head & Maquan Priority Repair Comm. – Chairman Young announced the committee will be meeting this Thursday

at the Indian Head School to review the updates and repairs.

WHRDS Capital Repairs & Facilities Committee – Mr. McGahan noted there was nothing new. The next meeting will be on October 14th. He requested the Chad Peters attend the Selectmen's meeting on October 13th to update the Board on the school computer upgrades.

Highway Building Committee – Mr. Scott reported on September 24th they voted to submit a letter to the Hanson Express to support the project.

Town Administrator Search Committee - Chairman Young announced that three candidates have been selected to recommend to the Board of Selectmen. The names will be released after the committee's next meeting. Attorney Talerma noted that the Search Committee did a good job throughout the process.

Mr. Scott noted that the dedication of Hancock Field was held on Saturday. He thanked Mr. Arsenault and the Highway Department for their efforts. They thanked Whitman Hanson Community Access and Carol Brewster to attending and providing coverage.

Mr. Scott indicated that Chief Miksch received a letter from Hull Police Chief Billings acknowledging with work of Detective Paul O'Brien in a drug investigation which lead to the apprehension of several career criminals. The Board thanked Det. O'Brien for his work.

VII EXECUTIVE SESSION - Chairman Young announced that the Board would be going into Executive Session to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real estate, if the Chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body. Bay Communications Lease of the Fire Department property. The Board will return to open session only to adjourn.

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

7:56 p.m. Brief Recess

8:22 p.m. Returned to open session.

VIII ADJOURNMENT

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

8:22 p.m. Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Marini,
Executive Assistant
Approved and Voted 5 – 0
October 5, 2015