

***Hanson Board of Selectmen***  
***Board of Selectmen's meeting room, Hanson Town Hall***  
Tuesday, February 11, 2020, 7:00 p.m.  
*Regular meeting*

**I     CALL TO ORDER**

At 6:00 p.m. Chairman FitzGerald-Kemmett called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman FitzGerald-Kemmett also asked for a moment of silence to honor Ed Bates.

**II    PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING MEETINGS**

Mr. Blauss read the public announcements and upcoming meetings. Chairman FitzGerald-Kemmett made note that the group will be discussing the position of the Planning Board vacancy during the Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> meeting given that people apply for the position.

**III   NEW BUSINESS**

***Library Update***

Library Director Karen Stolfer presented the Board with an infographic depicting statistics about the use of the library by the public in 2019. She then continued to discuss events that will take place in 2020, the first of which being a pajama drive in collaboration with the Bruins, DCF, Cradles to Crayons, and other Massachusetts libraries. Other events that the library will be hosting include a craft program for kids on Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>, costume character visits, art classes, movie showings, chess club, author visits, and more.

Ms. Stolfer also informed the Board of the library's plans to create a teen room funded by a donation in memory of a former Trustee. The library hopes that with their limited space, they will be able to create a welcoming space for teens to visit the library. The room will be dedicated to [ ] in a ceremony hosted on March 28<sup>th</sup>.

Hanson Public Library is also trying to get on board with a program that focuses on lending out items to the public other than the traditional books and movies. Currently, the library has a collection of Kindle and Nook readers, kilowatt devices, phone chargers, a smart-cutting machine, and a telescope. The library is open to suggestions from the public as to what else they would like to see available. The best ways to contact the library would be social media like Instagram and Facebook.

***0 Liberty Street Land Update***

Award Bid for 0 Liberty Street Land Disposition to Highest Bidder

Mr. Stanbrook gave an update regarding 0 Liberty Street. It was put out to bid, and it was then later realized that some important information that should have been included in the bid about the surplus land was not included and therefore this most likely impacted the bids that they had received. Mr. Stanbrook recommended that they reject all bids, amend the IFB the bid to include

the pertinent information, and rebid the disposition of the land with the new information included.

***MOTION*** by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Hickey, to reject all bids, amend the bid to include the pertinent information, and rebid the disposition of the land with the new information included. ***Voted 4 – 0 – 1 with Mr. Dyer abstaining.***

### ***Plymouth County Hospital Re-Use Plans Update***

Mr. Dyer gave a brief overview of the work that had been done on the plans for the Plymouth County Hospital Re-Use thus far including taking input from the community and hiring a company to provide potential concepts for the re-use of the hospital. He then directed the board members to the proposed park plans that had been provided and explained the overall layout of the property and explained certain aspects of the park pertaining to the requirements of certain grants they hope to use to fund this project. Different elements of this park would include open fields, pavilions, a playground, community gardens, an additional water tower, and different walking/bike paths.

Chairman FitzGerald-Kemmett asked Mr. Dyer to expand upon a statement he made regarding different phases of the project. Mr. Dyer explained that the first phase of the project would focus on site work, a playground, community garden, and an orchard with the emphasis placed on what kinds of things they have base funds for. After establishing park grounds for the community to use passively, they will then be able to work on the more intricate parts of the park like a dedicated Veteran's memorial, a dog park, an event pavilion, and facilities.

Mr. Mitchell then asked about the financial side of this project and specifically what kinds of grants the project would apply for. Mr. Dyer emphasized that they plan to fund this project as fiscally responsible as they can focus on adding things to the park that would increase the potential for grants for them to apply to, like increasing access roads and things of the sort. He said that some of the grants can range up to \$1 million depending on what the project is. An average grant, although hard to estimate, would range in the lower hundreds of thousands.

***MOTION*** by Mr. Marshall, seconded by Mr. Hickey, to agree with the conceptual site plan for the former Plymouth County Hospital site. ***Voted 5 – 0***

### ***Town Administrator Goals & Objectives***

Chairman FitzGerald-Kemmett discussed developing ideas for the Town Administrator goals and objectives, and she suggested the use of the document from Mansfield as a template for how their goals and objectives should be organized in different sections. She proposed having the Board members provide their ideas for goals and objectives to Ms. Getzen to organize. Mr. Dyer voiced concern over the lack of a comments section, to which Chairman FitzGerald-Kemmett clarified that there will be room for that in other documents in the future, this would simply be one part in the whole report. Chairman FitzGerald-Kemmett emphasized the importance of having these goals to the overall success of the Board, and that they provide a backbone for the progress throughout the year, ultimately leading to more noticeable accomplishments.

### ***U.S. Census boundary survey***

Mr. Stanbrook explained a letter that the town had received from the United States Department of Commerce concerning the boundaries of the town. The U.S. Census Bureau would like the town to review the boundaries as part of the census. This information is requested back by March 1<sup>st</sup>, so Mr. Stanbrook requested that this be put on the February 25<sup>th</sup> meeting agenda as the documents are meant to be signed by the highest elected official of the town.

### ***Declare 1986 Maxim pumper firetruck as Surplus***

The Fire Chief had requested that the 1986 Maxim pumper fire truck be listed as surplus. Chairman FitzGerald asked Mr. Stanbrook to explain the potential process of listing the fire truck through a program like Municibid and what this would look like for them. Mr. Stanbrook and Ms. Getzen then explained that it would be little to no cost to the town to use a program like this, and the company would do all the listing work, so this would be a possible route to take in honoring the Fire Chief's request to list the firetruck as surplus.

Mr. Stanbrook then explained that the process would occur as follows: the fire truck would be declared as surplus and available for disposition, they would contact Municibid and get the information for the truck listed on their site, Municibid would set the online auction up and do all the work on that end, and then this would go out to the public and the online auction would take place over a period of time, following the end of the auction the money would be paid and sent to the town.

***MOTION*** by Mr. Dyer, seconded by Mr. Hickey, to declare the 1986 Maxim pumper firetruck as surplus. ***Voted 5 – 0***

### ***Requests: Camp Kiwanee***

***MOTION*** by Mr. Dyer, seconded by Mr. Hickey, to accept the request for fee waiver for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Recognition Dance. ***Voted 5 – 0***

Mr. Dyer wanted to extend recognition to the parents of children in this program as these events are organized and funded by the parents, so he wanted to acknowledge their positive impact on the organization and to thank them for their contributions.

### ***Appointments/Resignations***

***MOTION*** by Mr. Dyer, seconded by Mr. Hickey, to appoint David Mansfield to the Conservation Commission through June 30, 2023. ***Voted 5 – 0***

## **IV TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Mr Stanbrook updated the Board on recent activities, as follows:

Old Business -

1. The Board had asked Mr. Stanbrook to analyze the reports given to him by the Highway Department and decipher if the budget increases related to increase use or increase price, and he deduced that it is mainly from increase price.

2. The debt schedules for June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019, were sent to Chairman FitzGerald-Kemmett (and included in a document provided at the meeting). Mr. Stanbrook had asked the town accountant to provide detail outside the debt schedules for his own understanding, and he also said that he could relay this information as well if there was interest.
3. Mr. Stanbrook was directed to work directly with Town Council, and to have Town Council work directly with New Bedford Waste to establish a 6-month contract. No resolution has been reached on this matter, although they are trying to reach an agreement.
4. The Whitman-Hanson Regional School District Operation and Comparative Audit invitation for bid is ready to be put out, although Mr. Stanbrook has not had the chance to get it out to the public. He hoped to have this out by the following Tuesday.
5. Mr. Stanbrook was asked to research grants for highway garages, and after extensive research thus far he has not been able to find anything. He will continue to search and provide updates as he finds anything that works.
6. The police officer personnel changes from the previous meeting had been completed.
7. The new COA Van Driver has completed the sufficient training for the position, and she will start the following day, February 12<sup>th</sup>.
8. Mr. Stanbrook has met with two individuals regarding the Liberty Street Complete Streets Project, and they have decided to wait until the following week when Matt Cahill returned to have his blessing for the project. They want to make sure he is on board before moving forward.

#### New Business –

1. Mr. Stanbrook, along with Mr. Dyer and Chairman FitzGerald-Kemmett, attended a regional school district meeting to discuss the budget. The budget was like what was seen by the Board before as expressed by Chairman FitzGerald-Kemmett. They will discuss this in the next meeting.
2. The cell tower lease agreement was amended. After reviewing the agreement with Town Council, Mr. Stanbrook noted that this agreement is ready to be signed. After concern from Chairman FitzGerald-Kemmett regarding parent concern for the positioning of the cell tower in relation to the middle school and the potential health risks it could pose, Mr. Stanbrook suggested pushing back the signing until the following meeting he does more research concerning the matter at hand. Mr. Hickey then suggested bringing in the Zoning Board come in to speak at that meeting.
3. The release deeds of the property that was sold by the town in error on Franklin Street have been recorded.
4. The previous Tuesday, Mr. Stanbrook took a tour of the Maquan School for his own understanding of the property.
5. Mr. Stanbrook met with the East Bridgewater Town Administrator to discuss IT needs for both towns. The overall goal would be to find commonalities that they can then use to lower cost and upgrade access.
6. The 2019 Audit has been completed. There was an exit interview, or a review, of all the documents the previous week with the Town Accountant, the Town Treasurer, and the external auditor.
7. The health insurance meeting on March 11<sup>th</sup> with the Mayflower Municipal Health Group will set the fiscal year 2021 rates. There are areas for savings, but it has not been voted yet. Mr. Stanbrook will attend this meeting and report back on the rates so they can discuss this further.
8. The previous Friday, Mr. Stanbrook attended the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Grant Workshop with two selectment, and he thought this was a wonderful planning discussion. He would love to see how they could work the information from this workshop out to others so more can hear and understand all the information he learned through the workshop.

**V     COMMITTEE REPORTS**

***200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee***

February 22<sup>nd</sup> is the gala event, and there are only 45 tickets still available.

***Maquan School Reuse Committee***

This committee has not met for a little while as they wait for the bids to come in.

**VI     ADJOURNMENT**

***MOTION*** by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Mr. Marshall, to adjourn the meeting. ***Voted 5 – 0***

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Guindon  
Minutes Clerk

## Announcements

On March 14th, the Hanson Business Network will be hosting its third annual St. Patrick's Day fundraiser to benefit the Hanson Food Pantry from 6:30-9:30 PM at Needles Lodge in Camp Kiwanee. This event will be a St. Patrick's themed shindig complete with dinner, live Irish music, DJ'd Irish music, an Irish step dancing performance, cash bar, a silent auction, and a St. Patrick's Day photo booth! Tickets are a bargain at \$25 per person and may be purchased online at Eventbrite, by emailing Laura Kemmett at [lfitzkemmett@gmail.com](mailto:lfitzkemmett@gmail.com) or by calling (781)294-1261. Discounts are available for folks who purchase 8 tickets or more. Please visit the Hanson Business Network Facebook page for more information. If you cannot attend, but wish to donate an item for or silent auction or raffle, it would be deeply appreciated.

There will be a Special Voter Registration session held on Wednesday, February 12th from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm at the Town Hall. This will be the last day to register to vote for the March 3<sup>rd</sup> Presidential Primary. Any citizen may register to vote at the Town Clerk's office during regular business hours; Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 8 am to 5 pm and Tuesday 8 am to 8 pm, mail-in registration or online. Any resident citizen who will be 18 years of age by March 3<sup>rd</sup> is eligible to register to vote by February 12th.

Nomination papers for the May 16th Town Of Hanson Annual Election are now available at the Hanson Town Clerk's office. For more information contact the Town Clerk at 781-293-2772.

Early voting will begin on February 24<sup>th</sup> and continue through February 28th, 2020 for the Presidential Primary on March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Early voting can be done in person at the Hanson Town Hall, 542 Liberty Street during regular business hours, which are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 8 am – 1 pm, 2 pm - 5 pm; Tuesday, 8 am – 1 pm, 2 pm - 8 pm; and Friday, 8 am – 12 noon. Voting may be done any time during those hours from February 24<sup>th</sup> – February 28<sup>th</sup>.

Absentee ballots are now available at the Hanson Town Clerk's office for the Presidential Primary being held on Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Any registered voter who is unable to vote in person on Election Day due to absence from town, physical disability or religious belief may obtain an absentee ballot. Voters may absentee vote in person at the Town Clerk's office or by mail. Applications for absentee ballots will be accepted at the Town Clerk's office until 12:00 Noon Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. For more information call the Town Clerk's office at 781-293-2772.

All voters and residents who have not returned their 2020 census form are urged to do so by the Town Clerk. Any voter that has not returned their 2020 town census form will be placed on the inactive voter list for future elections

The Hanson Library is again participating in the Boston Bruins Annual PJ Drive to benefit DCF and Cradles to Crayons. From February 1st through March 15th the Hanson Library will be accepting donations of new pairs of pajamas for babies, children, and teens, with the goal of collecting 100 pairs.

Anyone interested in filling the vacancy on the Planning Board until the May 16, 2020 Town Election should fill out a volunteer application found on the [www.hanson-ma.gov](http://www.hanson-ma.gov) and submit it to the Selectmen's office.

Volunteers are needed on the following committees: 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Capital Improvement, Conservation Commission Reg. and 2 Associate members, Cultural Council, Disabilities, Economic Development, Finance, Highway Building Committee, Historical Commission, Memorial Day Patriotic Observance, Memorial Field Trustees, North River Commission and Zoning Board Alternate. Applications for Appointment and info on the committee is available on the town website [www.hanson-ma.gov](http://www.hanson-ma.gov)

### **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

Tuesday, February 25, 2020 – Board of Selectmen – 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 17, 2020 – Board of Selectmen – 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday March 24, 2020 – Board of Selectmen – 7:00 p.m.