

Board of Selectmen
Selectmen's Meeting Room, Hanson Town Hall
Tuesday, July 19, 2016
Regular Meeting 7:00 P.M.

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

Members Absent:

Others Present: Town Administrator, Michael McCue
Executive Assistant Meredith Marini

7:10 p.m. Chairman McGahan called the meeting to order, led the Pledge Allegiance. He read the announcements and upcoming meeting schedule.

II TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Boston Post Cane - Mr. McCue reported that in previous communities he had worked, a Boston Post Cane was presented to the oldest living resident. However, my communities have lost their canes including Hanson. When in Avon he was able to secure a replacement of a Boston Post Cane. Mr. McCue gave a brief history in which the former Boston Post in the early 1900's made canes for all the communities in Massachusetts and to some communities in New Hampshire and Vermont. The cane was given to the oldest resident of the community. North Easton Savings Bank started providing replicas for communities which have lost their cane. Mr. McCue contacted North Easton Savings Bank to secure a new cane for Hanson. He has requested that the Town Clerk search her records for a possible recipient. He will reveal the name after contacting them as some folks do not want the attention. He discussed the process of awarding of the cane and where the cane will reside.

Tree City - Mr. McCue discussed Tree City in which he was able to have both Avon and Rochester designated as a Tree Cities. He has researched a Ginko Tree and discovered that the Ginko survived the bombing in Hiroshima. He is in the process of obtaining some seeds for Hanson. He hopes to set up a program in a science class at either the Middle School or High School for the planting and growing of the trees.

Small Town Administrators - Mr. McCue reported that the Town is eligible to participate in the Small Town Administrators Group for communities of less than 11,000. He hopes to host a meeting for the group in the Spring of 2017. The group discusses common issues.

Mr. McCue indicated that Representative Cutler will be providing the Board with a State House update on August 9th.

Mr. McCue reported that he will be meeting with Rep. Cutler and a representative from Senator Warrens office to discuss Economic Development. The Town Administrators from Pembroke and Duxbury will attend on Monday, August 1st at 2:00 p.m.

III NEW BUSINESS

Vote Maquan School Roof contract – Robert Hayes, Chairman of the WH Regional School Committee was present and reviewed the bid process. The bid opening was 3:00 on Wednesday, July 13th. Thirty vendors took out bid packets. Nine bidders submitted bids. Gibson Roof was the low bidder.

He reported that the Board of Selectmen and members of the Indian Head Maquan School Priority Repair Committee met with the regional school committee to vote the award of the project.

Mr. Hayes read a letter of intent which will be sent to Gibson Roof. Award of \$207,000. He noted that the cost for the project is well under the anticipated cost of \$320,000.00

MOTION by Young, second by Howard to authorize Chairman McGahan to sign the contract with Gibson Roof for the replacement of Maquan School Roof.

Mr. Hayes indicated that the project will be completed before school opens for this Fall. Mr. Young reported that there is \$176,000 of funds available for capital projects due to the fact that both the Maquan and Indian Head roof projects came in under budget.

Voted 5 – 0

Mr. Hayes indicated that he will keep the Board apprised of the progress of the project. Mr. Hayes also reported that all the schools are being cleaned from top to bottom. The walks are being repaired using Town staff.

Declare Police cruisers as surplus vehicles:

2010 Dodge Charger VIN 2B3AA4CT7AH248498

2010 Dodge Charger VIN 2B3AA4CT3AH302704

MOTION by Young, second by Mitchell to declare the vehicles surplus. ***Voted 5 – 0***

IV EXECUTIVE SESSION -

To conduct 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. Administrative Professionals Union

Chairman McGahan indicated that the Administrative Professionals Union matter will be discussed at a later meeting when Labor Counsel is back in Town.

Chairman McGahan announced that the Board will be going into Executive Session to discuss the deployment of or strategy regarding security personnel or devices. The Board will return to open session only to adjourn.

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

7:45 p.m. Brief Recess

8:38 p.m. Returned to Open Session

V ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Howard, second by Mitchell to adjourn. *Voted 4 – 1 (Young)*

8:38 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Marini,
Executive Assistant
Approved and Voted 3 – 0
July 26, 2016