

***Hanson Board of Selectmen
Selectmen's Meeting Room, Hanson Town Hall
Tuesday, July 26, 2016
Regular Meeting 7:00 P.M.***

Members Present: Donald Howard, James McGahan & William Scott
Members Absent: Kenny Mitchell & Bruce Young
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 - Mr. McCue deferred his report for the swearing in of Firefighter Eric Adams and Fire Chaplain Father Lee. – Chief Thompson reported that Mr. Adams was hired last July. He has completed his firefighter training and the probation period ended in July 13th. He has been a great edition to the department.

Town Clerk Elizabeth Sloan swore in Firefighter Adams. His father Dan pinned on his badge.

Chief Thompson indicated since his tenure on the department there has not been a Fire Chaplain who provides spiritual and emotional support to the firefighters. Father Lee has been at St. Joseph the Worker for over a year. He comes to the station and meets with the firefighters. He currently works with the Mass. Corp of Fire Chaplains.

Town Clerk Elizabeth Sloan swore in Father Lee as the Hanson Fire Chaplain. Chief Thompson presented Father Lee with his Fire Chaplain's badge.

Fire Chief Report. – Chief Thompson noted there have been several personnel changes over the last year. He reported that as of today, the fire department has responded to 1108 calls for service, noting that 706 were EMS related. Calls are down slightly but multiple calls are up. They currently works with a 4 man shift unless one of the staff is at the academy.

Training is ongoing. Pump operator training was conducted in May. June they participated in a live burn at the Barnstable Fire Academy. It is good training to practice fire fighting techniques and safety for the officers.

Update on buildings. Chief Thompson reported the firefighters reconfigured the Liberty Street station to address operational needs, training and provide a conference room. The firefighters did most of the work. The septic system project should be completed in the fall. Once complete they can work on the parking lot. The funding has already been secured.

The Main Street fire station is still in good shape and is used primarily for storage.

Chief Thompson indicated that all apparatus has been tested and annual maintenance has been conducted. The Ford F350 which was funded at the May Town Meeting has been ordered and is scheduled for delivery in late Fall 2016. The Fire Capital Plan includes a new ambulance which

would be online next fiscal year 2018. The Chief will place an article on the warrant for October for an ambulance with an F-550 chassis. The source of funding is the Ambulance Funds. Discussed the type of ambulance he anticipates purchasing.

Mr. Scott asked about the status of the current ambulance. Chief Thompson explained the rotation of vehicles based on age. As the new ambulance is purchased, the current ambulance is used as a back-up and the oldest ambulance is used as a support vehicle. One of the fire vehicles was transferred to the Highway Department.

Chief Thompson reported that the Fire staff visits the elementary schools and teaches fire safety. They also worked with Cranberry Cove Staff regarding water safety. They will participate in the DARE Camp. They offer free CPR and AED classes for the public two to four times per year.

Chairman McGahan asked how the Ambulance fees are collected. Chief Thompson indicated the fees are paid by the insurance company. The funds go into the Ambulance Account.

Mr. Scott asked how they handle indigent patients. Chief Thompson explained there is a hardship policy for indigent individuals which provides for payment plans.

Town Administrator report -

Mr. McCue informed that Board that he received an updated letter from the Attorney General's Office correcting the error made in their finding regarding the Open Meeting Law Complaint filed against the Capital Improvement Committee.

Mr. McCue reported that that Ipads have been received and the IT department is uploading the necessary software and applications for the Ipads. Mr. McCue and Mrs. Marini will work out any issues with software, prior to distribution to the Board members.

Mr. McCue reported that the Boston Post Cane has been sent to the engraver. He expects to receive it soon and plans to have the presentation at the August 23rd meeting.

III NEW BUSINESS

Creation of a 200th Anniversary committee – Chairman McGahan indicated that it is time to start the process. Mr. McCue indicated they he has worked in other communities on similar anniversary events. He would anticipate events during the entire year from a ball, family fun day, parade. He noted that the committee is usually comprised of volunteers. He requested the vote be tabled to the next meeting so the full board will be present. He asked the board members submit to him their recommendations for the composition of the committee.

Review and Approve Selectmen's goals for the Open Space and Recreation Plan – Chairman McGahan recommended tabling the vote until the next meeting. The plan needs to be submitted sooner rather than later. The current goals for the Selectmen include Expand and Improve Recreational Opportunities. He requested the Selectmen review the current Recreation Commission, Parks and Fields, Memorial Field Trustees and Town Forest Committees and consider consolidation.

Protect Natural Resources and Biodiversity – Improve general by-laws to be consistent with state regulations relative to motor bikes and ATV.

Vote Contract with Norwell Visiting Nurse Association –

Chairman McGahan noted that the contract is between the Town of Hanson through the Board of Health and the Norwell Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice. The purpose of the agreement is to provide skilled nursing services as require by the Board by the staff of the VNA to the residents of Hanson, as amended by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Health. Mr. McCue indicated that this is an annual contract.

MOTION by Howard, second by Scott to authorize Mr. McCue to sign the contract with the Norwell Visiting Nurse. **Voted 3 – 0**

Appointment/Resignations:

Conservation Commission Term to Expire 6/30/17

Paul Andruk 35 Crescent Street –

Chairman McGahan reviewed the application for appointment.

MOTION by Howard, second by Scott to appoint Paul Andruk to the Conservation Commission term to expire June 30, 2017. **Voted 3 – 0**

Mr. Scott noted that Mr. Andruk and his family have been in the Cranberry industry for years. Mr. Andruk has been involved in Conservation for many years. He will be a great addition to the Commission.

Resignation of Andrew Sargent from the Board of Water Commissioners.

Chairman McGahan indicated that Mr. Sargent submitted his resignation to the Town Clerk, effective July 1, 2016.

MOTION by Howard, second by Scott to accept with regret the resignation of Andrew Sargent from the Board of Water Commissioner. **Voted 3 – 0.**

Mr. Howard thanked Mr. Sargent for his knowledge and years of service, noting that his will be missed.

Vote to place the Board of Water Commissioners vacancy on the May 20, 2017 Town Election Ballot

MOTION by Howard, second by Scott to place the one year term of the Board of Water Commissioners on the May 20, 2017 Town Election Ballot. **Voted 3 – 0**

Requests:

The Harbor to Bay Committee – Bike Ride on Saturday, September 17th

Chairman McGahan read the letter to the Hanson Police Department dated May 25, 2016.

On Saturday, September 17, 2016, the Harbor to the Bay Charity Bike Ride requests permission to come through Hanson as part of the 14th annual Harbor to the Bay Charity Ride. This will be our 14th time coming through Hanson and we graciously thank you for your cooperation in previous years.

Harbor to the Bay Inc., is a 501©3 non-profit organization, incorporated in the state of Massachusetts. Its members are local men and women, committed to deliver 100% of rider received pledges to our designated beneficiaries. The four beneficiaries are AIDS Action, AIDS support Group of Cape Cod, Community Research Initiative and Fenway Health. Last year Harbor to the Bay raised \$400,000 and since it beginning has raised over four million dollars. Thank you again for your support.

The ride, which begins in Boston at 6:00 a.m. and ends in Provincetown MA at 6:45 p.m. involves a total of 200 – 300 cyclists. The route through Hanson will be Route 58. The approximate time the riders will be coming through Hanson is between 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Thank you again for your consideration.

Jim Morgrage, Director.

MOTION by Howard, second by Scott to approve the request of Harbor to Bay Charity Bike Ride on September 17th and authorize the Chairman to sign the Harbor to Bay Agreement.

Voted 3 – 0

Salvation Army & Calvary Baptist Church – Request for Family Fun day on Sat., August 27th 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Tim Veglas was present and explained the day's events. They are not exactly sure of the time of the event. They first wanted approval by the Board. The groups will be setting the schedule of events and will notify the Board of the final details.

MOTION by Howard, second by Scott to approve a Family Fun day on Saturday, August 27th with a time to be determined. **Voted 3 – 0**

IV OLD BUSINESS – None heard

V APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

May 2, 2016

July 12, 2016

July 19, 2016

MOTION by Howard, second by Scott to approve the minutes of May 2, July 12 & 19, 2016 as printed. **Voted 3 – 0**

VI ONE DAY LIQUOR LICENSES Camp Kiwanee

Brittany Hutchins, Marston Mills, Friday, Aug. 5th 6:00 - 11:00 p.m. – Wedding

Blair Komar, Cambridge, Sat., Aug. 6th 6:00 – 11:00 p.m. – Wedding

Matthew Bearce, Hanson, Fri., Aug. 12th 6:00 – 11:00 p.m. – Wedding

Jacquilyn Hull, Braintree, Sat., Aug. 13th 3:00 – 8:00 p.m. – Wedding

MOTION by Howard, second by Scott to approve the One Day Liquor licenses as presented.
Voted 3 – 0

VII COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monponsett Pond Committee – Mr. Howard reported that the bacteria levels are still high. The Committee is still trying to get the sluice gate open at Stump Brook. If open, it would lower the levels in West Monponsett Pond and treatment would be more effective. He explained the various causes for the high levels of bacteria. He reported the water tank is full and the water is being tested. He expects to be back on Hanson water within a week.

Indian Head & Maquan Priority Repair Comm. – Mr. McGahan reported that the Maquan School project will commence on August 8th.

Highway Building Committee -Mr. Scott reported the next meeting is Monday, August 1st.

VIII EXECUTIVE SESSION - Chairman McGahan announced that the Board would be going into 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. The Board will return to open session only to adjourn.

So moved by Howard, second by Scott. Roll ***Call, Howard aye, McGahan aye and Scott aye.***
Voted 3 – 0

7:51 p.m. Brief Recess

7:56 p.m. Returned to open session

IX ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Howard, second by Scott to adjourn. ***Voted 3 – 0***

7:56 p.m. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Marini,
Executive Assistant
Approved and Voted 3 – 0 – 2 (Mitchell & Young)
August 9, 2016