

Tuesday, September 29, 2020, 6:00 p.m.
Selectmen's Meeting Room, Hanson Town Hall
Regular meeting

Members Present: Kenny Mitchell, Matthew Dyer, James Hickey, Laura FitzGerald-Kemmett, Wesley Blauss

Others Present: John Stanbrook, Town Administrator; Greer Getzen, Executive Assistant

I CALL TO ORDER

At 6:00 p.m., Chairman Mitchell called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Mitchell then asked for a moment of silence in honor of Keith Fontaine, who had passed away the previous weekend.

II Public Announcements & Upcoming Meetings

Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett read the public announcements and upcoming meetings.

III NEW BUSINESS

Town Meeting Preview

Chairman Mitchell explained that they had gone through most of the articles the previous meeting, but there were a few that needed to be addressed further.

After some clarification and deliberation concerning a few of the articles, as well as discussions about the location of the town meeting and some of the public's concerns, Chairman Mitchell concluded the discussion on the articles for the town meeting. He reminded the Board that they would discuss the Community Preservation article the following Saturday before the town meeting.

Library Trustees re: New/Renovated library project

The representatives from the library wanted to emphasize their interest in preserving some of Plymouth County Hospital and Maquan land as possible locations for a new library. The representative noted that the current library does not have adequate space for the library to function fully.

The library is requesting that before any development plan is adopted for either property, they are provided with a purchase release option to consider. They also request that one of the members of the Trustees be appointed to the Reuse Committees for both Plymouth County Hospital and Maquan.

The Board and the representatives from the library spoke extensively on different points in this request and how they will be able to serve on the different committees. They also discussed in great detail a specific grant they are interested in that would provide certain funding.

KENO application at Smoke and Ashes Tobacco, 270 Main Street

Mr. Stanbrook explained that if the Board has any objections to this KENO license, they have to say it in writing.

MOTION by Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett, seconded by Mr. Dyer, to accept the KENO license for Smoke and Ashes Tobacco. *Vote 5 – 0*

Consider YMCA offer to lease Needles Lodge for day program

Kate [last name] explained that Camp Kiwanee was approached by the YMCA to allow them to use the main lodge as a place for kids to remote learn if they are unable to do so at home. This license would allow the YMCA to set up a place for kids to come on their off days from in person learning to complete their remote learning. This space would ensure stable Wi-Fi as well as adult supervision for kids whose parents must work.

This is allowed by Executive Order #49 by the Governor, but there are all kinds of requirements by the town to approve this kind of program. Some of the requirements are as follows: 1. Someone from the town must be appointed or selected to manage this program, and that includes running CORIs on all the employees. 2. A certification by the town that they received from the YMCA an indication that they are complying with all the health requirements including face masks etc.

Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett wanted clarification that the town would not hold responsibility for the management of this program and that responsibility would be held by the YMCA, the town would only be responsible for leasing the property to the YMCA.

Kate emphasized that there is in fact responsibility on the town to inspect this property, even if it was on private property. There are separate requirements for the program to meet like having one staff member for every 13 kids. The responsibility on the town is to run the CORI checks on the employees and ensure that all the inspections are new and complete.

Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett stressed that there was already a private property in town who was approved to run a program like this, and they worked directly with the Board of Health and the building inspector to ensure that the appropriate documentation was in place. She was concerned that this was more of a liability to the town than they intended, and Kate emphasized that it was not a liability and more an obligation.

Chairman Mitchell expressed concern over voting on this issue without adequate information, and after more deliberation, the Board agreed.

Vote to extend restaurant temporary outdoor table & alcohol licenses

Mr. Stanbrook explained that the Governor has allowed the Board to extend the temporary licenses from November 1st, 2020, up to 60 days after the Governor ends the state of emergency. This extension would go to all licensees.

MOTION by Mr. Dyer, seconded by Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett, to extend restaurant temporary outdoor table and alcohol licenses. *Vote 5 – 0*

Requests:

Request to use Town Green on October 10th at noon for rosary

MOTION by Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett, seconded by Mr. Dyer, to accept the request to use Town Green on October 10th at 12:00 p.m. for rosary. *Vote 5 – 0*

IV TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

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

1. This Friday is the last day to submit to the county what they potentially may spend of the CARES Act money. The amount that they have been allotted so far is \$1.4 million. Submission #1 was submitted a few months prior for \$34,280 and that is in the queue to be paid. Submission #2 was submitted the previous week for \$228,000. Submission #3 was drafted from the school for \$431,500 of which \$172,700 will be Hanson's portion. Mr. Stanbrooks noted that he has estimated that the town could use an additional \$830,000.
2. Mr. Stanbrook has received two complaints on Conservation Commission related issues for discussion at a future meeting.
3. Today, the school certified their 2020 equivalent of the town's free cash amount totaling \$609,182.

V APPROVE JULY 7, 2020 MEETING MINUTES

MOTION by Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett, seconded by Mr. Dyer, to approve the meeting minutes for July 7th, 2020. *Vote 5 – 0*

VI EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Mitchell proposed the motion that the Board would now convene for Executive Session to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body, and to discuss 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.

MOTION by Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett, seconded by Mr. Dyer to convene for Executive Session to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position

of the public body, and to discuss 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, and the Board will only exit Executive Session to adjourn. *Roll call vote Hickey aye, Mitchell aye, Dyer aye, FitzGerald-Kemmett aye, Blauss aye. Voted 5 – 0*

VII ADJOURNMENT