

***Hanson Board of Selectmen
Selectmen's Meeting Room, Hanson Town Hall
Tuesday, September 19, 2017
Regular Meeting 7:00 P.M.***

Members Present: James Hickey, Donald Howard, Laura FitzGerald-Kemmett,
James McGahan & Kenny Mitchell

Members Absent:

Others Present: Town Administrator Michael McCue
Executive Assistant Meredith Marini

7:01 p.m. Chairman McGahan called the meeting to order, led the Pledge of Allegiance, read the announcements and upcoming meeting schedule.

II EXECUTIVE SESSION – Chairman McGahan announced that the Board will be going into Executive Session to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with non-union personnel. Treasurer/Collector and Assessor 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. Administrative Professional, Dispatcher, Police and Firefighters Unions and to investigate charges of criminal misconduct or to consider the filing of criminal complaints.

SO MOVED by Howard, second by Mitchell to go into Executive Session. ***Roll Call Howard aye, FitzGerald-Kemmett aye, McGahan aye, Mitchell aye and Hickey aye. Voted 5 – 0***

7:09 p.m. Brief Recess

8:52 p.m. Returned to Open Session

Chairman McGahan reported he will be taking the agenda out of order.

Hanson Holiday Committee – Request to use Town Hall Green for the Annual Holiday event on Saturday, December 9th from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Steve Amico indicated that the fireworks will go off at 7:00 p.m. Donations are accepted. The group will be selling buttons.

MOTION by Howard, second by Mitchell to approve the request of the Holiday committee for the annual holiday event on Saturday, December 9th from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. ***VOTED 5 – 0***

Department Report -

Police Chief Michael Miksch – Chief Miksch informed the Board in light of the recent seizure Fentanyl and carfentanil in which three Chelsea officers were exposed to the drugs and hospitalized, all Hanson officers were issued a protective gear packet for their safety. The drug is very hazardous.

He noted other safety issues which have been addressed are with the Ford Explorers regarding carbon monoxide. The Chief purchased and installed carbon monoxide detectors for all the vehicles. He explained the fleet policy relative to trading in the vehicles, noting the vehicles are still under warranty which makes them a good value.

Chief Miksch informed the Board that the Lieutenant's Assessment was conducted recently by Integrity Assessments. Current and retired police chiefs from the North Shore conducted the assessment. Four of the five sergeants participated. Chief Miksch reviewed the categories which were assessed which included Adapting and Coping, Conflict Management, Decision Making, Flexibility Integrity/Honesty/Ethics, Interpersonal Interactions, Leadership, Organization & Planning, Partnering, Resilience/Stress Management and Written Communications. Chief Miksch reported that Sgt. Michael Casey received the highest score. Sgt. Casey has been on the department since 1996, he became Sergeant in 2006. He received a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from UMass Dartmouth. He is active in local youth sports.

Chief Miksch commended the other participants indicating that they all passed. The results provided the Chief with area of training he needs to work on.

Chief Miksch requested that the Board appoint Sgt. Casey as the Lieutenant subject to the negotiation of a contract.

MOTION Mitchell, second by Howard to appoint Sgt. Michael Casey as Lieutenant subject to the successful negotiation of a contract. **Voted 5 – 0**

Hanson Little League – Request to conduct annual Road Race on Sat., October 28th at 10:00 a.m. from Damien's Pub.

MOTION by Howard, second by Mitchell to approve the Hanson Little League Annual Road race on Saturday, October 28th. **Voted 5 – 0**

Appointment/Resignations

Agricultural Commission – David Hayden 70 Hawthorne Street, Term to Expire 6/30/18 – Chairman McGahan reviewed Mr. Hayden's resume. Mr. Mitchell indicated that Mr. Hayden is his neighbor and would be a good addition to the committee.

MOTION by Howard, second by Mitchell to appoint Mr. Hayden to the Agricultural Commission term to expire June 30, 2018. **Voted 5 – 0**

Resignation: Rachael Gross from the Recreation Commission.

MOTION by Howard, second by Mitchell to accept with regret the resignation of Rachael Gross. **Voted 5 – 0**

III NEW BUSINESS

Approve and Vote Donations – Chairman McGahan reviewed the list of donations received in August.

August 8, 2017 – B&B Mechanical - \$113.01 – DARE

August 8, 2017 – Anonymous - \$23.00 - DARE

August 9, 2017 – DMW Industries \$500.00 to the Fire Department

MOTION by Howard, second by Hickey to accept the donations as read. ***Voted 5 – 0***

Right of First Refusal – Hanson Housing Affordable Unit 902 Main Street, Unit 51 – Mr. McCue explained the process for selling a 40B property unit. The owner has the right to sell the property at the affordable rate. If no one qualifies, the owner can sell it at market value. Any amount over the original sale goes to the Town. The Town has the right of first refusal.

MOTION by Howard, second by Mitchell to waive the Town's right of first refusal for unit 51 at 902 Main Street, Hanson. ***Voted 5 – 0***

Planning Board – Discussion regarding meeting with Committee Chairman – Tabled to future meeting.

IV TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Discussion regarding Cell service - Mr. McCue indicated that there has been a lot of interest relative to cell phone service in Town. He has a meeting scheduled this week with a vendor. If the Town wishes to lease property for a cell tower, a Request for Proposals would have to be issued.

Mr. McCue reported he will be meeting this week with the Capital Improvement chairman in preparation of Town Meeting to update the matrix.

Mr. McCue met with the auditor, accountant and Recreation Chairman to discuss controls at Recreation. Mr. McCue had met with various vendors for accounting software. The Auditors provided the form in which funds should be accounted. There will be documentation as to the process for the intake and accounting.

Mr. McCue has been speaking with a solar broker relative to solar at the Plymouth County Hospital. The Broker charges a fee for their services. Mr. McCue is seeking a grant in order to engage a broker.

Mr. McCue met at the Food Pantry with the building inspector and a member of the Planning Board. He noted there are several maintenance issues at the location. He will be assessing the priority and costs of repairs. He has spoken with Rep. Josh Cutler for funding assistance in light of the works of the Food Panty.

Mr. McCue reminded the Board that the Town Planner/Conservation Agent has left. She is willing to assist the Town for a short period. He will be meeting with the Chairmen from both Planning and Conservation to discuss the options for the positions.

Mr. McCue indicated that he spoke with Tax Title Attorney, Laura Brown, who has met with the Auction Company regarding the process of the sale of the tax title property. They determined that after

all the work is complete the sale will take place the week of December 4th. Mrs. FitzGerald-Kemmett questioned the timing and suggested that the Spring may provide more optimal prices for the properties. Chairman McGahan agrees that waiting until Spring to sell the property may be more advantageous. Mr. Hickey asked if there are other properties which could be added to the list and suggested selling those properties in April, but sell the current properties in December. Mr. Mitchell concurs with Mr. Hickey to sell the properties now. Mr. McCue will check with Attorney Brown and report back.

Mr. McCue informed the Board that he has had people inquire whether the proceeds from the sale of the properties could be targeted to redevelopment of the Plymouth County Hospital property. He explained the process of accounting of funds received from the sale of property.

V OLD BUSINESS

Discussion with PCH Reuse Committee regarding warrant articles – Mr. McCue informed that Board that the matter will be tabled.

Review Town Meeting Recommendations

Article 11 – Maquan Appraisal – Mr. McCue received an estimate of \$6,500. Mr. McCue explained what the appraisal will provide to the town such as the value of reuse. This will be a full commercial appraisal of the school.

MOTION by Howard, second by Mitchell to recommend **Article 11** at \$6,500.00 **Voted 5 – 0**

Article 31 – Repair to Thomas Mill Wheel – The Historical Commission indicated \$9,000 for the repairs. The procurement process will be conducted.

MOTION by Howard, second by Hickey to recommend **Article 31** at \$9,000. **Voted 5 – 0**

Article 35 – Smoking at Camp Kiwanee - Mr. McCue explained that the concerns regarding smoking of marijuana are addressed in another by-law.

MOTION by Howard, second by Mitchell to recommend **Article 35**. **Voted 5 - 0**

VII COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monponsett Pond Committee – Mr. Howard reported that the counts are up in Monponsett Pond and the Pond remains closed.

Final Plymouth County Hospital Reuse Comm. – Committee meeting tomorrow to discuss the warrant articles. The two piles at the hospital site will be used on the site. Mr. McCue informed that Board that the winner bidder of the surplus radio tower has not removed it from the property. Mr. McCue has contacted the auction company and they have determined the winner bidder will not be taking the equipment. Mr. McCue has made arrangements for the demolition contractor, J R Vinagro to remove the radio tower which will be scrapped. The stone section of the fireplace on the hospital property will remain and the chimney will be removed for safety concerns.

Maquan School Reuse Committee – Mrs. FitzGerald-Kemmett indicated the group is working to set a date for an initial meeting

Hanson School Repair Committee – Mr. Hickey nothing to report

Highway Building Committee – Mitchell nothing to report

200th Anniversary Committee - Mrs. FitzGerald-Kemmett reported the committee will be meeting again in two weeks.

VIII ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Howard, second by Mitchell to adjourn. ***Vote 5 – 0***

9:53 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Marini,
Executive Assistant
Approved & Voted 5 – 0
October 2, 2017