

***Hanson Board of Selectmen
Selectmen's Meeting Room, Hanson Town Hall
Tuesday, January 23, 2018
Regular Meeting 7:00 P.M.***

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

Members Absent:

Others Present: Town Administrator Michael McCue
Executive Assistant Meredith Marini

7:00 p.m. Chairman McGahan called the meeting to order, led the Pledge of Allegiance, read the announcements and upcoming meeting schedule.

II NEW BUSINESS

Recognize Postal Worker – Carrie McDermott – Chief Thompson explained to the Board the events of January 8, 2018 when Hanson Postal Worker Carrie McDermott observed a fire at one of the houses on her route. She reported the building fire and led an elderly resident to safety. Her actions prevented a potential tragedy. He noted her husband is a Carver Firefighters whose advice as a first responder guided her actions. The Board of Selectmen, Police, Fire and Post Office presented Ms. McDermott with citations. Ed Fayling, Vice President of area operation sent a letter lauding her actions.

Swear in Firefighter Gary Somers – Chief Thompson gave a brief history. Firefighter Somers began as a Call Firefighters in 2013. He worked at private ambulance and then worked in East Bridgewater. He has attended and graduated from the fire academy.

Town Clerk Elizabeth Sloan swore in Firefighter Gary Somers, whose mother, Irene pinned on his badge.

7:15 p.m. Brief recess

7:23 p.m. Returned to open session

Resignation – Bill Strait as Registrar of Voters effective January 16, 2018

MOTION by Hickey, second by Howard to accept with regret the resignation of Bill Strait from the Board of Registrars. ***Voted 5 – 0***

Appointment to Board of Registrars – Term to expire March 31, 2018 – Three candidates
Donna Spencer – 31 West Street
Ernest Amado – 592 State Street
Bernard Delory – 24 Monroe Street

Donna Spencer was the only candidate present. Chairman McGahan reviewed Ms. Spencer's resume' noting she is an evaluator/audiologist. She studied at UMass Amherst. Chairman McGahan noted that he checked the Facebook pages of two of the candidates and saw no issues.

MOTION by Howard, second by Mitchell to appoint Donna Spencer to the Board of Registrars term to expire March 31, 2018. Voted 5 – 0

Vote to Accept Donations –

DAV donated \$150.00 - Chairman McGahan read a letter from the Disabled American Veterans dated January 1, 2018 to the Veterans Agent of Hanson.

In keeping with our Chapter goal of assisting veterans in our Charter Area, we would like to present you with a check for \$150.00.

Please use this donation to directly support veterans or their spouses in your town. With the many local Chapters having folded, Ralph Talbot Chapter has been assigned by the DAV, Department of Massachusetts to assist in serving you in any way we can. We welcome the opportunity to do so.

I'd also like to add you to our e-mail list so you can stay informed of Chapter 65's efforts, newsletters and any updates we receive. Feel free to contact myself or Adjutant Vin Burdziuk and we will gladly add you, or anyone else that you would like to our master email list.

Finally, we host an informal "Veterans Comradery Luncheon" on the 2nd Wednesday of each month year round. This is strictly social and is open to any veteran of any era to get together and share a meal and the many stories that we all have from our time in service. It is held at 12 noon, cost is \$12 with multiple menu options, and is held at D'Ann's Restaurant at the intersection of Routes 58 and 139 in Abington, MA

You are always welcome to attend and we have a few Veterans Agents from surrounding towns attend when duties allow.

Warren D. Smith, "Buzz" Commander

MOTION by FitzGerald-Kemmett, second by Mitchell to accept the donation for Disabled American Veterans in the amount of \$150.00. **Voted 5 – 0**

Three donations for the Elder Affairs from Noreen Craig \$100, Ferry automotive \$150, and Victoria Miller for \$150.00

MOTION by Howard, second by Mitchell to accept the donations as presented. **Voted 5 - 0**

Vote to renew Class II License for Upscale Auto 169A Franklin Street –

MOTION by FitzGerald-Kemmett, second by Mitchell to renew the Class II subject to payment of taxes. **Voted 5 – 0**

Appointments

Timothy White –	Veterans Service Director – Term 3/31/19
	Veteran's Burial Agent – Term 3/31/19
	Veterans' Graves Officer — Term 3/31/19
	Records Access Officer

MOTION by Mitchell, second by Hickey the appointments as read. **Voted 5 – 0**

Requests:

Drama Kids International – Request for fee waiver – Camp Kiwanee –
Mr. McCue indicated that Drama Kids withdrew their request.

III OLD BUSINESS

February Town Meeting – Review Articles –

Reviewed the articles for the Special Town Meeting. Whitman will hold a meeting in March. If passed in Hanson, the work will move forward at the Hanson Schools. The funding for the High School will commence after Whitman Town Meeting. If the vote fails in Whitman the School Committee will reassess the actions.

Still waiting for itemized list of work from the School Committee

Article 2 – Solid Waste Budget - Mr. McCue informed that Board that the Health Agent continues to review figures. Mr. McCue will be meeting with the State and the Health Agent on Thursday.

Article 3 – Supplemental Budget – Legal Line – increased by \$15,000 for tax possession auction; Planning Board salaries – transferring funds to expense line. Highway salaries \$25,000 for over-time.

IV TOWN ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Recap of 2017 – Mr. McCue reviewed the accomplishments during 2017. Mr. McCue reported he negotiated all the union contracts with favorable terms including change in insurance for future employees. The savings going forward will be \$4,147 per family plan, \$1,557 per individual plan. He also noted the completion of the septic system at Camp Kiwanee, a significant savings in pumping costs. Demolition of the Plymouth County Hospital and street sweeping materials have been removed or reused at the site. The project came in under budget. A Tax Possession auction was conducted which brought in over \$150,000.00. Settle the current year budget in which he had worked with cooperatively with the school department. The Whitman Hanson Community Access contract was signed. The Town secured funds for the reconstruction of the Rt. 14/Maquan Street project. Contracts with the Treasurer/Collector, Assessor, Highway Survey and Fire Chief executed. The commencement of filming committee meetings.

Chairman McGahan noted that the Police Lt. and Deputy Fire Chief positions were filled. The antenna will be down next week.

Rt. 14/Maquan Street project update – Mr. McCue reported the project is currently in the hands of the consultant. A public meeting will be held in the near future. A project schedule is being drafted which will be presented to MassDOT.

Review Selectmen’s Capital Improvement Plan

Five items on the plan – Highway Building, Generator, Fiber network, PCH and Sidewalk project. Mrs. FitzGerald-Kemmett requested the new Planner look for some grants for the sidewalks.

Bluewave solar – offsets of electric bills – received a contract for review. Town Counsel reviewing. They will meet with the Board in March.

Cell Tower – Mr. McCue has reached out to another developer.

Town Planner – Mr. McCue will meet with the Planning Board at their next meeting to discuss the future of the Town Planner position.

Mr. McCue reported that budget meetings were held today with the Town Accountant. Budget looks tight but should be able to come in with a balanced budget. School is working on their budget.

Recreation Director – Mr. McCue expects to have two finalists to be selected by next week. The Recreation Commission will interview the finalists.

Reference Librarian – Mr. McCue will conduct a second round of interviews with one of the Library trustees. Then the Board of Library Trustee will make a selection.

State Budget – Mr. McCue reported the State budget is expected to be released tomorrow. The important components, recreational marijuana. The State was expecting to get revenues from marijuana, however, due to the federal level regarding the issue it may not happen. Reduction in income tax. He is concerned about cuts in social programs. A lot is predicated on the actions from Washington DC.

Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett inquired if Mr. McCue will be working with the Planning Board on the marijuana by-laws. He will be working with them.

He will have the auditors come in to review their findings for the FY 2017 audit.

He will be using 30B procedures for Engineering and Legal services.

V COMMITTEE REPORTS

200th Anniversary Committee – Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett reported there will be a meeting Thursday.

Monponsett Pond Committee – Mr. Howard indicated that next meeting is Feb. 1st

Final Plymouth County Hospital Reuse Comm. – Already reviewed

Maquan School Reuse Committee – Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett noted a meeting is scheduled for Thursday. An appraiser will be at the meeting.

Hanson School Repair Committee – Mr. Hickey indicated there is nothing to report at this time. Last meeting was in September 2016. Mr. Hickey doesn't feel there is a need for the committee any longer. The custodial staff will deal with the issues.

Highway Building Committee – Mr. Mitchell reported he spoke with the Hubble engineer who indicated that they are not ready to convey the property. They need to wait until the Spring to ensure that 70% of plantings have to taken. They will be looking at the October Special Town meeting. He feels that the \$5,000,000 figure on the Capital Improvement will be sufficient.

MOTION by Howard, second by Mitchell to accept the Capital Improvement Plan submitted by Mr. McCue. ***Voted 5 – 0***

VI ADJOURNMENT

Chairman McGahan encouraged residents to attend the upcoming Special Town Meeting on February 5th.

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

8:19 p.m. Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Marini,
Executive Assistant
Approved and Voted 5 – 0
February 27, 2018