

***Hanson Board of Selectmen
Selectmen's Meeting Room, Hanson Town Hall
Tuesday, January 9, 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

7:03 p.m. Chairman McGahan called the meeting to order, led the Pledge of Allegiance, read the announcements and upcoming meeting schedule.

II NEW BUSINESS

Recognition of Veterans Agent Robert Arsenault – Chairman McGahan presented Mr. Arsenault with a citation from the Board of Selectmen acknowledging his 40 years of service to the Town of Hanson as he begins his retirement. Mr. Arsenault thanked the Board for the citation. He acknowledged all the veterans of the community as well as the Town Department staff members.

7:10 p.m. brief recess for refreshments for Mr. Arsenault.

Appointments:

Deborah Pettey – Interim Town Planner – Chairman McGahan reviewed Ms. Pettey's resume noting that she is an attorney, a developer with experience in planning.

Mr. McCue noted that he expects her to work as interim until the end of the fiscal year. He will continue to search until a permanent Town Planner is hired.

Mrs. FitzGerald noted the position had been a joint position of Planner/Conservation Agent at 35 hours per week. She inquired whether the long term plan will be for a 20 hour employee. Mr. McCue indicated that he is working with the Chairman of the Planning Board regarding the matter.

Ms. Pettey will work with former Town Planner Laurie Muncy to get up to speed with Ms. Muncy.

MOTION by Howard, second by Mitchell to appoint Deborah Pettey as the Interim Town Planner. ***Voted 5 – 0***

Andrew Sedensky 23 Reed Street – Commission on Disabilities – Term to Expire 6/30/20

MOTION by FitzGerald-Kemmett, second by Mitchell to appoint Andrew Sedensky to the Commission on Disabilities term to expire 6/30/20. ***Voted 5 – 0.***

Timothy White – Veteran’s Agent – Term to expire 3/31/19 Mr. White informed the Board that he served 20 years active duty with the Coast Guard. He responded to various disasters from hurricanes to boating accidents. After his retirement he became a port director. Since 2012 he has been in the security industry, but now only works one day a week giving him time to serve as Veterans Agent.

Chairman McGahan inquired whether Mr. White will be shared with Hanover. Mr. McCue indicated Mr. White will only be working for Hanson. Hanover is currently transitioning and may at some point want to join forces with Hanson.

Mr. White indicated that he has networked with several different agencies throughout his career.

MOTION by Howard, second by FitzGerald Kemmett to appoint Mr. White as Veteran’s Agent with a Term to Expire on March 31, 2019. **Voted 5- 0**

Meeting with School Committee regarding Maquan School Transition – Superintendent Ruth Gilbert-Whitner, Finance Director Christine Suckow, School Committee Chairman Bob Hayes and facilities Director Ernie Sandland were present to discuss the closing of Maquan School. Mr. Hayes reviewed the actions to be taken.

Ms. Suckow reported that over the last three years the Town spent over \$500,000 on repairs to Maquan School. She reviewed the cost savings \$270,000 as a result of closing the Maquan which cleaning service contract, utilities costs, maintenance and insurance.

There will be a savings of \$4.5 million in Capital matrix costs over the next three years.

If funding is secured in the next few weeks, the school can be closed at the end of June.

Most of the work needs to be completed when the students are not in the building so they will do it during school vacation weeks.

Mr. Hickey inquired whether any of the work which was discussed at a previous meeting will be done during February vacation. Mr. Sandland indicated that was correct, the noisy work will be conducted when the students were not in the school.

The School Committee will provide a list of items which will be addressed with the funds.

Next School Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday. Mr. Hayes encouraged residents to come to the meetings to learn more of the transition.

Mr. Mitchell is concerned about achieving a quorum at Town Meeting.

Whitman will be discussing a date for Special Town Meeting in Whitman. Whitman’s cost will be just over \$256,000 as they only share the costs for renovations to the High School. Hanson must pay for the renovations to both Indian Head and Middle Schools.

Vote to call a Special Town Meeting on February 5, 2018

MOTION by Mitchell second by Howard to call for a Special Town Meeting on Monday, February 5, 2018 to be held at the Hanson Middle School at 7:30 p.m. ***Voted 5 – 0***

Vote to place funding article for Maquan School Transition

MOTION by FitzGerald-Kemmett, second by Howard to open the Special Town Meeting warrant for February 5, 2018. ***Voted 5 – 0.***

Chairman McGahan reviewed the proposed articles:

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds \$555,095.13 for costs related to closing the Maquan Elementary schools as follows:

\$ 189,901.88 (\$472,627.50 x 40.18%) to fund the capital costs associated with moving the Pre-Kindergarten districtwide program from the Maquan School to the Whitman Hanson Regional High School and \$ 365,193.25 to move the K-2 grades to the Indian Head Elementary School, moving grade 5 to Hanson Middle school and moving special education programs to the Duval Elementary School, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION by Mitchell, second by Howard to place and recommend Article 1. ***Voted 5 – 0***

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the amounts appropriated in the May 2017 Annual Town Meeting, Article 9, Solid Waste Retained Earnings to supplement the amounts in the May 2017 Annual Town Meeting, Article 9, Solid waste expenses and Indirect Costs for the Transfer Station or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Health

Health Agent Matt Tanis was present and informed the Board that the cost is \$43,110.00 – Recycling costs have been adjusted due to changes with China. \$20,200 between now and July 1st. Medical benefits \$5,000, ABC \$5,000 and Waste Zero \$5,000. The money coming from pay as you throw is not covering the costs for the bags. Electronic waste is costing more there is a \$4,000 shortfall. Mr. Tanis is seeking quotes from other companies for solid waste and recycling. Sharps are requiring additional picks up because the program is very popular. Break in the water line and frozen pipe in the waste line.

Mr. McCue indicated that he and Mr. Tanis have reviewed the haulers contract with Town Counsel. Mr. McCue will be meeting with the current hauler in the next few weeks.

Mr. Tanis noted the recycling costs are \$11.00 more than the trash disposal costs. There will be a regional meeting regarding recycling in the next few weeks. This is not just a Hanson issue.

MOTION by Mitchell, second by Howard to place Article 2 on the Warrant. ***Voted 5 – 0***

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to supplement appropriations previously voted at the Annual Town Meeting of May, 2017 for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2017 for various Town Departments as follows:

Item #	Budget Line #	Department	Budget	Adjustment	Revised FY17 Budget	Funding Source
1	15	Dept. 151 – Legal Expense	\$140,000	\$17,500	\$157,500	Line 81 Unemployment
2	26	Dept.175 – Planning Board. Expense	\$5,410	\$20,300	\$25,710	Line 25 Planning Board Salaries
3	59	Dept. 420 – Highway Salaries	\$469,758	\$25,000	\$494,758	Line 57 Norfolk Cty. Agricultural Tuition

or take any action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Mr. McCue explained that the costs for the Highway Salaries was for coverage during the gas company project on Liberty Street. The Gas company will reimburse the Town for the coverage by Highway staff.

MOTION by Howard second by Mitchell to place and recommend Article 3. ***Voted 5 – 0***

MOTION by Howard, second by Hickey to close the warrant. ***Voted 5 – 0***

Vote contract with Environmental Partners – PEER Review for ZBA

Mr. McCue indicated that the contract was reviewed by Town Counsel. Mr. McCue has already executed the contract as time was of the essence. The Town does not pay for the contract. The developer pays for the Town's review engineer.

MOTION by FitzGerald-Kemmett second by Hickey to ratify Mr. McCue's action on the contract. ***Voted 5 – 0***

At a later date, Mr. McCue will request a vote of the Board to authorize him to sign various contracts in the future.

Requests:

Drama Kids International – Request for fee waiver – Camp Kiwanee

Mr. McCue indicated that Recreation has voted to approve the fee waiver. Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett noted that Drama Kids is a for profit organization. She relies on the Recreation Commission's review and recommendation. The Board would like more information as to why they are getting a waiver.

By consensus of the Board the matter was tabled until the next meeting.

III COMMITTEE REPORTS

200th Anniversary Committee – Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett - Nothing – next meeting next week

Monponsett Pond Committee – Mr. Howard – meeting postponed

Final Plymouth County Hospital Reuse Comm. – Mr. Howard – 15,000 yards of material remains on the site. He doesn't know what is happening with it. Meeting is scheduled for next week. The radio tower is still standing.

Maquan School Reuse Committee – Mr. McCue is setting something up for next week

Hanson School Repair Committee – Mr. Hickey – nothing to report

Highway Building Committee – Mr. Mitchell committee will be meeting in two weeks.

IV TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Update on COA Van – Mr. McCue met with representatives from BAT and the Director of Elder Affairs. BAT is providing a new senior van valued at \$68,000 which will be delivered in August. They will also pay for all the maintenance costs.

BAT will also provide trips to Market Basket in West Bridgewater one day a week for seniors. The trips will start in March.

Mr. McCue sent a letter requesting release of the funds from the State for the Wampatuck Pond testing.

Mr. McCue has spoken with the Interim Town Planner regarding getting back on track for by-laws regarding retail sales of marijuana.

Mr. McCue reviewed the storm of last week indicating no power outages. The Emergency personnel were ready to set up a shelter if necessary. Mr. McCue reported \$51,800 of Snow and Ice budget was spent through Sunday. The Snow and Ice budget is fine for now.

Mr. McCue noted that through the municipal modernization act, he has the ability to approve the deficit spending in the Snow and Ice budget. He will work in conjunction with the Town Accountant and will notify the Board when he makes the declaration.

Town Engineering Services RFP – He only received two responses. He will put it back out in the hopes of getting more responses.

Recreation Director position. Mr. McCue has interviewed three individuals and they will meet with three other applicants next week. He did speak with an actual firm to provide Recreation Director Services but it will not be a viable option for now.

Facilities Director – Mr. McCue received a response for a maintenance company. A representative will be out next weeks prior to submitting a proposal.

Finance Committee has a new member Patrick Powers. They are still down one member.

Mr. McCue read the memo from Chief Thompson dated January 8, 2018 regarding the Deputy Fire Chief. noting that the Deputy Fire Chief Assessment Center was conducted on Saturday, January 6, 2018. The results were #1 Lt. Robert O'Brien, #2 Lt. Charley Barends. Lt. O'Brien will assume his role as Deputy Chief on March 5, 2018. Lt. Barends will be placed on a promotional list that will be maintained for two years. The formal swearing in will take place at a later date.

Chairman McGahan inquired about the status of the Cell Tower RFP. Mr. McCue is still seeking firms who would be interested prior to issuing an RFP.

V ADJOURNMENT

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

9:12 p.m. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Marini
Executive Assistant
Approved and Voted 5 – 0
February 13, 2018