

Hanson Board of Selectmen
Selectmen's Meeting Room, Hanson Town Hall
Tuesday, May 23, 2017
Regular Meeting 7:00 P.M.

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

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 SWEAR IN OF NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS – Town Clerk Elizabeth Sloan was present to swear in the newly elected officials. Selectmen Laura FitzGerald-Kemmett and James Hickey were sworn in.

Chairman McGahan thanked Bruce Young and Bill Scott for their service

III RE-ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

Chairman McGahan opened nominations for Chairman.

Mr. Mitchell nominated Mr. McGahan as Chairman, second by Howard. No additional nominations heard. ***Voted 4 – 0 – 1 (Hickey)*** Mr. McGahan voted as Chairman.

Chairman McGahan opened nominations for Vice-Chairman.

Mr. Howard nominated Mr. Mitchell as Vice Chairman, second by Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett
Voted 5 – 0 Mr. Mitchell voted as Vice-Chairman.

Chairman McGahan opened nominations for Vice-Chairman.

Mr. Mitchell nominated Don Howard as Clerk, second by Mr. Hickey. ***Voted 5 – 0*** Mr. Howard as Clerk.

Chairman McGahan indicated the agenda would be taken out of order.

Appointment:

Parks & Fields - Eric Olson 283 Cross Street – Term to Expire 6/30/18 –
Mr. Olson indicated that he serves on the Board of Directors for Hanson Little League and Hanson Youth Basketball.

MOTION by Howard, second by FitzGerald-Kemmett to appoint Eric Olson to the Parks & Fields Commission term to expire June 30, 2018 ***Voted 5 – 0***

Vote to authorize the purchase of Election Voting Equipment – Town Clerk Elizabeth Sloan informed the Board that Town Meeting voted to replace the current voting equipment. The Board is required by law to approve the purchase of the new equipment and discontinue the use of the current equipment.

MOTION by Mitchell, second by FitzGerald-Kemmett move pursuant to Mass. General Law, Chapter 54, Section 34 that the Hanson Board of Selectmen vote to approve the purchase of Election Systems & Software's DS200 Optical Scan Voting Machines to be used by the Town of Hanson starting at the Spring 2018 Town Election. ***Voted 5 – 0***

Vote to discontinue the use of the old Election Voting Equipment

MOTION by Mitchell, second by Hickey to move pursuant to Mass. General Law, Chapter 54, Section 34, the Hanson Board of Selectmen vote to approve the discontinuance of the current Optic III Eagle machines prior to the Spring 2018 Town Election ***Voted 5 – 0***

Junk Dealer's License Renewal – The King's Ransom 156 Liberty St. – Mrs. Marini reported the renewal has been approved by the Police Chief, Fire Chief and Building Inspector, with no incidents reported.

MOTION by Howard, second by Mitchell to approve the renewal of a Junk Dealers License for The King's Ransom. ***Voted 5 - 0***

IV TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. McCue congratulated new members Jim Hickey and Laura FitzGerald-Kemmett and offered his assistance.

He recently attended a meeting with the Highway Surveyor and Environmental Partners, the engineering contractor handling the reconstruction on the Maquan Street (Rt. 14) project. He will arrange a working meeting and invite Board members to attend.

Mr. McCue will also coordinate a joint meeting for Board members, Planning and Highway to discuss the Complete Streets project which needs to be prioritized by June 30, 2017.

Mr. McCue noted that Town Counsel Jay Talerma will be at the next meeting, June 6th, to provide the Board with legal update.

Calvary Baptist Church would like to hold a concert on the Green on June 17th. Mr. McCue will place the official vote on the next meeting agenda.

Mr. McCue will send out the memo to the committees regarding recording of meetings.

Mr. McCue read the following letter from Lori Cavanaugh to the Senior Center dated May 12, 2017 –

Hanson Supportive Day Program

This is a big Thank-You and much appreciation to everyone that has had a hand in making the Hanson Day Program, "happen". My mother Thelma, who had dementia, attended that program for over 7 years faithfully. She

went 5 days a week. It was absolute life saver knowing she was being taken care of. It was a joy for her and us that she was socializing and doing activities that we could not make happen since we had to work. The arts and crafts alone have made so many memories for me, as I have them displayed throughout my home. Thelma absolutely enjoyed going and it kept her alive and well. Unfortunately, two years ago at age 87, she became more ill and we had to resort to putting her into a facility which broke our hearts. She has recently passed at age 89, and I am reflecting on the past. I just can't stress enough that the day program saved her from 7 years of being in that nursing home. It was letting her remain in her home with her family, while being active at the same time.

Thanks again ladies!!! Continue to make people's lives better. You are very good at it. You will be in my thoughts and prayers forever.

Sincerely,
Lori Cavanagh.

Mr. McCue reported that the Tree City application has been submitted and he is awaiting the approval of Hanson as Tree City.

Recreation has completed the hires of the seasonal staff.

The Library Trustees hired Lindsay Arndt as the new reference librarian. She will be starting in the next two weeks.

Set meeting dates for July – December – *Table until June 6th.*

Vote to authorize the Town Administrator to approve Line Item Transfers in accordance with Ch. 44, Sec. 33B. – Mr. McCue explained that the Board annually votes to authorize the Town Administrator to approve budget line transfers during the last two months of the fiscal year. Currently there are only a few requests for transfers. Mr. McCue will work in conjunction with the Finance Committee regarding the transfers. Mr. McCue will notify the Board of any line transfers which have been approved.

MOTION by Howard, second by Mitchell to authorize the Town Administrator to approve line transfer in accordance with Chapter 44, Sec. 33B. ***Voted 5 – 0***

Vote Highway Surveyor Contract –

Mr. McCue reported that the Board voted in Executive Session to approve the contract.

MOTION by Mitchell, second by Howard to approve the Highway Surveyor contract. ***Voted 3 – 0 – 2 (FitzGerald-Kemmett, Hickey)***

Re-Vote Fire Chief Contract – Mr. McCue explained that the Board had voted the contract in a previous Executive Session which was announced and voted at the last Selectmen's meeting. However, the item had not been on that agenda. Consequently, he requested the Board re-vote to avoid any issues.

MOTION by Mitchell, second by Howard to approve the Fire Chief Contract. ***Voted 3 – 0 – 2 (FitzGerald-Kemmett, Hickey)***

V NEW BUSINESS

Class II Used Car License – Badlands Truck Sales LLC – 68 Industrial Blvd.

Chairman McGahan read the hearing notice.

The Hanson Board of Selectmen will hold a hearing on the request of Timothy O'Brien of 218 Mill Road, East Sandwich, MA for Badlands Truck Sales, LLC for a Class II Used Car License at 68 Industrial Blvd, Suite 2, Hanson, MA. Said hearing will be held on Tuesday, May 23, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, Hanson Town Hall.

MOTION by Howard, second by Mitchell to open the hearing for a Class II Used Car License for Badlands Truck Sales. **Roll Call Howard aye, FitzGerald-Kemmett aye, McGahan aye, Mitchell aye & Hickey aye. Voted 5 – 0**

Timothy O'Brien was present and noted that most of the sales will be via on-line sales. The repairs will be done off site. He will be selling mostly pick-up trucks. There will be no more than 5 cars on the lot. He has been doing car sales for the last year.

MOTION by Howard, second by Mitchell to approve the Class II Used Car Licenses to Badlands Truck Sales LLC 68 Industrial Blvd. **Roll Call Howard aye, FitzGerald-Kemmett aye, McGahan aye, Mitchell aye & Hickey aye. Voted 5- 0**

MOTION by Mitchell, second by Howard to close the hearing **Roll Call Howard aye, FitzGerald-Kemmett aye, McGahan aye, Mitchell aye & Hickey aye. Voted 5 – 0**

VI OLD BUSINESS

Vote to authorize the use of a Gator ATV at Camp Kiwanee –

MOTION Howard, second by Mitchell to authorize the use of All Terrain Vehicles at Camp Kiwanee.

Mrs. FitzGerald-Kemmett pointed out that there are probably other departments which also have such vehicles. Mr. McCue noted that he will address those departments at the next meeting. **Voted 5 – 0**

Chairman McGahan announced Volunteers are need on several committees, Agricultural, Capital Improvement, Disabilities, Finance, Energy, Memorial Day Patriot Observance, Recreation, 200th Anniversary, and Nathaniel Thomas Mill Committees

Chairman McGahan encouraged residents to apply to serve on the committees. Mr. McCue noted that the Disabilities Board has specific requirements for membership, which include a member with a disability, a family member of one with a disability and one elected official and citizens at large. Disabilities are not always a physical disability.

Discussion regarding the Indian Head & Maquan School Priority Repair Committee – Chairman McGahan recommended changing the name of the Committee. Chairman McGahan reviewed the history of the composition of the committee. On June 3, 2014, the Board voted to create a committee to be comprised of seven Hanson residents, one Selectman, one member of the Whitman Hanson Regional School Committee's facilities subcommittee and five citizens at large. Non-voting members Building Inspector, one school committee, and up to three additional members of the committee.

On July 8, 2014 the Board voted to increase the number of voting members from seven to nine.

Chairman McGahan read the mission statement for the Indian Head & Maquan School Priority Repair Committee:

The responsibility of the Indian Head and Maquan School Priority Repair committee will be to develop and present the Board of Selectmen a viable and realistic plan; to identify the immediate capital and related repairs necessary to keep the Indian Head and Maquan Schools safe, secure and comfortable for the students, faculty and visitors; to be responsible for developing accurate descriptions of the prioritized repairs and the estimated project costs to be used for town meetings articles; to recommend the various immediate repair projects necessary to be funded to keep these buildings open and functional for the immediate future until other long term solutions are explored.

Chairman McGahan asked whether a separate committee could be created to address the closure of the Maquan School.

Mrs. FitzGerald-Kemmett suggested that the committee could address all town owned buildings not just the schools. Mr. Mitchell felt the school repair committee is comprised of School Committee members. He suggested a separate committee for other town buildings.

Mrs. FitzGerald-Kemmett feels it may help with the Capital Improvement Committee.

Mr. Hickey isn't sure if the Board should be creating more committees as there are currently several committees with vacancies.

School Committee Chairman Bob Hayes agreed that the Town is overrun with committees.

Mr. McCue suggested renaming the committee to include the Middle School. Then address the other buildings at a future meeting.

Chairman McGahan suggested revisiting the Facilities Manager position.

MOTION Howard, second by Mitchell, to change the name of the Indian Head & Maquan School Priority Repair Committee to the School Repair Committee and to add the Middle School to the mission. **Voted 5 – 0**

MOTION by Howard, second by FitzGerald-Kemmett to appoint Jim Hickey as the Selectmen's representative on the School Repair Committee. **Voted 5 – 0**

VII APPROVE MINUTES

May 1, 2017

May 16, 2017

MOTION by Mitchell, second by Howard to approve the minutes of May 1st and May 16th as presented. **Voted 3 - 0 – 2 (FitzGerald-Kemmett & Hickey)**

VIII COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monponsett Pond Committee – Mr. Howard indicated no meetings but Silver Lake and Monponsett Ponds are filling up.

Indian Head & Maquan Priority Repair Comm. – School Committee Chairman Bob Hayes reported that the Maquan roof has been complete. The second section of the roof is 90% complete. They are waiting for a specially constructed door to the roof.

Mr. Hayes recommended a meeting of all stakeholders from all departments to discuss budgets prior to the beginning of the budget process.

Mrs. -FitzGerald-Kemmett asked that the Selectmen be kept apprised of the status of the closure of the Maquan School.

Highway Building Committee - Mr. Mitchell will check on the status of the project.

Mr. McCue noted there needs to be a discussion relative of the membership of the committee as currently there should be two Selectmen on the committee.

Final Plymouth County Hospital Reuse Comm. – Mr. McCue reported that the project is nearing completion. More of the street sweepings have been used as part of the fill at the site. DEP is evaluating the use of the materials from the catch basin cleaning. The contractor is working on the slope of the capping. The project is well under budget. Town Meeting approved \$1.8 Million for the project. The next step is to consider the use at the site.

IX 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 Professional, Dispatchers, Fire, Highway & Police Unions.

So moved by Howard, second by Mitchell. ***Roll Call Howard aye, FitzGerald-Kemmett aye, McGahan aye, Mitchell aye and Hickey aye. Voted 5 – 0***

8:20 p.m. Brief Recess

IX ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Howard, second by Mitchell to adjourn.

9:24 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Marini,
Executive Assistant
Approved & voted 5 – 0
June 13, 2017