

***Hanson Board of Selectmen  
Selectmen's Meeting Room, Hanson Town Hall  
Tuesday, August 29, 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

**7:03 p.m.** Chairman McGahan called the meeting to order and requested a moment of silence for the Texas victims of Hurricane Harvey. Chairman McGahan led the Pledge of Allegiance, read the announcements and upcoming meeting schedule.

## **II NEW BUSINESS**

***Review Proposed Warrant Articles*** – Chairman McGahan noted the warrant would be taken out of order to accommodate the audience members.

***Article 17*** – School articles. – School Committee Chairman Bob Hayes indicated that the tubes in Maquan boilers need to be replaced. The Indian Head HVAC recommissioned to classroom and roof top units is a maintenance issue. The Middle School boiler needs to be replaced. Total of the three projects is \$68450.00

***MOTION*** by Howard, second by Mitchell to place and recommend Article 17. ***Voted 5 – 0***

***Article 4*** – Transfer Station – Adjust budget by reducing the expenses by \$50,000.00. Board of Health Agent Matt Tanis indicated he has met with the Town accountant this is a house keeping article.

***MOTION*** by Howard, second by Mitchell to place and recommend Article 4. ***Voted 5 – 0***

***Article 5*** – Fire – Share of grant to purchase a new fire engine

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

***Article 6*** – Fire – Promotional test

***MOTION*** by Howard, second by Mitchell to place and recommend Article 6. ***Voted 5 – 0***

***Article 7*** – Fire – Adjust verbiage for the SBCA Bottles – Chief Thompson explained that replacement of the bottles has already been approved. He has applied for a grant which will replace the bottles and additional equipment valued at \$120,000.

***MOTION*** by Howard, second by Mitchell to place and recommend Article 7. ***Voted 5 – 0***

***Article 15*** – Highway Building Committee – Assessment of the current highway facility on Indian Head Street. \$28,350.00 Mrs. FitzGerald-Kemmett wanted it clarified that the assessment will be for the potential cost of removing the current facility. Mr. Mitchell indicated there will be an Open House at Highway Dept. on September 9<sup>th</sup> for the residents to tour the facility.

***MOTION*** by Howard, second by Mitchell to place and recommend Article 15. ***Voted 5 – 0***

**Article 16** – Highway Building Committee – to develop conceptual plans and costs for relocating the Highway facility to Hawks Ave. Mr. Mitchell indicated the funds will be used for the final schematics, bids and construction administrator by an Owners Project Manager. These funds will allow for the drafting of an RFP for the project. Mr. Mitchell noted that the building will not be conveyed to the Town until December at the earliest.

**MOTION** by Howard, second by Mitchell to place and recommend Article 16. **Voted 5 – 0**

**Article 21** – Highway – new cutting head for the Trackless Mower – Highway Surveyor Bob Brown reported that he is able to secure new cutting head which is more inexpensive than buying a new arm or machine.

**MOTION** by Howard, second by Mitchell to place and recommend Article 21. **Voted 5 – 0**

**Article 2** – Supplemental Budget – Mr. McCue noted that some figures missing. He suggested placing the article and recommending when all the numbers have been received.

Item 1 – Fire chief – Salaries for the Deputy Fire Chief

Item 2 – Library – Electric Expense

Item 3 – Assessors – Assessor's contract

Item 4 – BOS – Treasurer salary

Item 5 – COA – Elder Affairs salaries

Item 6 – Sealer – Salary

Item 7 – Treasurer/Collector - OPEB

Item 8 – BOS – Town building expense

Item 9 – Highway – Drainage – Mr. Brown indicated the department is repairing catch basins

Item 10 – Highway – Salary

Item 11 – BOH – Wages

Item 12 – Lib/Senior Center – New AED

Item 13 – Library – looking to fund additional hours

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

**Article 12** – Selectmen – Commercial appraisal of the Superintendents building. Mrs. FitzGerald-Kemmett asked if the Town can use the same auction company which will be conducting the Tax Title auction. Mr. McCue is looking into it and is awaiting an amount.

**MOTION** by Howard, second by Mitchell to place Article 12. **Voted 5 – 0**

**Article 13** – Final PCH – Propose reuse of the PCH property - Final PCH Committee member Phil Clemons would like to have specific language in the article in order to obtain affirmation from Town Meeting. Mr. McCue is seeking input from Town Counsel. In addition a survey will be distributed at Town Meeting to get the Town's recommendation. The Final PCH Reuse Committee has narrowed the scope of options, with a park being the major component. The survey will be available at Town Hall, Library/Senior Center and media. Mr. Hickey inquired if a presentation will be made at Town Meeting. Mr. Clemons indicated a presentation will be made at Town Meeting.

Mrs. FitzGerald-Kemmett would like clarification of what Article 13 is attempting to do. She is not in favor of presenting an article without specifics. Mr. Hickey noted that at a previous meeting Marianne DiMasico presented a recommendation of a park. Mr. Mitchell feels we may be moving too fast and

trying to do too much. Mr. Clemons indicated that it must be conducted in phases, with a park component being the first.

Mr. McCue offered a revision of the article using a park component:

*To see if the Town will vote to support the proposed use of a portion of the former Plymouth County Hospital property as a Public Park as presented by the Final Plymouth County Hospital Reuse Committee.*

**MOTION** by Howard, second by Mitchell to place Article 13. **Voted 5 – 0**

**Article 14** – Final PCH – The article should be proposed by Community Preservation Commission. Mr. Howard explained that the engineering is being requested for the topography.

**MOTION** by Howard, second by Mitchell to place Article 13. **Voted 5 – 0**

**Article 33** – Town Forest – Dissolve Committee –

**MOTION** by Howard, second by Mitchell to place and recommend Article 33. **Voted 5 – 0**

**Article 34** – Conservation – Care & Custody of Brook Street Property – Mrs. FitzGerald-Kemmett pointed out that is a parcel that could not be sold.

**MOTION** by Howard, second by Mitchell to place and recommend Article 34. **Voted 5 – 0**

**Article 40** – Planning Board – Zoning – Amend Sign by-law – Planning Board member Joe Campbell indicated that it is a house keeping article to clarify the by-law. Mrs. FitzGerald-Kemmett inquired who is required to enforce the by-law. Mr. Campbell indicated that Zoning Enforcement Officer (Building Inspector) enforces the by-law.

**MOTION** by Howard, second by Mitchell to place and recommend Article 40. **Voted 5 – 0**

**Article 41** – Planning Board – Sign by-law Site plan review – Mr. Campbell explained that the site plan review will go to the Planning Board. It is a housekeeping article.

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

**Article 1-** Selectmen – Unpaid bills

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

**Article 3** – Selectmen – Union Contracts – Still waiting for final figures

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

**Article 8** – Police – Security upgrade

**MOTION** by Howard, second by Mitchell to place and recommend Article 8. **Voted 5 – 0**

**Article 9** – Selectmen – Computer backup and recovery system

**MOTION** by Howard, second by Mitchell to place and recommend Article 9. **Voted 5 – 0**

**Article 10** – Selectmen – Classification Study

**MOTION** by Howard, second by Mitchell to place and recommend Article 10. **Voted 5 – 0**

**Article 11-** Selectmen – Maquan School appraisal and assessment. Mrs. FitzGerald Kemmett indicated the funds are requested for the appraisal only. The committee will be using the assessments completed in 2012. Still waiting on a figure for the appraisal.

**MOTION** by Howard, second by Mitchell to place Article 11. **Voted 5 – 0**

**Article 18** – Recreation Septic – Borrowing for replacement of the entire septic system.

**MOTION** by Howard, second by Mitchell to place and recommend Article 18. **Voted 5 – 0**

**Article 19** – Recreation – Replace pilings

**MOTION** by Howard, second by Mitchell to place and recommend Article 19. **Voted 5 – 0**

**Article 20** – Recreation – facility assessment – Still waiting for a figure

**MOTION** by Howard, second by Mitchell to place Article 20. **Voted 5 – 0**

**Article 22** – Selectmen – Rehab Maquan Street – Five years of borrowing

**MOTION** by Howard, second by Mitchell to place and recommend Article 22. **Voted 5 – 0**

**Article 23** – Selectmen – Add to Stabilization

**MOTION** by Howard, second by Mitchell to place and recommend Article 23. **Voted 5 – 0**

**Article 24** – Selectmen – Add to School Stabilization

**MOTION** by Howard, second by Mitchell to place and recommend Article 24. **Voted 5 – 0**

**Article 25 - -** Water – Water Main replacement Mr. Howard requested that it be placed only.

**MOTION** by Howard, second by Mitchell to place Article 25. **Voted 5 – 0**

**Article 26** – Water – Water main gates

**MOTION** by Howard, second by Mitchell to place and recommend Article 26. **Voted 5 – 0**

**Article 27** – Water – Replace entrance porch – Mr. Howard reported the entrance must be ADA compliant

**MOTION** by Howard, second by Mitchell to place and recommend Article 27. **Voted 5 – 0**

**Article 28** – Water – new pump motor to act as a standby

**MOTION** by Howard, second by Mitchell to place and recommend Article 28. **Voted 5 – 0**

**Article 29** – Water – New truck

**MOTION** by Howard, second by Mitchell to place and recommend Article 29. **Voted 5 – 0**

**Article 30** – Water – Surge Valves

**MOTION** by Howard, second by Mitchell to place and recommend Article 30. **Voted 5 – 0**

**Article 31** – Water – Rehab Well 4

**MOTION** by Howard, second by Mitchell to place and recommend Article 31. **Voted 5 – 0**

**Article 32** – Historical – Water wheel – Waiting on figure

**MOTION** by Howard, second by Mitchell to place Article 32. **Voted 5 – 0**

**Article 35** – Selectmen – Acceptance of Mass General Laws.

**MOTION** by Howard, second by Mitchell to place and recommend Article 8. **Voted 5 – 0**

**Article 36** – Recreation – Amend smoking by law relative to Needles Lodge. Mrs. FitzGerald-Kemmett inquired limiting to just tobacco products. Mr. McCue to look into it.

**MOTION** by Howard, second by Mitchell to place Article 36. **Voted 5 – 0**

**Article 37** – Wage & Personnel – Amend exclusions with contracts

**MOTION** by Howard, second by Mitchell to place and recommend Article 37. **Voted 5 – 0**

**Article 38** – Wage & Personnel – Adjust salary ranges.

**MOTION** by Howard, second by Mitchell to place and recommend Article 38. **Voted 5 – 0**

**Article 39** – W&P – change in vacation time.

**MOTION** by Howard, second by Mitchell to place and recommend Article 39. **Voted 5 – 0**

### **Vote to Close October Special Town Meeting Warrant**

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

**8:45 p.m. Mr. Hickey stepped out of the room**

#### ***Resignation/Appointments:***

South Shore Recycling Collaborative – Health Agent Mathew Tanis

**MOTION** by Howard, second by Mitchell to appoint Mr. Tanis to the South Shore Recycling Collaborative **Voted 4 – 0**

### **III TOWN ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

Mr. McCue informed that Board that he has reached out to vendors regarding a cell tower and solar farms.

Mr. McCue received a request from St. Joseph the Worker Church regarding their annual Public Rosary which will be held on the Town Hall Green on October 14<sup>th</sup>.

**MOTION** by Howard, second by Mitchell to grant permission of St. Joseph the Worker to conduct the annual Public Rosary on October 14<sup>th</sup>. **Voted 4 – 0**

**8:47 p.m. – Mr. Hickey Returned to the table.**

Mr. McCue reported that he is working on accounting software for Recreation.

Rosewood Bog issue – Mr. McCue spoke with Health Agent and the sand at the bog continues to be moved away from the neighbors and the pile height has been reduced.

Mr. McCue will be meeting with Rockland Hanson Rotary on Thursday. Each Rotary unit must plant a tree in the community. The group is considering an American Elm at Town Hall.

On August 15<sup>th</sup> he held his first Coffee at the Senior Center which was well received.

He reported that the Dedication of the Lt. David Hall square will be held on Saturday, September 23 at 1:00 p.m. at the old train station on Main Street.

#### **IV OLD BUSINESS**

***Further Discussion Regarding Facilities Manager*** – Mr. McCue indicated that the facility manager should be a town-wide position and not associated with a particular department. Recreation had requested a facilities manager at Camp Kiwanee. Mr. McCue recommended the hiring of a part-time facilities manager whose first duties will be address the issues at Camp Kiwanee. Mr. McCue is also considering opening the position to companies as a vendor through a Request for Qualifications, similar as the Town Accountant. He hopes to have the position posted by the end of the week.

***Select Project for Complete Street*** – Mr. McCue recommended items one and three which fall within the \$400,000 grant. Project 1 is Pedestrian and Traffic Signal improvements at Liberty Street and County Road intersection in the amount of \$351,200 and Item 3 is Pedestrian Upgrades at Liberty Street and Middle School entrance in the amount of \$15,400.00

Discussion regarding the number of accidents at the various locations.

***MOTION*** by Howard, second Mitchell to recommend Items 1 Pedestrian and Traffic Signal improvements at Liberty Street and County Road intersection and 3 Pedestrian Upgrades at Liberty Street and Middle School entrance. ***Voted 5 – 0***

#### ***Discussion regarding the renaming of the Maquan School Transition Committee***

Due to the confusion of the Town and the School District using the same title of a committee, Mrs. FitzGerald-Kemmett recommended renaming the Town's committee, Maquan School Reuse committee.

***MOTION*** by Howard, second Mitchell to rename Maquan School Transition Committee as the Maquan School Reuse Committee. ***Voted 5- 0***

#### **V MINUTES**

Vote and Approve Minutes of August 15, 2017

***MOTION*** by Howard, second by Mitchell to approve the minutes of August 15<sup>th</sup> as printed. ***Voted 5 – 0***

#### **VI COMMITTEE REPORTS**

***Monponsett Pond Committee*** – Mr. Howard reported that the bacteria levels at East Monponsett are under but the beach & West Monponsett boat Ramp counts are well over 100,000. West Monponsett Pond is closed.

***Final Plymouth County Hospital Reuse Comm.*** – Previously reported.

***Hanson School Repair Committee*** – Mr. Hickey – All is good

***Highway Building Committee*** – Previously discussed

**200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee** – Mrs. FitzGerald-Kemmett indicated the committee held its first meeting. Marcus Linn is the chair who is very involved with Boy Scouts. Committee discussed fund raising, getting schools involved various activities. She attended a Historical Society meeting where the Director of the Plymouth 400<sup>th</sup> committee spoke and recommended some programs.

**VII EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Chairman McGahan announced the Board would be going into Executive Session 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 and Dispatchers.

*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*

**9:08 p.m. Brief Recess**

**9:59 p.m. Return to open session.**

**VIII ADJOURNMENT**

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

**10:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned.**

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Marini,  
Executive Assistant  
**Approved and Voted 5 – 0**  
**September 12, 2017**