

***Hanson Board of Selectmen  
Selectmen's Meeting Room, Hanson Town Hall  
Tuesday, September 26, 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

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

## **II NEW BUSINESS**

***Requests:***

***Boy Scout Pumpkin Sale*** - Boy Scout Troop 34 members were present to request the use of the Town Hall Green on Saturday and Sunday, October 14 & 15<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

***MOTION*** Howard, second by Hickey to approve the request for the Pumpkin on Town Hall Green on October 14 & 15. ***Voted 5 – 0***

***Water Commission – Save space for new water tank.*** – Water Commissioners submitted a request dated September 20<sup>th</sup> to reserve a portion of the Plymouth County Hospital for a future water tank.

***MOTION*** by Howard, second by Hickey to support reserving a portion of the former Plymouth County Hospital property for a future second water tank.

Mr. Howard explained the proposed location for the second water tank which would be behind the existing tank. He noted plans would have to be drawn to designate the area in which the water tank will be sited. ***So voted 5 – 0***

## **III TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Updates: ***Capital Improvement*** - Mr. McCue reported that he met with John Norton Chairman of the Capital Improvements Committee and member John Currie regarding the articles in the Town Meeting warrant. The Committee met on Monday to add the articles to the matrix.

***Tax Title Auction*** - Mr. McCue reached out to Tax Title Attorney Laura Brown regarding delaying the tax title auction until Spring. He is waiting to hear back. He has scheduled a meeting with staff to review additional parcels for future sale.

***Complete Streets*** – Mr. McCue spoke with Jim Fitzgerald of Environmental Partners who recommended that the Board consider removing the signalization by the Middle School from the priority list. The State is looking closely at the requests. Mr. Fitzgerald feels that Library Street reconstruction is a much higher priority. Mr. McCue indicated that engineering in the amount of \$42,000 could be funded from Chapter 90 money to get the project started for the project.

Mr. McCue has been attending an all day seminar on ADA compliance issues. He is comfortable that the Town is up to speed but will be review some aspects of the compliance requirement.

**IV MINUTES - *Minutes were tabled to the next meeting.***

Vote and Approve Minutes of September 12, 2017 Reg. & Executive

Vote and Approve Minutes of September 19, 2017 Reg. & Executive

**V ONE DAY LIQUOR LICENSES – Camp Kiwanee**

Lindsay McDermott, Avon, Fri., Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> 4:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. – Wedding

Michelle Ventura, W. Roxbury, Sat., Oct 7<sup>th</sup> 4:00 to 9:00 p.m. – Wedding

Jillian Eddy, Hingham, Sun, Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. – Wedding

Michayla Baker, Bridgewater, Fri., Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. - Wedding

Ashley Good, Hanson, Sat., Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. – Wedding

Keri Ceurvel, N. Weymouth, Sun., Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. – Wedding

Shari Doran, Hanson, Fri, Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. – Family Party

Molly Roche, S.Weymouth, Sat., Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. – Wedding

Chelsea Proctor, Bridgewater, Sat., Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. – Wedding

**MOTION** by Howard, second by Mitchell to approve the one day liquor licenses as presented.

***Voted 5 – 0***

**VI OLD BUSINESS**

Town Meeting Preview – Town Clerk Beth Sloan was present along with Town Counsel Jay Talerman to review the warrant in preparation Town Meeting. Several department heads were present to move their articles.

**Article 2 – Supplemental Budget**

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

Finance committee was waiting for information on the Assessor’s contract. They will vote when they reconvene to their meeting.

**Article 9 – Disaster Recovery Server – Finance inquired as to the annual expenses for maintenance.**

Mrs. Marini indicated she would provide the information.

**Article 13 – CPC – Engineering at PCH**

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

**Article 14 – Highway building assessment – Finance Committee has voted 3 – 1 to recommend.**

**Article 15 – Highway Building at Hawks Avenue - Finance Committee did not support the engineering as they had additional questions, noting the Town does not own the property. It is a significant amount of money which could potentially yield no return. They are concerned that the building could have deteriorated over the last year and one half. Lengthy discussion regarding spending town funds will not occur until the property is conveyed to the Town.**

Mr. Mitchell, Highway Building Committee Chairman, explained what the original \$28,000 engineering funds were used, noting it was an assessment of potential uses. The new funds will provide conceptual plans in which a RFP can be disseminated.

**Article 17** – Camp Kiwanee Septic – Discussion regarding the borrowing amount which has increased to \$250,000. However, the numbers will change once the bids have been received on Thursday.

**Article 19** - \$15,900 – low bid

**MOTION** by Howard, second Mitchell to recommend Article 19 at \$15,900. **Voted 5 – 0**

**Article 24** – Water Main – Passover.

**MOTION** by Howard, second by Hickey to Passover Article 25. **Vote 5 – 0**

**Article 39** – Sign By-laws – Adjustment to the motion. There would changes to the by-law during the hearing process. Town Counsel recommended providing a Handout at Town Meeting.

Mr. Mitchell left the meeting to attend the finance Committee meeting.

**8:18 p.m. Brief Recess**

**8:31 p.m. Return to Open Session.**

## **VI COMMITTEE REPORTS**

***Monponsett Pond Committee*** – Mr. Howard reported the bacteria levels are down. However West Monponsett Pond remains closed and East Monponsett Pond is open.

***Final Plymouth County Hospital Reuse Comm.*** – Mr. Howard reported the committee will be meeting Wednesday night. Mr. McCue report the contractors are finishing with the piles. The radio tower will be taken down this week. There will be a short presentation at Town Meeting.

***Maquan School Reuse Committee*** – Mrs. FitzGerald-Kemmett reported that a meeting will be scheduled next week. Bob Hayes would like to represent the School Committee on the committee. Facilities Manager Ernie Sandland will also participate in the meeting.

***Hanson School Repair Committee*** - Mr. Hickey is in the process of setting up a meeting. The committee needs new members because two of the members were on the school committee. Chairman McGahan suggested seeking volunteers from the Hanson Business Network.

***Highway Building Committee*** – Mr. Mitchell was out of the meeting.

***200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee*** – Mrs. FitzGerald-Kemmett reported the committee will be meeting on Thursday.

Mrs. FitzGerald suggested a recruitment for volunteer members to serve on the various boards and committees. Mr. McCue suggested an open house on a Saturday for individuals to come in and learn about the committees. Mr. McCue will promote on cable.

***Discussion regarding Recreation Director Position*** – Chairman McGahan reviewed an e-mail from the Recreation Commission Chairman Annmarie Bouzan requesting that the Recreation Director position be advertised as a vendor position. She provided copies of the draft minutes highlighting the vote of the Recreation Commission on Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup> with a vote of 5 – 0.

Mr. Hickey asked if the Board of Selectmen will be voting on the matter.

Mr. Young asked why a vendor as opposed to an employee. Recreation Commission member Diane Cohen explained that the Commission decided it needs a facilities manager to handle the maintenance of the camp. They also need one person to handle events and programming. The Director position would not be full time during the off season. The Commission weighed the pros and cons of a vendor at this point. As a new Commission they determined that a part-time vendor manager would be more efficient and cost effective.

**8:47 p.m. Mr. Mitchell returned to the meeting.**

A vendor would not need the benefits which would save money. They will keep their option open to bring in an employee.

Mr. Hickey asked whether the head caretaker was doing the duties of the facilities manager. Ms. Cohen noted that the facilities manager would establish a priorities list of project. Mr. Hickey noted that during the slow time/off season that the Director would establish and schedule programs.

According to Ms. Cohen the Commission is considering 19 to 25 hours per week.

Chairman McGahan noted that the Recreation Director position is currently a full-time position according to the Wage & Personnel by-law. Mr. Young reviewed the job description of the Recreation Director who will be a department head.

Lengthy discussion regarding the roles of the Facilities Manager and Recreation Director.

Mr. Hickey noted that the Recreation Commission could hire another caretaker to address the repairs. Ms. Cohen pointed out that the issue is oversight of all the caretakers.

Chairman McGahan discussed the presentation he made in 2016 regarding the options for Recreation and asked whether any of the commission members felt coerced by his presentation. Ms. Cohen indicated that they were not. Ms. Cohen noted that the commission was trying to save money by vending out the Recreation Director. Ms. Cohen does not feel that there is enough work for a full-time recreation director.

Chairman McGahan noted that the position of Town Accountant had been a full time position but is now filled by a contractor. Mrs. FitzGerald-Kemmett inquired how you can determine if you are getting the right person.

Mr. Hickey pointed out that at the time when Town Meeting voted for the Recreation Director as an employee not as a vendor. Mr. Young discussed the disadvantage and costs associated with hiring through a vendor.

Chairman McGahan noted that the last hire in the position did not work out. He is willing to use a vendor. Mrs. FitzGerald-Kemmett pointed out that the duties of the Recreation Director have been reduced by the creation of a facilities manager. So the Recreation Commission may find a Recreation Director who can handle the duties.

Mr. Young pointed out that the Commission voted to hire a part time vendor position. He questioned whether to Commission would still want a vendor as a full time position.

Mrs. FitzGerald-Kemmett inquired as to a time line for an RFQ. Mr. McCue the RFQ would be out for two to three weeks. He would work with Recreation commission members in reviewing the responses. He would set a contract.

If no one responds to the RFQ, he recommended that the Recreation Commission advertise the position for an employee.

**MOTION** by Howard second Mitchell to support the Recreation Commission's request for a vendor as the Recreation Director as a full time position via an RFQ with the option of hiring an employee if no responses are received . ***Voted 4 – 1 Hickey.***

**VII EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Chairman McGahan announced that the Board would 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, Assessor and Police Lieutenant 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 and Police Unions.

***So moved*** by Howard, second by Mitchell. ***Roll Call Howard aye, FitzGerald-Kemmett aye, McGahan aye and Hickey aye. Voted 4 – 0***

**9:36 p.m. Brief Recess**

**9:52 p.m. Returned to open Session**

## **VIII ADJOURNMENT**

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

**9:52 p.m. Meeting Adjourned.**

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Marini,  
*Executive Assistant*  
***Approved and voted 4 – 0***  
***October 24, 2017***