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Tuesday, April 14, 2022

Town of Hanson Select Board – Via Zoom

Select Board's Meeting Room, Town Hall

542 Liberty Street, Hanson, MA 02341

Members Present: James Hickey, Matthew Dyer, Laura FitzGerald-Kemmett,

Members Absent: Kenny Mitchell, Joe Weeks

Others Present: Kate Federoff, Town Council; Lisa Green, Town Administrator; Lucia Silveira, Executive Assistant

EMERGENCY MEETING TO DISCUSS ARTICLES

Chairman Dyer called the meeting to order at 1:05pm. MGL requires municipalities to take all votes in a timely manner prior to the Annual Town Meeting. Mr. Dyer further elaborated that as a result of changes and an article that was omitted at a previous Select Board meeting, the Select Board will need to re-vote the placement of the articles. This is a special edition meeting to ensure compliance.

Town Council, Kate Federoff, started off with the Special Town Meeting Articles. Ms. Federoff explained that the article (displayed on screen) is not substantively different than what was reviewed during the last meeting, with the exception of typographical changes/errors that were found. Article 1 remains the same. Article 2 remains the same with the exception of one change that she made (sum of grid). Ms. Federoff is working with the Town Accountant. Article 7 was originally from ATM warrant and was somehow omitted. The Water Commission would prefer this article be on the Special Town Meeting warrant. This relates to updating SCADA. This is \$40,000 from water surplus.

MOTION by Jim Hickey, seconded by Laura Kemmet, to rescind prior votes on the placement of articles on STM for May 2 and then place Articles 1-7 as presented in document shown by Town Council today. **3-0**

Roll Call: Mr. Hickey (Yes); Ms. Kemmet (Yes); Mr. Dyer (Yes) – 3-0

Ms. Federoff put the Annual Town Meeting warrant on screen for review. She mentioned that there were also some typographical errors and formatting issues that were caught with the ATM warrant. Articles 1-16 are all the same. Article 9

was removed. Article 16 is a requirement that you have to reserve estimates into Community Preservation and other areas (as shown on screen). Ms. Federoff made this change on document. Those costs were given to her by the Town Accountant. Articles 17 and 18 – same. Article 19 was voted to be removed. Everything was renumbered to reflect these changes. Article 20 – same. Article 22 was removed, as it was duplicative, by vote. Article 23 was removed by vote as well. Article 25 is the new Article 21 which is the audio recordings for committees. Ms. Federoff put it in a by-law in Article 2-2. Ms. Kemmet interjected by saying that these recordings need to be publicly available (Town Website and/or WHCA) as soon as administratively feasible. Ms. Federoff made those changes on document and also added “unless protected by an Executive Session”.

Ms. Federoff mentioned she didn't recite the sections of the bylaws for Article 22 (Previously 26). She said that she made an omnibus remove/replace that switches it to two-thirds, as it includes Zoning bylaws. Articles 27 and 28 are the same. Article 29 was removed by vote. In Article 25, Ms. Federoff removed all the language in the bylaws (complicated language). Ms. Federoff will walk everyone through it during the Annual Town Meeting on May 2. Handouts will be submitted at ATM as well. Hawks Ave was added to Article 27. Ms. Green stated that “*recommended by Board of Selectmen*” should be removed, as it was not recommended – only placed by BOS.

Ms. Kemmet stated that Article 24's explanation doesn't read well and needs to be changed. Explanation will indicate that further details will be provided during the Annual Town Meeting in May.

MOTION by Jim Hickey, seconded by Laura Kemmet, to rescind prior votes on the placement of articles on ATM for May 2 and then place Articles 1-30 as presented in document shown by Town Council today. **3-0**

Roll Call: Mr. Hickey (Yes); Ms. Kemmet (Yes); Mr. Dyer (Yes) – 3-0

Ms. Green and Ms. Federoff will continue to work on the informational **ADJOURNMENT MOTION** by Jim Hickey, seconded by Laura Kemmet, to adjourn meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Lucia Silveira, Executive Assistant