



Tuesday, September 5, 2023  
***Hanson Select Board***  
Select Board Meeting Room, Town Hall  
Open Session

***Members Present:*** Laura FitzGerald-Kemmett, Joseph Weeks, Edwin Heal, David George, Ann Rein

***Members Absent:***

***Others Present:*** Lisa Green, Town Administrator; Emily Sprague, Administrative Assistant

**I            CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett called the meeting to order.

**II            PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING MEETINGS**

Ms. Rein read the public announcements and upcoming meetings.

Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett stated that the Hanson Police therapy dog Lucy has passed last week. The entire Select Board sends its sympathies to the police department, especially to Officer Harrington as Lucy's handler.

She also shared that John Norton passed early today. Mr. Norton was an active member of various committees around town for many years; he will be greatly missed. The entire Select Board offers its condolences to Patty Norton and her family.

**III           HEARING**

**1. Layout Hearing: Alden Way, Gray Lane and Stringer Lane**

The Select Board noted that while this has been addressed during the prior town meeting in May 2023, it is a requirement to hold a layout hearing.

***MOTION*** by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Ms. Rein, to open the Layout Hearing for Alden Way, Gray Lane and Stringer Lane. ***Voted 5 – 0***

The Board also noted the article included in the 2023 October Special Town meeting is to address an administrative error from the 2023 May Annual Town meeting. The Chair opened the floor to public comments.

***MOTION*** by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Heal, to accept the layout of Alden Way, Gray Lane and Stringer Lane to become Public Ways, as shown on a plan entitled "Definitive Subdivision Plan of Alden Way" prepared by SITEC Inc. 13 Welby Road New Bedford, MA 02745 dated April 22, 1997, last revised on July 14, 1997, and recorded with the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds as Plan 803 of 1997 in Plan Book 40, Pages 652-659; as modified by a plan entitled

"Modification of Definitive Subdivision Plan of Stringer Lane" prepared by SITEC Inc. 13 Welby Road New Bedford, MA 02745 dated February 3, 1998, and recorded with the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds as Plan 701 of 1998 in Plan Book 41 Page 706; and as modified by a plan entitled "Modification of Definitive Subdivision Plan of Gray Lane" prepared by SITEC Inc. 13 Welby Road New Bedford, MA. 02745 dated November 20, 1998, and recorded with the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds as Plan 20 of 1999 in Plan Book 41 Page 956, copies of which are on file in the office of the Town Clerk. ***Voted 5 – 0***

***MOTION*** by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Ms. Rein, to close the Layout Hearing for Alden Way, Gray Lane and Stringer Lane. ***Voted 5 – 0***

#### **IV        NEW BUSINESS**

##### **1.   Regional Agreement Committee representative**

As mentioned during the previous meeting, the Whitman Hanson Regional School District Regional Agreement Committee will begin meeting again. As Mr. Hickey previously represented the Select Board, there is an open slot. Meetings occur monthly on Mondays at 5pm.

The Board inquired if there might be some flexibility with the meeting day. Ms. Green will reach out and report back during the next meeting.

##### **2.   Vote to approve 13th Annual Damien's Freaky 5K Road Race**

Mr. Clark has been coordinating Damien's Freaky 5K Road Race, now in its 13<sup>th</sup> year. He has reached out to both Hanson Police and Hanson Fire. Both Chief Miksch and Chief O'Brien consent to the event.

***MOTION*** by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Ms. Rein, to approve 13th Annual Damien's Freaky 5K Road Race, to be held on Sunday, October 29, 2023, starting at Damien's Pub at 10am. ***Voted 5 – 0***

##### **3.   Appoint Arlene Dias for Transfer Station Taskforce**

The Board of Health informed the Select Board it appointed Arlene Dias to the Transfer Station Taskforce as its representative.

***MOTION*** by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Ms. Rein, to appoint Arlene Dias as a representative of the Transfer Station Taskforce. ***Voted 5 – 0***

##### **4.   Accept resignation of Scott Davis from the Facebook Committee**

Mr. Davis tendered his resignation to the Facebook Committee. The Select Board recognized his hard work throughout the years, being the primary committee member.

**MOTION** by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Ms. Rein, to accept Scott Davis's resignation as a member of the Town of Hanson Facebook Committee, with regret. ***Voted 5 – 0***

**V**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**1. October Special Town meeting warrant review**

Ms. Green shared with the recent draft of the warrant, which was reviewed by Town Counsel over the weekend. There are still a few articles needing finalization and review. The Board questioned the timeline within the review of the Finance Committee. Ms. Green stated she forwarded this version to the chair of the Finance Committee for its meeting, also this evening. The Board would like to have the Finance Committee's recommendations before finalizing its' own recommendations. It also requested to include any comments and feedback it may have for the Board to consider in its decision making.

Ms. Green highlight the articles that have changed.

Article 1 – there is one more unpaid bill, for about \$300, to add to the chart

Article 2 – the Administrative Assistant position was moved back to Section 11C, listed as FF

Article 3 – no change

Article 4 – discussed under the Hearing

Article 5 – no change

Article 6 – no change

Article 7 – no change

Article 8 – no change

Article 9 – no change

Article 10 – no change

Article 11 – no change

Article 12 – no change

Article 13 – no change

Article 14 – awaiting formal update from Town Counsel and Chair of Community Preservation

Article 15 – language was updated by Town Counsel, per Select Board previous discussion

Article 16 – language was updated by Town Counsel, per Select Board previous discussion

Article 17 – no change

Article 18 – no change

Article 19 – no change

Article 20 – no change

Article 21 – no change

Article 22 – no change

Article 23 – Town Counsel updated language

Article 24 – awaiting updated language from the Library

Article 25 – no change

Article 26 – no change

Article 27 – no change

Article 28 – no change

Article 29 – no change

Article 30 – no change  
Article 31 – Citizens’ petition

Ms. Green discussed that insurance is requiring a detailed map of Camp Kiwanee structures. Mr. DeFrias forwarded to her attention a map of the property that had blocked areas indicating the structures. The insurer stated it would accept that. At this point she does not see the need to add as an article to the warrant.

**2. Strategic Planning update**

Ms. Green will reach out to Ms. Donner to host the next meeting, scheduled for October 17, 2023 at Camp Kiwanee.

**VI COMMITTEE UPDATES**

**1. Economic Development Committee**

Ms. Rein informed Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett the committee has a webpage on the Town website. She will check it out.

For Hanson Day, Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett updated that at this time no more applicants can be accepted, as it has reached its maximum of 60 participants. As a reminded, the event will be on Saturday, September 16, 2023, 11am-2pm, with a rain date of September 23, 2023, 11am-2pm.

**2. High Street Park Committee**

No updates.

**3. Highway Committee**

No updates.

**4. Maquan Property Reuse Committee**

No updates.

**5. Recreation Committee**

No updates.

**6. Transfer Station Taskforce**

With the addition of Ms. Dias, there will be a full committee meeting very soon.

**7. Other Committee updates**

No updates.

## **VII                    TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

Ms. Green updated her report from last week regarding grants –

- There are more than two grant writers – Police, Fire, Library and Council on Aging, Conservation and Board of Health apply for grants for their respective departments. The Town has benefited from the efforts of the talented Department Heads in applying and receiving grants.
  - The Hanson Library received \$44,590 Cultural Council grants.
  - The Hanson Fire Department received over \$61,000 for training, equipment and youth cardiac screening.
  - The Hanson Police Department received the following: a Safe Route to School Grant; Municipal Road Safety grant (\$20,000 per year); Bulletproof Vest Grant for \$11,000, and a Comfort Dog Grant
  - The Highway Department was instrumental in securing grant funding from MassDOT for repaving County Road, a portion of Franklin Street and Main Street, providing the Town upwards of 2.5 million in repair work. This project is meant to prolong the roadways an additional 10 years and should be completed soon. MassDOT engineered, supervised, constructed and funded the work.
  - The Council on Aging also applied and received grants to fund personal assistance for the increased need for services to our elderly residents.
  - All Town of Hanson Departments work hard to applying and securing grant funding for various projects, services, personnel and equipment and all are recognized for their strong efforts.
- She stated at this time the Maquan School is being fenced off as demolition will begin within the next couple of weeks. The playground will be closed during this time. Also, traffic may be rerouted during this time. There will be posted announcements if needed.
- The students are back to school; please drive carefully.
- Lastly, welcome to Emily Sprague. She is very happy to have her join the Select Board team.

## **VIII                    ADJOURNMENT**

***MOTION*** by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Ms. Rein, to adjourn to Executive Session.

***Voted 5 – 0***

***Roll call – George-Aye; Rein-Aye; FitzGerald-Kemmett-Aye; Weeks -Aye; Heal-Aye***

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Lynn McDowell*