

**Hull Board of Selectmen
Final Minutes
March 17, 2021**

The meeting of the Hull Board of Selectmen was held at 7:00 p.m. on March 17, 2021 via the GoToMeeting platform as an alternate means of access pursuant to an Order issued by the Governor of Massachusetts dated March 12, 2020 Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law.

Present: Jennifer Constable, Chairwoman; Greg Grey, Vice-Chair; Donna Pursel, Clerk; John Reilly, Member; Domenico Sestito, Member. Also present were Town Counsel James Lampke and Town Manager Philip Lemnios.

Before calling the Meeting to Order Constable led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Constable asked for a moment of silence in honor of John Koutrobis, the owner and operator of Joseph's Pizzeria, a long-time establishment in the Town who served as a mentor to many in the industry.

Minutes for Approval

Motion	Sestito	To approve the Minutes from the Board of Selectmen meetings on February 3, 2021 and February 10, 2021
Second Vote	Grey Unanimous	Sestito – Aye Grey – Aye Pursel – Aye Constable – Aye

*Reilly was not present for this vote.

Update from Joyce Sullivan, Director of Board of Health on Covid-19

Sullivan said that since last March Hull has had a total of 599 cases of Covid. They are currently seeing a decline but it has not been significant and she expects that there may be another rise in cases after Spring Break. She noted that in the vaccine clinics they have been able to vaccinate 423 people and they are scheduled to vaccinate another 180 people tomorrow but after tomorrow's clinic they do not expect to receive any more vaccine from the State. She said that scheduling has been difficult for some people and the Council on Aging has been helping to get residents scheduled. She said that the Town will have enough vaccine for a second dose for anyone who had their first dose through them.

Sullivan said they are hoping that once the Johnson & Johnson vaccine becomes more available they may receive some of this and that if they do receive more vaccine they will do more clinics. Constable echoed Sullivan's frustration with the supply of vaccine that has been given to local Boards of Health. She also asked if Sullivan had seen any trends with the virus and Sullivan said that with the warm weather and the increase in vaccinations, people are letting down their guard and emphasized that everyone needs to keep following the protocols.

Candidates for Community Preservation Committee

Constable noted that there is currently one vacancy on the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) and that the Board will be conducting interviews for this spot. Sue Bradley was the first candidate to speak. She said that she has always summered in Hull and for the past 10-12 years has lived here year-round. She feels that the Town has a huge senior population and would like to see more things available for them, for example making the railroad bed a safe place to walk, or having exercise stations or walking areas at the Town playgrounds.

Michael Nuesse said that he was Town Moderator for nine years. He knows there are a number of interesting projects going on in the Town and he would like to become involved in the Town again. Constable asked if he would be open to other committee positions if he is not appointed to the CPC and he said he would be.

Steven Greenberg said he has many years of experience in municipal and regional government as well as a degree in Planning from Cornell University. He is retired and would like to spend his time in civic engagement. Grey noted that Greenberg has expressed interest in multiple Boards in the Town and asked which would be the most important to him. Greenberg said that the two he would most like to serve on would be the Historical Commission and No Place for Hate and that CPC would be his third choice. He said that he would be happy to serve wherever the Board feels he would be most valuable.

Rachel Gilroy said she has been interested in this Committee since August of 2019. She grew up in Hull and moved back to the Town ten years ago and runs the Seaside Montessori School. She has two small children which she feels gives her a unique perspective and noted that prior to opening her school she had worked in finance and had lived internationally which she feels would give her an added dimension on the Committee. She has not yet served on a Town Board but is eager to start and this would be her first choice. Pursel asked what Gilroy thinks would bring younger families to Hull. Gilroy said more bike paths, perhaps on the railroad bed, and taking advantage of the beach and the Town's natural resources.

Motion	Sestito	To appoint Rachel Gilroy to fill the remainder of the open term on the Community Preservation Committee which will expire in 2023.
Second Vote	Grey Unanimous	Sestito – Aye Grey – Aye Pursel – Aye Reilly – Aye Constable – Aye

Constable said there was also one seat available on the Conservation Commission (CC) and that three candidates had expressed interest in this position. The first to speak was Samuel Campbell. Campbell said he grew up in Hull on Strait's Pond and has seen the best and worst of Strait's Pond and appreciates the importance of stewardship for our environment and natural resources and the difference that volunteers can make. He has a degree in Environmental Science from B.U. and has been working for a civil engineering firm since graduation. He has a great deal of experience in coordinating with a wide variety of federal and state agencies and feels his skill set could be useful to the Commission. Sestito asked Campbell about his understanding of the Wetlands Protection Act. Campbell said that almost every project he has worked on for his company involves some sort of wetlands permit and assessing the environmental impacts as well as the measures needed to mitigate the impacts. Constable asked about his flexibility and availability to serve on the Committee and if there were any other committees that he would consider serving on. He said he is available in evenings and would consider other committees.

Peter Pyclik said he currently serves on the Sewer Commission. He said he is very impressed with the experience of the previous candidate and would vote for him to be on the Commission. He said that his first choice for a committee to join in the Town would be Economic Development and Conservation would be his second.

Katherine Mason said she grew up in western Massachusetts and attended URI where she majored in Coastal Engineering. After graduation she took a job with a dredging company and after ten years moved to the Boston area where she has worked for an environmental and civil engineering company that focuses on wetland restoration and waterway cleanup. She moved to Hull in 2016 and has two small children. She has had a strong interest in serving on this Board for quite some time and feels strongly about the Town and this committee. She said that her schedule is very flexible and although the CC most closely matches her interests and skill set she would be open to serving on other committees or boards.

Motion	Sestito	To appoint Samuel Campbell to a term on the Conservation Commission which will expire in 2023.
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Second Vote	Reilly Unanimous	Sestito – Aye Reilly – Aye Grey – Aye Pursel – Aye Constable – Aye
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Continuation of Town Meeting Warrant Review

Constable said the Board needs to select a gender-neutral name for the Board of Selectmen. Lampke said he had researched what other communities have done in terms of selecting a different name but it is up to the Board. He said that whatever they choose will ultimately need to be approved by Town Meeting so that the Charter and Bylaws can be changed.

Constable said that the Mass. Municipal Association (MMA) voted in 2020 to change the name of the Selectmens group from Selectmens Association to Select Board Association. Ninety communities (26%) have since chosen Select Board, including Hingham, Cohasset and Scituate. She feels there is importance in consistency in communities throughout the Commonwealth and since so many communities have chosen Select Board this would be her preference. Sestito said he would lean more toward Town Council as this is more descriptive of municipal government and might be more unique. Grey said he feels Select Board would be simpler. Reilly suggested that the Board be called the Executive Commission or Executive Board and that the members be called Commissioners.

Motion Second	Grey Pursel	To change the name of the Board of Selectmen to Select Board
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Reilly said he would like to make a substitute Motion.

Motion Second Vote	Reilly Sestito 2-3-0	To change the name of the Board of Selectmen to Town Executive Commission. Reilly – Aye Sestito – Aye Grey – No Pursel – No Constable – No
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Since this vote did not pass a vote was taken on the original Motion made by Grey.

Vote	3-2-0	Grey – Aye Pursel – Aye Reilly – No Sestito – No Constable – Aye
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Lampke said the Board will need to decide what they want to be called as individual members. Pursel said she liked “Select Board Member” and Constable agreed. Lemnios asked Lampke if the Board would need to designate a name for Board members at Town Meeting for the warrant article and Lampke said yes and that any state law should be construed that whenever “Selectman” is used it should mean whatever the Town decides at Town Meeting. Lemnios said it seems that the two options commonly available are Selectperson and Select Board member. Lampke did not feel it would be advisable to allow each member to choose what they want to be called (e.g. Selectwoman or Selectman) as this might cause confusion and potential legal issues.

Motion Second	Grey Pursel	That members of the Select Board shall be called Select Board Member
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Vote	3-2-0	Grey – Aye Pursel – Aye Reilly – No Sestito – No Constable – Aye
Motion	Grey	That the Head of the Select Board be called Chair.
Second	Pursel	
Vote	Unanimous	Grey – Aye Pursel – Aye Reilly – Aye Sestito – Aye Constable – Aye

Lampke said that he would insert a provision to change the words he, him, his, she, her, hers etc. to the word their.

Motion	Grey	To change above language
Second	Pursel	
Vote	Unanimous	Grey – Aye Pursel – Aye Reilly – Aye Sestito – Aye Constable – Aye

Discussion and vote of Board to delay Annual Town Meeting normally on Monday, May 3, 2021 to Saturday, May 8, 2021, at Hull High School, 1:00 p.m. due to the COVID-19 pandemic. (Rain dates of Saturday May 15, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. and Sunday, May 16, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.)

Constable noted that this is a vote of the Board of Selectmen but said that Town Moderator, George Boylen, was on the call. Boylen said that given all that goes on in May finding dates was difficult but that it is ultimately up to the Board to set the date. Constable said she had spoken with Rabbi Grossman who had expressed concern about Town Meeting and Town elections being held on a Saturday but she told him that this is not a permanent change and was based on a number of factors that they are unable to change and not in any way based on religious preference for a Saturday as opposed to a Sunday. Lemnios said they will be holding the same format as last year on the high school field and they wanted to make sure there was enough room in the schedule to have rain dates available as given the Town Election and graduation the availability of the site begins to shrink and does not open up again until mid-June. He noted that Town Meeting needs to occur before the end of the Fiscal Year. Constable also stated that because the Meeting is being held outdoors evening dates are not possible.

Motion	Grey	To delay Annual Town Meeting, normally on Monday, May 3, 2021 to Saturday, May 8, 2021, at Hull High School, 1:00 p.m. due to the Covid-19 pandemic with a rain date of Saturday, May 15, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. and Sunday, May 16, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.
Second	Pursel	
Vote	Unanimous	Grey – Aye Pursel – Aye Sestito – Aye Reilly – Aye Constable – Aye

Discussion and vote of Board to seek special legislation permitting changing the date of the annual Town Election from Monday, May 17, 2021 to Saturday, May 22, 2021 due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Town Clerk, Lori West, was on the call and echoed what Boylen and Lemnios had said that the changes in dates are hard decisions. She stated that the election being held on a Saturday was in large part based on the school schedule and noted that vote by mail and absentee voting are available. Constable asked if early voting would be available but West said she would have to look into this option as she would need to look at the safety of her staff if they were to open Town Hall to voting, although she is hoping to be able to offer at least one day of early voting.

Motion	Sestito	To seek special legislation permitting changing the date of the annual Town Election from Monday, May 17, 2021 to Saturday, May 22, 2021 due to the Covid-19 pandemic.
Second Vote	Pursel 4-0-1	Sestito – Aye Pursel – Aye Reilly – Aye Grey – Abstain Constable – Aye

*Grey recused himself from this vote as he is running for reelection.

Pursel asked about the time for the election and Lampke said that West would need to work out the logistics for this and would be presenting a warrant at Town Meeting. West said that she needed to have the date set by the Board at this meeting as it will affect the timeline around voter registration.

REQUESTS FOR APPROVAL

JA Holdings, Inc. dba Red Sky at Steamboat Wharf, 48 George Washington Boulevard, Andrew Boothroyd, Mgr. re: (A) Seasonal All Alcohol License; (B) Common Victualer License; (C) Entertainment License (Renewal)

Motion	Grey	To approve the renewal of the Seasonal All Alcohol License, Common Victualer License, and Entertainment License for JA Holdings, Inc. dba Red Sky at Steamboat Wharf, 48 George Washington Boulevard, Andrew Boothroyd, Manager.
Second Vote	Sestito Unanimous	Grey – Aye Sestito – Aye Pursel – Aye Reilly – Aye Constable – Aye

Fire Chief Chris Russo re: Request to declare 2005 Hull Fire Ladder 1 Surplus Equipment

Motion	Grey	To approve Fire Chief Christopher Russo's request to declare 2005 Hull Fire Ladder 1 Surplus Equipment
Second Vote	Sestito Unanimous	Grey – Aye Sestito – Aye Reilly – Aye Pursel – Aye Constable – Aye

Constable read into the record the vehicle information regarding this equipment, which is valued at \$7,000.00 - \$10,000.00

Bayside Marketing Systems, Inc. dba Nantasket Lobster Pound (Jake's Seafood), 50 George Washington Boulevard, James O'Brien, Mgr. re: (A) Seasonal All Alcohol License; (B) Common Victualer License (Renewal)

Motion	Grey	To approve the renewal of the Seasonal All Alcohol License and Common Victualer License for Bayside Marketing Systems, Inc. dba Nantasket Lobster Pound (Jake's Seafood), 50 George Washington Boulevard, James O'Brien, Manager
Second Vote	Reilly Unanimous	Grey – Aye Reilly – Aye Sestito – Aye Pursel – Aye Constable – Aye

Pursel raised the issue of outdoor seating. Lampke said that it would remain the same as was approved for last year. Lemnios said that the Governor has been approached with a request that he approve the expanded outdoor seating for restaurants in the Commonwealth to a date which would enable them to get through the upcoming summer season but at this point he has not yet done so.

Hull Yacht Club, Inc. dba Hull Yacht Club, 5 Fitzpatrick Way, Charles O'Connor, Mgr. re: (A) Seasonal All Alcohol License; (B) Common Victualer License; (C) Entertainment License (Renewal)

Motion	Grey	To approve the renewal of the Seasonal All Alcohol License, Common Victualer License and Entertainment License for Hull Yacht Club, Inc. dba Hull Yacht Club, 5 Fitzpatrick Way, Charles O'Connor, Manager
Second Vote	Reilly Unanimous	Grey – Aye Reilly – Aye Sestito – Aye Pursel – Aye Constable – Aye

Local 02045, LLC dba Local 02045, 2 A Street, Lisa Powers, Mgr. re: (A) Seasonal All Alcohol License; (B) Common Victualer License; (C) Entertainment License (Renewal)

Motion	Grey	To approve the renewal of the Seasonal All Alcohol License, Common Victualer License and Entertainment License for Local 02045, LLC dba Local 02045, 2 A Street, Lisa Powers, Manager
Second Vote	Reilly Unanimous	Grey – Aye Reilly – Aye Sestito – Aye Pursel – Aye Constable – Aye

Nantasket Beach Salt Water Club, Inc. dba Nantasket Beach Salt Water Club, 3 Fitzpatrick way (Renewal and Change of Managers) re: (A) Gary Twombly, Temporary Manager, Seasonal All Alcohol License; and Nicole Londergan, as proposed new manager for (B) Common Victualer License and (C) Entertainment License; (D) Nicole Londergan , proposed change of manager for Seasonal All Alcohol License

Motion	Grey	To approve the Renewal of the Seasonal All Alcohol License for Nantasket Beach Salt Water Club, Inc. dba Nantasket Beach Salt Water Club and to approve Gary Twombly as the Temporary Manager
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Second Vote	Sestito Unanimous	Grey – Aye Sestito – Aye Reilly – Aye Pursel – Aye Constable – Aye
Motion	Reilly	To approve the renewal of the Common Victualer License and Entertainment License for Nantasket Beach Salt Water Club, Inc. dba Nantasket Beach Salt Water Club
Second Vote	Sestito Unanimous	Reilly – Aye Sestito – Aye Grey – Aye Pursel – Aye Constable – Aye
Motion	Reilly	To approve Nicole Londergan as the proposed change of Manager for the Seasonal All Alcohol License, Common Victualer License and Entertainment License for Nantasket Beach Salt Water Club, Inc. dba Nantasket Beach Salt Water Club
Second Vote	Sestito Unanimous	Reilly – Aye Sestito – Aye Grey – Aye Pursel – Aye Constable – Aye

Update on Atlantic Avenue Rehabilitation Project and Vote to Refer Plans to the Planning Board

Lemnios said that the Atlantic Avenue project is in the permitting and appraisal and easement stages and one of the elements that is required by Mass. DOT is that the local Board of Selectmen refer the project to the Planning Board so it will come back to the Board and they will hold a meeting with residents so that people can ask questions about any changes in the layout. There are some small changes along that roadway in order to make it conform to new DOT, Federal and State and Dept. of Transportation regulations and also improve the safety of the roadway. This is a procedural matter and is a required referral to the Planning Board.

Motion	Grey	To refer the proposed layout and road plan for the Atlantic Avenue Rehabilitation project to the Planning Board
Second Vote	Sestito Unanimous	Grey – Aye Sestito – Aye Reilly – Aye Pursel – Aye Constable – Aye

Lemnios noted that this project still has some hurdles to overcome. He said that the environmental permitting is complicated because of the roadway's proximity to the Strait's Pond area on one side and the ocean on the other side but the engineers are working with state regulatory agencies to manage this. Once the environmental issues are resolved they will need to go to Town Meeting to request funds for the related costs but he is confident that if they get through the environmental hurdles they will get through the Town Meeting hurdle. The environmental issue will determine whether they can proceed on the timelines they have been talking about. He noted that a good portion of

the Town has been designated a barrier beach and a coastal dune even though it has been built upon and has not functioned as a coastal dune for a long time and that the standards resulting from this designation are much higher. Constable noted that the NPO Board is meeting again tomorrow morning and this project is on their agenda and there will be a continuation of the discussion on cost overruns.

UPDATES

Grey said that he had attended the first meeting of the Council on Aging with the new Board members that they had appointed. He said this is a high-energy, phenomenal group of people and feels they will have a great impact on the community.

Pursel said she attended the second Citizen Advisory Board meeting with the Weir River Water System last week. She said there will be an advertisement going in The Hull Times the weeks of March 22nd and March 29th and each resident in Town will be mailed a letter explaining the crossover between Aquarion and Suez, who will now be handling the customer support and billing as of April 1, 2021. She said that residents need to read the letter and advertisements carefully because once Suez takes over and goes back online on April 12, 2021 residents will have to go online and update their account number to do automatic bill pay and will also need to update all of their contact information in order to receive notification of any problems with the system such as a water main break. There will be a customer service location open at 185 Lincoln Street in Hingham for in-person questions.

Constable said that as of April 14, 2021 the South Shore Coalition will be looking at first/last mile connections between key transit stops and destinations on the South Shore that includes the ferry stop. She said the Board had received correspondence from Plymouth County Registry of Deeds and in 2020 CPA surcharges that were collected for the Town were \$150,770 which is about \$100,000 over 2019. She thinks this is due in part to increased Registry of Deed fees. She said they also received correspondence from Steven and Mary Lalley who wanted to acknowledge the wonderful work of Officer Michael Sampson during a recent issue they had.

Lemnios said the A Street handicap ramp project and reconstruction of the dune there is moving along. Public Works has been out doing a bunch of spring cleaning. He said that Police and Fire have said they are beginning to see an uptick in activity as people move about more but by and large the departments are functioning well. They are anticipating that the Kenberma contractor will be back by the third week in April to finish that project. He said that Town Hall is still closed to the public but staff is in the building and they are talking internally about a potential timeline for reopening but this will be driven in part by the State of Emergency that the Governor has in place. He suspects there will be a reopening with some distancing required.

On a motion by Grey, seconded by Sestito, the Board voted unanimously by roll call vote to adjourn.

Recorded by Kathleen Fanning

Approved by:

Documents

The following documents were included in the members' packets or were presented during the meeting and are available in the Board of Selectmen's office upon request:

- Agenda and Added Agenda for Board of Selectmen Meeting on March 17, 2021
- Letters of Interest from Sue Bradley, Michael Nuesse, Evan Pestone, Steven Greenberg, and Rachel Gilroy regarding a term on the Community Preservation Committee
- Letters of Interest from Samuel Campbell, Peter Pyclik and Katherine Mason regarding a term on the Conservation Commission

- Request from Fire Chief Christopher Russo to declare 2005 Hull Fire Ladder 1 Surplus Equipment
- Renewal application materials for: JA Holdings, Inc. dba Red Sky at Steamboat Wharf; Bayside Marketing Systems, Inc. dba Nantasket Lobster Pound (Jake's Seafood); Hull Yacht Club, Inc. dba Hull Yacht Club; Local 02045, LLC dba Local 02045; Nantasket Beach Salt Water Club, Inc. dba Nantasket Beach Salt Water Club.

