

**Hull Board of Selectmen
Final Minutes
May 12, 2021**

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

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

Before starting the meeting Grey led everyone in a Pledge of Allegiance.

Appointment of Members for Town Committees

Grey said that the Selectmen needed to appoint Board members to serve on three Town Committees: the Housing Production Plan Committee, the Planning Committee related to School Consolidation, and the Zoning Bylaw Committee. Lemnios said that the Town had received a grant to produce a Housing Production Plan and the Committee would include members of the Planning Board as well as citizens at large along with a consultant to help with production of the plan. Their charge is to catalogue the different types of housing that currently exist in the Town and analyze housing and demographic data to project what types of housing the various boards should be focusing on as they try to create new housing opportunities or habilitate or change existing housing.

Reilly made a motion to appoint Pursel to this committee. Pursel said affordable housing is very important to her and serving on the committee would work for her. She asked if they would appoint an alternate to this Committee and Lemnios said that would be possible. Reilly made a motion to appoint Constable as an alternate.

Motion	Reilly	To appoint Donna Pursel as the Board of Selectmen's representative to the Housing Production Plan Committee and to appoint Jennifer Constable as an alternate member.
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Second Vote	Sestito Unanimous	Reilly – Aye Sestito – Aye Pursel – Aye Grey – Aye
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Motion	Grey	To appoint John Reilly as the Board of Selectmen's representative to the Planning Committee for School Consolidation
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Second Vote	Sestito 3-0-1	Grey – Aye Sestito – Aye Reilly – Abstain Pursel – Aye
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Grey said that with respect to the Zoning Bylaw Committee he is not sure if they should appoint someone from the Board of Selectmen or someone outside of the Board with a greater understanding of this area. Reilly said he is not opposed to appointing someone outside of the Board but felt they should at least appoint someone temporarily to represent the Board at Town Meeting.

Motion	Sestito	To appoint John Reilly as an interim representative of the Board of Selectmen to the Zoning Bylaw Committee
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Second	Pursel	
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Vote	3-0-1	Sestito – Aye Pursel – Aye Grey – Aye Reilly – Abstain
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CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC) regarding Lori West

Grey said they have received a letter dated April 29, 2021 from the IIMC stating that Lori West has received the designation of Master Municipal Clerk (MMC). Lemnios said that West has earned this impressive distinction during a period when her duties were greatly increased due to the restrictions imposed by the pandemic and that the Town should be very proud of having her as their Town Clerk. West thanked the Board for recognizing this certification and said that this was a goal for her not for herself but for the Town. She said that Hull is one of only 30 out of 350 towns that have a clerk with this certification. She said that she loves what she does and hopes to work in the Town of Hull for many years to come. Each of the Board members thanked West for her dedication to the job and her service to the Town.

Letter of Resignation from the Conservation Commission and the Beach Management Committee from Paul Epstein

Grey read a letter from Paul Epstein dated May 5, 2021 submitting his resignation from the Conservation Commission and the Beach Management Committee effective June 1, 2021. Lemnios said he would send a note of thanks to Epstein for his years of service to the Town. Reilly noted that Epstein did a great deal to educate residents of the Town about the importance of preserving the Town's beach area and dunes and that he would be missed.

REQUESTS FOR APPROVAL

Bruce Greenberg, 63 B Street re: request to hold a block party for 40-60 residents spread out among several houses (Covid-compliant) and block off the beach side of the street from 3:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. to traffic on Saturday, June 19, 2021

Grey said that Greenberg had requested whatever permits might be needed to close off the beach side of B Street to traffic from 3:30 – 8:00 p.m. on June 19, 2021. Lemnios said he had spoken with the Greenbergs several weeks ago and asked them to canvas the neighborhood which they had done and there are close to fifteen homes in agreement with the plan. Lemnios said they would need a police detail and he would have the department contact them directly to arrange this. Reilly said that usually there is a stipulation that the Highway Department and the Fire Department give approval for such requests. Mrs. Greenberg said they would be happy to contact both departments.

Motion	Reilly	To approve the request from Bruce Greenberg regarding a block party on June 19, 2021 from 3:30 – 8:00 p.m. with the stipulations that they secure a Police Detail and notify the Fire and Highway Departments of their plans
Second Vote	Sestito Unanimous	Reilly – Aye Sestito – Aye Pursel – Aye Grey – Aye

Patrick Guiney, President, Temple Beth Sholom of Hull re: 2021 Parking Lot Application for 50 cars

Patrick Guiney was on the call and said that as in past years the Temple would like to make their lot available for parking and raise some money in the process. Sestito said that he has been supportive of this in the past but can

can no longer do so as he has come to feel that the additional cars diminish the quality of life of residents in the neighborhood. Reilly said he feels that the parking has always been well managed and is a source of revenue for the Temple that helps defray the costs of programs such as the Anchor that the Temple supports. He feels this program is a great resource for the Town. Pursel agreed with Reilly and said she feels this additional parking will be helpful for local businesses. After discussion it was decided that the lot would operate Monday through Sunday from May 27, 2021 through September 5, 2021 with hours from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Motion	Reilly	To approve the parking license for 50 cars from May 27, 2021 through September 5, 2021, Monday through Sunday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Second	Pursel	
Vote	3-1-0	Reilly – Aye Pursel – Aye Sestito – Nay Grey – Aye

ABCC Seasonal Renewal Certification 2021

Lampke said that the Board is approving and representing that the information regarding seasonal renewals on the ABCC Seasonal Renewal Certification is correct and accurate.

Motion	Sestito	That the Board of Selectmen approves the information presented on the ABCC Seasonal Renewal Certification for 2021
Second	Reilly	
Vote	Unanimous	Sestito – Aye Reilly – Aye Pursel – Aye Grey – Aye

McDevitt Enterprises, Inc. dba Jo's Nautical, Stephanie Aprea, Mgr., 125 Main Street re: Covid-19 changes to hours of operation

Grey said he had received correspondence indicating that at this point Jo's Nautical would be temporarily amending their hours from Monday through Sunday to Thursday through Sunday due to Covid 19. Lampke said that under the current regulations they could open up as of May 29, 2021 because they are not a food-serving establishment. He said the Board could approve whatever the regulations allow but even though it wasn't requested they might want to approve Monday holidays at their option.

Motion	Reilly	To approve the request of Jo's Nautical for an alteration of their hours from Sunday to Monday to Thursday to Sunday and also allow Monday holidays if desired
Second	Sestito	
Vote	Unanimous	Reilly – Aye Sestito – Aye Pursel – Aye Grey – Aye

NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS

Lemnios said he would like to recognize the hard work of the IT Department led by Judy Saide, the Town Clerk's office, and Town Moderator, George Boylen, to make sure that Town Meeting ran smoothly. He also noted that he sent out a packet of information to the Straits Pond Watershed Association regarding the midges and the limitations of what the Town can do based on environmental concerns. He also said the Atlantic Avenue job is proceeding and is on target.

Reilly asked Lemnios if he could give an update on the paving schedule and Lemnios said he would do this at the June meeting. He said that there is some underground utility work that is going on in the Park Avenue project to replace and upgrade some of the mains. He said they are trying to work around the flexibility of the summer months in terms of underground and drainage projects and they will have an update in June.

Reilly reminded everyone of the ceremony to place flags at the Cemetery on Friday of Memorial Day weekend as well as the four street dedications that would be taking place. He also said that at an upcoming meeting he would like to have an Agenda item dedicated to a celebration of the country's 250th anniversary.

Sestito asked Lemnios if there were any changes with protocols for boats coming in to the Town. Lemnios said the Harbormaster was working on a grant for a pumpout station that would be submitted shortly but as far as he knows there have not been any changes in the protocols for operating a pumpout boat although he feels that adjustments will be coming. He said it will be a hectic boating season and one of the big issues is that there is no space left at all for additional moorings anywhere on the South Shore.

Pursel asked Lemnios about the new online payment system for moorings as she has heard that some people are having issues with it. Lemnios said that overall it has worked well but he will check with the Harbormaster. She reminded everyone of the cleanup at the Artwalk on May 15th, as well as the Stem to Stern Yard Sale on May 22nd. She also asked about the painting of crosswalks which Lemnios said is usually done at the end of June or right after July 1st. A discussion followed about crosswalk signs in the Kenberma area.

Sestito asked when the Kenberma Playground upgrades will be done. Grey said that if all goes well it might be 4-6 weeks and from the feedback he is receiving he feels that the courts will be well used. Grey said that when Mr. Mitchell died his family asked that in lieu of flowers donations should go to the Parks and Recreation Department. He said that to date they have received almost \$4,000 which will help their programs immensely. Reilly thanked Congressman Lynch and Representative Meschino for coming to Town Meeting and also thanked Senator Markey for coming to tour some spots in Hull.

On a motion by Sestito, seconded by Reilly, the Board voted unanimously by roll call 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 for the Board of Selectmen Meeting on May 12, 2021
- Jo's Nautical Bar Covid-19 Amendment Application
- Letter of Resignation from Paul Epstein
- Request from Bruce Greenberg to hold a block party
- Temple Beth Sholom parking lot application
- ABCC Seasonal Renewal Certification
- Letter from IIMC regarding Lori West designation of MMC

