

**Hull Board of Selectmen
Final Minutes
June 9, 2021**

The meeting of the Hull Board of Selectmen was held at 7:00 p.m. on June 9, 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: Jennifer Constable, Chair; Greg Grey, Vice-Chair; Donna Pursel, Clerk; Domenico Sestito, Member.
Members absent: John Reilly, 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.

Discussion on Town of Hull's State of Emergency

Lemnios said that Governor Baker has lifted the Massachusetts State of Emergency as of June 15th. This date was moved back from August 1st due to a decline in Covid numbers but caught most businesses and local governments by surprise. Lemnios said that the Board needs to decide whether it will keep Hull's State of Emergency in place in order to give everyone time to make the necessary accommodations. Many businesses asked that some of the Orders be allowed to remain (e.g. provisions about outdoor seating in restaurants) for at least sixty days and the Governor has filed a bill in the Senate that would provide for a variety of extensions. Lemnios recommends that Town not lift Hull's State of Emergency but not put any restrictions on businesses in terms of how people move about until the requirements and timelines for federal reimbursements associated with the pandemic are fully delineated. The other question is whether they will be able to resume in-person meetings. He said they can have meetings at Town Hall but may need to meet upstairs as the meeting room is in need of extensive cleaning and repair. They can continue the remote method until the end of July, which might be the best option.

Lampke said the State Ways and Means Committee appears to realize that they need to allow for adequate preparation and will be voting tomorrow on a bill that would allow Boards to continue to hold remote meetings. It is expected that both the Senate and House will pass this and the Governor should sign it. Lemnios noted that participation in remote meetings has been very good and said quite a few people have expressed interest in the possibility of some sort of a hybrid meeting that would allow members of the public to participate both in person and online. They have been looking at this possibility for several months and are trying to work through the technical issues but there are hurdles that need to be overcome as all of the meeting content needs to be captured and preserved for the public record as part of the Open Meeting law. He would envision that they will be in a position to physically have meetings at Town Hall some time toward August. Constable said they should have Peter Seitz come in to explain the situation but said it would be good for the Board to have a policy regarding hybrid meetings (i.e. where can they be held, who can participate, etc.). Lemnios said that if the bill regarding remote meetings passes, meetings through June and July will remain virtual and in-person meetings would start in August.

It was the consensus of the Board that they are in favor of keeping Hull's State of Emergency in place.

Celia Nolan, No Place for Hate Committee re: Reorganization of the Committee

Rhoda Kanet, Chair of the Committee, reviewed the Reorganization Plan for the No Place for Hate Committee which included their Mission Statement, Objectives, Expected Activities, and Committee Structure. She noted that the Committee had voted and they would like to remain as a Town Committee. Kanet said they are requesting an eleven person Committee of public members with seven ex-officio representatives from various Town Boards.

Constable thanked the Committee for all of the work they do and said that their numbers seem to be increasing. She noted, however, that the size of the committee is very large and suggested that they consider reducing the number

in order to avoid problems with scheduling meetings and achieving a quorum. Sestito agreed. Kanet said they have never had a problem with quorums and she feels they need this number in order to have all of their subcommittees function appropriately. Lemnios suggested that their Mission Statement and Objectives might be too broad and also raised the question of what authority they would have as an Ad Hoc Committee of the Board of Selectmen and whether potential conflicts might arise. Committee member Pam Wolfe said they hope to serve purely as an advisory committee but also to provide education and be a resource for information for the community. She said there is a great deal of work to be done which is why they need so many members. Pursel said that eleven sounds like a big group but she feels it could work. She said education in this area is needed and suggested that they include a student on the Committee.

Motion	Sestito	To approve the Hull No Place for Hate Committee to have ex-officio membership as following: one member from the Select Board or designee, Town Counsel or designee, First Responder or designee, Council on Aging or designee, School Committee or designee, Hull Pride or designee, youth representative or designee and eleven members of the public
Second Vote	Pursel Unanimous	Sestito – Aye Pursel – Aye Grey – Aye Constable – Aye

There was a discussion of the term that the members would serve and whether it should be required that they be residents of Hull. Kanet said there are some very active members who are not currently residents but have a strong connection to the town and they would like them to continue as part of the committee. After discussion it was decided that there would be an eleven member committee, at least nine of whom should be Hull residents, and that the terms should be staggered. Constable said they would need a motion to amend their previously voted motion.

Motion	Grey	To have eleven voting members, with up to two members from out of town, four to serve a one-year term, four to serve a two-year term, and three to serve a three-year term
Second Vote	Sestito Unanimous	Grey – Aye Sestito – Aye Pursel – Aye Constable – Aye

Board's Representative to the Plymouth County Advisory Board, term July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022

Constable noted that there are twenty-seven communities in Plymouth County and each has a representative on the Advisory Board, which makes recommendations to the Plymouth County Commissioners regarding budget-related issues. Lemnios said that John Reilly is the Board's current representative to the Board and he has indicated that he would be willing to continue in this role.

Motion	Sestito	To appoint John Reilly as the Board of Selectmen's representative to the Plymouth County Advisory Board for a term from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022
Second Vote	Grey Unanimous	Sestito – Aye Grey – Aye Pursel – Aye Constable – Aye

REQUESTS FOR APPROVAL

James K. Leahy, 63 Whitehead Avenue re: Letter of Request for Road Closure for a Block Party on Saturday, July 31, 2021 from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Sestito noted that Mr. Leahy has been holding this block party for many years and there has never been a complaint or an issue with the event.

Motion	Sestito	To approve James K. Leahy's request for a road closure for a block party at 63 Whitehead Avenue on Saturday, July 31, 2021 from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Second Vote	Pursel Unanimous	Sestito – Aye Pursel – Aye Grey – Aye Constable – Aye

Christin Mahoney Prestia re: Request for Road Closure along Beach Avenue from Coburn to Adams Street on June 19, 2021

Lemnios said he had spoken to the Police Chief and they agree that closing Beach Avenue on a summer weekend day is not something that can practically be done so he is recommending that the Board not approve this request due to the time and the location.

Motion	Grey	To deny the request from Christin Mahoney Prestia for the closure of Beach Avenue from Coburn to Adams Street on June 19, 2021
Second Vote	Sestito Unanimous	Grey – Aye Sestito – Aye Pursel – Aye Constable – Aye

John Donlon, 3 Beach Minimum re: Request to hold South Shore “3 Beach Minimum” Half Marathon event on September 25, 2021 from 5:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Lemnios said that Mr. Donlon has held this event successfully for a number of years and that the Police and Fire Departments have no problem with this.

Motion	Grey	To approve the request from John Donlon to hold a South Shore “3 Beach Minimum” Half Marathon event on September 25, 2021 from 5:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Second Vote	Pursel Unanimous	Grey – Aye Pursel – Aye Sestito – Aye Constable – Aye

Hull PTO Members re: Request to hold “The Color Run” on August 28, 2021 beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Lemnios said that this is a legacy item that the Hull PTO has held for years. The operating procedures are in place and the Police and Fire Departments are fine with it. He recommended approval of this event.

Motion	Grey	To approve the request from the Hull PTO to hold “The Color Run” on August 28, 2021 beginning at 9:00 a.m.
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Second	Sestito	
Vote	Unanimous	Grey – Aye Sestito – Aye Pursel – Aye Constable – Aye

Hull Knights of Columbus, 440 Nantasket Avenue, re: One Day Liquor License on June 12, 2021 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. for a Baptism

Motion	Sestito	To approve the request from the Hull Knights of Columbus for a One Day Liquor License on June 12, 2021 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Second	Grey	
Vote	Unanimous	Sestito – Aye Grey – Aye Pursel – Aye Constable – Aye

UPDATES/NEW BUSINESS

Grey said they are hoping to open the Pickleboard court at Kenberma in the second week of July. Lemnios said that the Nantasket Beach Car Show has been rescheduled for September 12, 2021. Pursel said that applications for the Utility Box painting are on the Town website and she will be giving updates as to what artists have been selected and when the painting will begin. She also reminded everyone that on Sunday, June 13, 2021 the Town will be celebrating the Annual Firefighters Memorial Sunday starting at 9:00 a.m. at the cemetery.

Constable congratulated the Hull High School graduates of 2021 and wished them luck. She then raised the issue of the reconstruction of the handicap ramp and dune system at A Street which significantly narrows that corner and said there have been some requests to make A Street from A to L one-way. Lemnios said the Police and Fire Departments have been looking at this area but that nothing could be done at this time as there is peak usage of the road during the summer. He is expecting the Police and Fire Departments to give him a recommendation soon and will bring it to the Board once he receives it. He said that this will be an Agenda item in the future and will probably require a Public Hearing. Constable asked if the Chief could recommend any temporary safety measures that could be taken until a more permanent solution is found.

Constable said she has also gotten a few calls from residents regarding pedestrian safety on the Warren Street/Coburn beach entrances. A discussion followed regarding signage in the area and the issue of out-of-town residents being dropped off and picked up at the beach by rideshare programs, which Sestito feels detracts from the quality of life of neighborhood residents. He suggested that perhaps DCR could provide transportation from the ferry to the beaches. The consensus was that they would like to promote tourism in Hull and they cannot prevent people from going to the beach so they should try to find solutions to this problem. Constable said this is a discussion they have had a number of times and it is a multi-faceted issue. Grey said that this should be a future item for their Agenda.

On a motion by Grey, seconded by Sestito, 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 Board of Selectmen Meeting on June 9, 2021
- Application for Approval of 3 Beach Minimum Half Marathon
- Letter from Hull PTO regarding "The Color Run"
- Hull No Place for Hate Reorganization Plan
- James Leahy Block Party Request
- Request from Knights of Columbus for One Day Liquor License
- Request from Christine Mahoney Prestia for a road closure on Beach Avenue
- Letter from Hull Fire Chief Christopher Russo to Town Manager Philip Lemnios regarding the Annual Firefighters Memorial Sunday on June 13, 2021

