

**Hull Select Board  
Final Minutes  
July 28, 2021**

The meeting of the Hull Select Board was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 28, 2021 at Hull Town Hall, 253 Atlantic Avenue, Hull, Massachusetts.

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

Before opening the meeting Constable led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. She also asked for a moment of silence for the passing of William Henderson, a decorated Army veteran, who served the Town of Hull on the Board of Registrars, served as President of the South District St. Vincent de Paul Society, Post Commander and Quartermaster of the VFW Hull Post as well as Vice-Chair and Chairman of the Disabled Veterans Post.

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**Minutes for Approval**

<b>Motion</b>	Grey	To approve the Minutes from the meetings of the Board of Selectmen on March 17, 2021, March 31, 2021, April 14, 2021, April 21, 2021, April 28, 2021 and May 12, 2021
<b>Second Vote</b>	Sestito Unanimous	

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**Review of Existing Board of Selectmen Goals and Objectives**

Constable said that the Board last set goals on December 19, 2019 and asked Lemnios to review which of these have been put in place. Lemnios said that the goals fell under several categories: economic development planning, transportation, roadway projects, parking, housing, general planning, capital planning, and operations.

Lemnios said that with respect to economic development they have completed and adopted the Unified Work Plan, although implementation has been limited by the pandemic. A draft of the Pemberton Economic Development Plan was completed but due to the pandemic the Board has been unable to incorporate residents' comments and concerns. This is a document that needs to be addressed. He also said that further work needs to be done to build a collaborative relationship with DCR.

In terms of transportation Lemnios said they have worked with the MBTA to make sure that bus and ferry service was preserved but this will be an ongoing challenge post-pandemic. The Town is doing work on major roadway projects in terms of bike lanes and shared use lanes, etc. The biggest project coming up is the Atlantic Avenue Project. After review of Town parking the Board adopted a Covid parking plan. Lemnios recommends that in the fall they invite the Police Chief in to talk about how this has worked and to suggest possible changes. He also said he would like to ask the Board for the authority to solve smaller parking issues in the Town.

Lemnios said they are now working on completing a Housing Production Plan and have also established a Senior Housing Working Group to help promote and protect affordable senior housing in Hull. In terms of Open Space and Recreation the Town is working on playground structures and courts but has not yet done anything on a Rail Trail grant. They would like to encourage neighborhood and civic groups to maintain and improve public spaces and consider adopting a park.

One of the goals of general planning was to assess the needs of the senior community. The Town is now working with the UMass Gerontology Center and should have a product by the November or December. The Board has established a Town-School working group regarding consolidation. The initial group has met and a larger group will meet in September. The School Committee has adopted the outline that was presented to them.

Lemnios said they do not presently have a full-scale capital plan but he will be working with a committee to develop one and will present it to the Board. He noted that quite a bit has been done in terms of resiliency planning and the Town has received a number of different grants. The Light Department is doing a number of things to promote green infrastructure. He feels that the Board should work with the Chamber of Commerce to help develop small business resiliency.

He said that they have been identifying strengths and weaknesses in Operations and there are some initiatives they need to take as they develop the next budget. They will need to add additional resources to the Community Development Department and the Conservation Department due to the departure of Sarah Clarren. They are also looking at some of their financial operations because positions in this area have become very hard to fill.

Lemnios said they are looking at two pieces of updated software for the Town Manager's office. He noted that they review the Town website regularly but would like this to be more robust. Nancy Allen has retired but has agreed to work on the website about 10 hours per week. He said that the Board should probably think about whether they need to hear from various Town Boards on a regular basis.

Constable said she feels there has been significant progress made on the goals outlined in 2019 especially in light of dealing with the pandemic. She feels that ideally goal-setting should be done on an annual basis but if this is not possible they should plan to have a yearly Board Retreat and suggested September 18, 2021 as a potential date for this.

Lemnios said that the Planning Board is planning a return to in-person meetings and would like to use the downstairs meeting room due to pandemic-related concerns about space. He suggested that the Board of Selectmen might change their meeting schedule from the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month to the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday in order to free up the room for the Planning Board. Constable said that if there are any Agenda items they should probably plan to meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of August, which would be August 4, 2021.

Reilly said he has received a number of comments regarding minor parking issues in the Town and feels it would be beneficial to give the Town Manager the authority to resolve such issues.

<b>Motion</b>	Reilly	To allow the Town Manager to have the authority to resolve minor parking issues in the Town and to report back to the Board on actions taken
<b>Second</b>	Sestito	
<b>Vote</b>	Unanimous	

Lemnios said that if he encounters a situation that he feels is beyond the granted authority he will report to the Board.

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## CORRESPONDENCE

### **Evan Shuman, Hull Redevelopment Authority re: Letter of Resignation**

Constable said that the Board had received a letter dated July 8, 2021 from Evan Shuman resigning from the Hull Redevelopment Authority. Lemnios said this resignation would trigger a reappointment process. He said he would send him a letter thanking him for his service.

### **Bartley Kelly, Chairman, Hull Redevelopment Authority re: Hull Redevelopment Authority Vacancy**

Constable said that they had received a letter from Bartley Kelly regarding the vacancy on the HRA and asking that the Board select a time to have a joint meeting with the HRA to consider candidates to temporarily fill the vacant seat until the next Town election at which point someone can be elected to serve out the remainder of Shuman's term, which expires in May of 2023.

<b>Motion</b>	Reilly	To schedule a joint meeting with the Hull Redevelopment Authority to consider candidates to fill the vacant seat on the HRA
<b>Second Vote</b>	Sestito Unanimous	

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### REQUESTS FOR APPROVAL

**Judith Barry, Green Hill Improvement Association re: Permission to hold Gala Day on Saturday August 14, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. on Gunrock Beach; Rain Date will be August 15, 2021**

<b>Motion</b>	Reilly	To grant permission to the Green Hill Improvement Association to hold Gala Day on Gunrock Beach on Saturday, August 14, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. with a rain date of August 15, 2021
<b>Second Vote</b>	Grey Unanimous	

**Reappointment of Joyce Sullivan, Health Director, and Christopher Gardner, Director of Public Works, to the South Shore Recycling Collaborative**

<b>Motion</b>	Reilly	To appoint Joyce Sullivan from the Board of Health and Christopher Gardner from the Department of Public Works to the South Shore Recycling Collaborative
<b>Second Vote</b>	Grey Unanimous	

**Joseph Reilly re: Request for Reappointment as a Town of Hull Constable**  
**Jacqueline Reilly re: Request for Reappointment as a Town of Hull Constable**

Lemnios said that normally he would appoint the Constables but as the individuals in question have a relation to a member of his appointing authority he cannot do so. Reilly said he cannot vote on this due to a relationship with the individuals.

<b>Motion</b>	Sestito	To reappoint Joseph Reilly as Town of Hull Constable and to reappoint Jacqueline Reilly as a Town of Hull Constable
<b>Second Vote</b>	Grey 4-0-1	Reilly – Recused/Abstained

**Hull Knights of Columbus, 440 Nantasket Avenue re: Request for One Day Liquor License on August 18, 2021 from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.**

<b>Motion</b>	Reilly	To approve the request from the Hull Knights of Columbus for a One Day Liquor License on August 18, 2021 from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
<b>Second Vote</b>	Sestito Unanimous	

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### UPDATES

Pursel said that the Economic Development Committee has approved three of the five paintings that were submitted for the Utility Box Painting program. She has met with the first artist and he is hoping to start within the next two weeks on the box at the intersection of Nantasket and Wharf Avenue. She said Channel 25 has offered to do a segment on this program. She also noted that Town Meeting had voted to change the name of the Board to Select

Board and asked why they are still being referred to as the Board of Selectmen. Reilly said that they have to request the State Legislature to approve a change to the Town Charter and the Attorney General has to sign off on it. Lampke said they are drawing up the petitions that will be submitted to the Legislature and it should not take more than a couple of months. Sestito asked Lemnios what the dredging schedule is. Lemnios said they are in preliminary stages and are testing the material.

Reilly said he would like to add the issue of deployment of security personnel to the Executive Session. Constable asked Lemnios if there was an update on the shared streets project. Lemnios said he thinks they are looking at a September timeframe but will get a more specific update. He knows that Chris DiIorio had gotten an acceptable quote on some of the masonry work that needs to be done.

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### EXECUTIVE SESSION

<b>Motion</b>	Constable	Move to go into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to litigation, and that the Chair declare that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the body; Move to go into Executive Session to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property, and that the Chair declare that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the body; Move to go into Executive Session to comply with, or act under the authority of the Attorney-Client privilege; Move to go into Executive Session to consult with legal counsel and obtain legal advice pursuant to the Attorney-Client privilege and not to reconvene in Open Session. The following subject matter will be discussed in Executive Session: Graves Light & Fog Station LLC v. Town of Hull, HRA property, and deployment of security personnel.
<b>Second Vote</b>	Reilly Unanimous	Constable – Aye Reilly – Aye Sestito – Aye Grey – Aye Pursel – Aye

The Open Meeting was adjourned.

Recorded by Kathleen Fanning

Approved by:

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### Documents

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

- Agenda for Board of Selectmen meeting on July 28, 2021
- Letter from Evan Shuman regarding his resignation from the Hull Redevelopment Authority
- Letter from Bartley Kelly regarding Evan Shuman's resignation
- Request from Judith Barry of the Green Hill Improvement Association for approval to hold Gala Day on August 14, 2021 on Gunrock Beach;
- Letters from Joseph Reilly and Jacqueline Reilly requesting reappointment as a Town of Hull Constable
- Request from Hull Knights of Columbus for One Day Liquor License on August 8, 2021

