

**Hull Board of Selectmen
Final Minutes
August 18, 2021**

The meeting of the Hull Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 18, 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 and Town Manager Philip Lemnios.

Before opening the meeting Constable led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance and asked for a moment of silence for the men and women currently assisting with the evacuation in Afghanistan.

Joyce Sullivan, Director of the Board of Health: Update on Covid in Hull

Sullivan said they are definitely seeing a major uptick in cases of Covid in Hull. There have been twenty-two new cases in the past two weeks, and of these cases fifteen were in vaccinated individuals. She said they are waiting for the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practice for their recommendations on the booster. The first people for boosters would be the immunocompromised. Regular patients will need to wait 8 months from the date of their second shot. She does not know if the Town will be receiving any doses of the booster.

Given the increasing number of cases, the Board of Health is recommending that everyone in the schools be masked as there are still so many unvaccinated people in the schools and a universal mandate is easier than trying to determine who is and is not vaccinated. The recommendation would be for indoors only and would not apply to outdoor sports. She is not sure how the School Committee will vote on this. Sullivan said she would recommend the same for Town Hall. She feels that any local establishments that want to require masks should feel free to do so. Lemnios said that if numbers continue to increase in the next few days the Town may impose a mask mandate in Town buildings.

Sullivan said that the Town will be receiving about 400 doses of the regular flu vaccine before the end of the summer so they will be holding a clinic for that shot. She also noted that the Town has received a regional Public Health Excellence Grant from Mass. Dept. of Public Health. The towns of Weymouth, Hingham, Cohasset and Hull will be awarded \$300,000 for three years with options to renew for three years potentially up to 12 years. The funding is for a shared social worker, a community resource or community resource specialist, an epidemiologist and a program coordinator.

Motion	Sestito	To support the actions and recommendations of the Board of Health in consultation with the Town Manager regarding the wearing of masks in Town schools and buildings
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Second Vote	Grey Unanimous*
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*Reilly was not present for this vote

Jennie Babcock, Co-Chair, Plymouth County Suicide Prevention Coalition re: National Suicide Prevention September 2021 Proclamation

Babcock, Co-Chair of the Plymouth County Suicide Prevention Coalition, said that the mission of the Coalition is to work in communities to provide education about suicide prevention and awareness of mental health. She said September 10th is Suicide Awareness Day but the month of September is National Suicide Prevention Month. They are asking towns to issue a Proclamation acknowledging the need for suicide prevention. Constable said she would like to make a Proclamation that September 2021 is National Suicide Prevention Month in the Town of Hull.

Motion	Constable	<p>Whereas, suicide is the 10th leading cause of all deaths in the U.S. and the 2nd leading cause of death among individuals between the ages of 15 and 24; and Whereas, in the U.S., one person commits suicide every 14 minutes; and Whereas, it is estimated that 5 million people in the U.S. are survivors of suicide loss; and</p> <p>Whereas, an increase in the overall suicide rate in our country was seen in 2019, representing a change in the recent pattern of stability or slight declines; and Whereas, suicide is a community problem and thus there must be a community response through various initiatives to reduce suicidal behaviors; and Whereas, the Plymouth Suicide Prevention Coalition, which is dedicated to reducing the frequency of suicide attempts and deaths through education, awareness and action, urge that we as a community:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognize suicide as a national, state, and Hull public health problem and declare suicide prevention to be a Plymouth County priority; • Acknowledge that no single suicide prevention program or effort will be appropriate for all populations or communities; • Encourage local initiatives based on the goals contained within the <i>National Strategy for Suicide Prevention</i> that will <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develop and implement strategies to reduce the stigma associated with being a consumer of mental health, substance abuse, and suicide prevention services. 2. Develop and implement community-based suicide prevention programs and suicide bereavement support services. 3. Implement training for the recognition of at-risk behavior and for the delivery of the effective treatment. 4. Increase access to, and community linkages with, mental health and substance abuse in the entertainment and news media. <p>Whereas, a great many suicides are preventable; THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, We, the Hull Board of Selectmen acknowledges September 10th, 2021, as World Suicide Prevention Day and recognizes September as “National Suicide Prevention Month” in the Town of Hull, Massachusetts.</p>
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Second Vote	Grey Unanimous*
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*Reilly was not present for this vote

Eileen White, Treasurer Collector re: Vote for Bond Authorization FY 22 Annual Town Meeting

- **\$3 Million Atlantic Avenue Land Construction Project**
- **\$415,000 Department Equipment**

White said that the Town’s AA bond status was recently reaffirmed. She said that last week they solicited bids on the Atlantic Avenue project and received four bids. The lowest bid was from Fidelity Capital Markets for a cost of \$1.5 million. The cost of the departmental equipment will be \$415,000 with a twenty-year bond. Lemnios noted that these were the bonds that were voted at Town Meeting.

Motion	Pursel	<p>I, the Clerk of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Hull, Massachusetts certify that at a meeting of the Board held on August 18, 2021, of which meeting all members of the Board were duly notified, and at which a quorum was present, the following votes were unanimously passed, all of which appeared upon official record of the Board in my custody: Voted the sale of the \$3,415,000.00 general obligation municipal purpose loan of 2021 bonds of the Town dated August 24, 2021 to Fidelity Capital Markets, a division of</p>
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National Financial Services, LLC at a price of \$3,882,934.74 and accrued interest if any is hereby approved and confirmed. The bond shall be payable on August 1st of the years and in the principal amounts and bear interest at the respective rates as follows:

Year 2022 - \$145,000 at a 5% interest rate; Year 2023 - \$145,000 at a 5% interest rate; Year 2024 - \$145,000 at a 5% interest rate; Year 2025 - \$140,000 at a 5% interest rate; Year 2026 - \$205,000 at a 5% interest rate; Years 2027, 2028, 2029, and 2030 - \$205,000 at a 5% interest rate; Year 2031 - \$205,000 at a 4% interest rate; Years 2032 and 2033 - \$165,000 at a 3% interest rate; Year 2034 - \$160,000 at a 3% interest rate; Year 2035 - \$160,000 at a 2% interest rate; Year 2036 - \$160,000 at a 2% interest rate; Year 2037 - \$160,000 at a 2% interest rate; Year 2038 - \$160,000 at a 2% interest rate; Year 2039 - \$160,000 at a 2% interest rate; Year 2040 - \$160,000 at a 2% interest rate; Year 2041 - \$160,000 at a 2.125% interest rate.

Further voted that in connection with the marketing and sale of the bonds the preparation and distribution of the notice of the sale by official statement dated August 3, 2021, the official statement dated August 10, 2021 each in such form as may be approved by the Town Treasurer be and hereby is ratified, confirmed, approved and adopted. **Further voted** that the bond shall be subject to redemption at the option of the Town upon which such terms and conditions are set forth in official statement. **Further voted** that the Town Treasurer and the Board of Selectmen be and hereby are authorized to execute and deliver a continuing disclosure undertaking compliance with SEC Rule 15, Chapter 2 through 12, in such a form as may be approved by the Bond Counsel to the Town, which undertaking shall be incorporated by references in the Bond for the benefit of the holder of the bonds from time to time. **Further voted**, that we authorize and direct the Town Treasurer to establish a post-assurance federal tax compliance procedures and continuing disclosure procedures in such form as the Town Treasurer and the Bond Counsel deem sufficient on such procedures are currently in place to review and update said procedures in order to monitor and maintain the tax-exempt status of the bonds to comply with the relevant securities laws. **Further voted**, that each member of the Board of Selectmen and the Town Clerk, the Town Treasurer be and hereby are authorized to make any and all such actions, execute and deliver such certificates, receipts, and other documents as shall be determined by them or by any of them to be necessary or convenient to carry into effect the visions of the foregoing votes. I further certify that the votes were taken at a meeting open to the public and that no vote was taken by secret ballot, that a Notice stating the place, date, and time and Agenda for the meeting was filed with the Town Clerk and a copy therefore posted in a manner visible to the public at all hours in or on the municipal building in which the office of the Town Clerk is located or, if applicable, in accordance with an alternate method of notice prescribed and approved by the Attorney General set forth in 940 Code of Massachusetts Regulations, 29.03 at least forty-eight hours, not including Saturdays or Sundays or legal holidays prior to the time of the meeting and that being so posted at the time of the meeting that no deliberations or decisions in connection with the sale of the bonds were taken in Executive Session in accordance with the General Law Chapter 38, pages eighteen through twenty-five, as amended.

**Second
Vote**

Grey
Unanimous*

*Reilly was not present for this vote

Lilian Parker, Manager, Sandbar, 297 Nantasket Avenue re: Request to Amend Entertainment License

Parker said she would like to expand her Entertainment license to cover additional types of music and has added a list of instruments. Her hours would remain the same. She said that her establishment has excellent sound-proofing and that she rarely has music past 10 p.m. and has not had any noise complaints. Lemnios noted that on the application it states that unless otherwise specified the Sunday hours are from 2:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. and thought this should be amended. He confirmed with Parker that she would like to be able to have music 7 days per week from 2 p.m. to 12 a.m. Parker said that on Sunday she would like the hours to be 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Motion	Sestito	To approve the amendment of the Entertainment License of the Sandbar, 297 Nantasket Avenue, to include percussion instruments for the hours of 2 p.m. to 12 a.m. on Sunday through Saturday, not to the hour of 1 a.m. on Sunday as noted on the application.
Second Vote	Grey Unanimous	

Adrian Muir, Manager, Shipwreck'd, 173 Main Street re: Request to Amend Emergency Covid 19 Alcohol Plan

Muir said that since the State of Emergency was lifted by the State and the requirement for 6' spacing has been dropped, they have added additional seating in the outdoor patio as well as a station where customers can have their drinks refilled without having to wait in line. On the recommendation of the Town Manager he has submitted a revised drawing which shows the new seating as well as the bar/refill station, which has seats for 11 customers. They are now asking for a capacity of 92 customers. Muir said that everything is outside, and they have no plans for anything inside at this point. He said he would like this plan approved to the end of the season and then they would like to formally pursue making this permanent by going through the Board as well as the ABCC. Constable asked if they had approached the schools about this request for a change, as they are in a location that requires this. Muir said they have not because they have not changed the size of the approved space and the fencing is the same, however they are willing to do so.

There was extensive discussion about the addition of the bar/refill station. Sestito and Reilly expressed concern that this creates the perception that they are now running a bar that serves food, rather than a restaurant that serves drinks. Muir stated that only about 17% of their sales come from alcohol and that they had met with the School Committee at the end of last year and everyone was happy about how things had gone. He also noted that they close at 7 p.m., which is not typical for a bar. Sestito said he is in support of the additional seating but since they are an establishment with an alcohol license located across the street from a school it is important that the School Committee have an opportunity to weigh in on the change. Reilly stated that having a bar area with eleven seats could be considered a violation of their license by the ABCC. Reilly suggested that if the bar area is something they want, they should put it on their application for next season and have a public hearing on it. Muir agreed and said they would like to come before the Board officially with what they would like for the long term and then go to the ABCC. Both Reilly and Sestito felt that they had violated their license by installing and operating a bar area before coming to the Board for approval.

Constable said that she understands that they acted before coming before the Board but they were approved to have outdoor seating and to have alcohol on the premises of the outdoor seating. Lemnios said that it appears they are winding down their season and suggested that they withdraw the request for a bar area with stools and should simply increase their seating capacity or use the current bar area as a service area. He said that otherwise they are getting into a difficult question for the Board in terms of how they react to this violation of the rules. Constable noted that this is a request to amend their Covid seating plan not their outdoor liquor license.

Motion	Reilly	To allow the applicant to withdraw the request for the alcohol serving bar and to amend the application as requested. To authorize ninety-two seats total for exterior seating with the stipulation that if the Governor of the
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Commonwealth should cut back on that number due to ongoing health concerns the applicant will comply.

**Second
Vote** Sestito
Unanimous

Judith Van Hamm, 1 Hullportside Street re: Request to hold Strawberry Hill Chalk Fest on Saturday August 28, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

Motion Reilly To approve the first Strawberry Hill Chalk Fest on Saturday, August 28, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. with a rain date of Sunday, August 29, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., pending final sign-off by the Town Manager and notification of the Highway and Fire Departments.

**Second
Vote** Sestito
Unanimous

Town Clerk, Lori West re: Request to Appoint 2022-2023 Election/Town Meeting Poll Workers and Board of Registrar

Lemnios said that Registrar William Henderson passed away on July 17, 2021 and Town Clerk, Lori West, would like to appoint Christopher Kearns as a registrar in his place. Lemnios said there is some urgency to this so that they can continue to prepare for upcoming elections.

Motion Sestito To appoint Christopher Kearns, 39 Brookline Avenue, to the Board of Registrars for the expired term

**Second
Vote** Reilly
Unanimous

Constable said West has also requested the appointment of Town Meeting/Election Poll Workers for the upcoming 2022-2023 Town Meeting and Election year.

Motion Sestito To appoint the following individuals to serve as Town Meeting/Election Poll Workers for the upcoming 2022-2023 Town Meeting and Election year: Kathleen Bell, Cyrille Donlan, Ann Marie Dunn, Timothy Dunn, Jean Fisher, Cheryl Grey, Amy Hyde, Marie Niland, Cindy Magnoli, Alan McCall, Theresa McDonald, Jennifer Olivieri, Diane Sandonato, Dorothy Resnick, Gail Whitcomb-Richman, Jeri Sullivan, Dena Tompkins

**Second
Vote** Reilly
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*Grey recused/abstained

CORRESPONDENCE

Kyle Haas, 106 Samoset Avenue re: Letter of Resignation from the Economic Development Committee

Motion Sestito To accept Kyle Haas' letter of resignation from the Economic Development Committee

**Second
Vote** Reilly
Unanimous

Lemnios said he would send Haas a letter of thanks for his service on this Committee.

Drohan, Tocchio and Morgan, P.C. re: Nantasket Dune Holdings, LLC, 179-197 Nantasket Avenue Request to Withdraw Application for Special Permit/Site Plan Review

Lemnios said at this point nothing is pending with regard to this application.

Brian Reichart, 91 Manomet Avenue re: Letter of Resignation from the Economic Development Committee and the Hull Affordable Housing Committee

Motion	Grey	To accept Brian Reichart's letter of resignation from the Economic Development Committee and the Hull Affordable Housing Committee
Second Vote	Reilly Unanimous	

Lemnios said he would send Richart a letter of thanks for his service on these Committees.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL

Tom Hardy, Director, Hull Porchfest Inc. re: Request to hold 2021 Porchfest on Sunday September 18, 2021 from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Motion	Sestito	To approve Tom Hardy's request to hold 2021 Porchfest on Sunday, September 18, 2021 from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Second Vote	Grey Unanimous	

UPDATES

Grey said that Park and Recreation is not completely done with the project at Kenberma but it is open and people are very happy to be able to use the pickleball courts. Lemnios noted that this has been a very positive thing for seniors in Hull and has attracted people from other towns. Grey also said he had spoken with Lisa Thornton who said the Senior Center is creating a new newsletter, "The Hull Heartbeat", that they are hoping to send to a large number of people. Lemnios commended both Thornton and the new Library Director, Diane Costagliola, for bringing a great deal of energy and enthusiasm to their departments. Pursel asked if there was transportation between the Senior Center and the Library and Lemnios said they are working on this.

Pursel said that they had just had their first Hull Housing Production Plan Advisory Committee meeting which went very well. They will be discussing goals and objectives for the Committee at their next meeting on October 5th. She said the Utility Box Painting Program is underway and the Light Department has done a great job of cleaning up all of the boxes so they are ready to be painted. The first artist has started painting across from the Carousel. The next box to be painted is in Kenberma and the artist hopes to start next week.

Sestito said the business community has asked him about the area across from the Arcade as a potential pickup and dropoff spot. He asked Lemnios to reach out to DCR on this as it is on DCR property. He also said there is some planning going on for a September 11th Remembrance. They are hoping that DCR will be able to provide the license for their facility. This would be planned for Saturday night, September 11, 2021.

Constable said the MBTA Advisory Board recently had an Executive Committee meeting and voted to appoint Mayor Koch from Quincy to the MBTA Board of Directors. Constable thinks this is positive step as Koch is obviously familiar with transportation on the South Shore. She said he has offered to come out to communities and she thinks they should take him up on this.

On a motion by Grey, seconded by Sestito the Board voted unanimously 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 August 18, 2021
- Correspondence from Drohan, Tocchio & Morgan, P.C. regarding request to withdraw application for a Special Permit/Site Plan Review for Nantasket Dune Holdings, LLC, 179-197 Nantasket Avenue
- Request from Tom Hardy to hold 2021 Porchfest on Sunday, September 18, 2021 from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Letter from Kyle Haas resigning from the Economic Development Council
- Letter from Brian Reichart resigning from the Economic Development Council and the Hull Affordable Housing Committee
- Application for Amendment to Entertain License for Sandbar, 297 Nantasket Avenue
- Revised seating plan for Shipwreck'd, 173 Main Street
- National Suicide Prevention September 2021 Proclamation
- Correspondence from Town Clerk, Lori West, regarding vacancy on the Board of Registrars and the Appointment of 2022-2023 Town Meeting/Election Poll Workers

