

**Hull Board of Selectmen  
Final Minutes  
October 13, 2021**

The meeting of the Hull Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on October 13, 2021 at Hull Town Hall, 253 Atlantic Avenue, Hull, Massachusetts.

Present: Jennifer Constable, Chair; Greg Grey, Vice-Chair; Donna Pursel, Clerk; Domenico Sestito, Member.  
Absent: 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.

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**Candidates for Positions on the War Memorial Commission**

There were four candidates present for two vacancies on the War Memorial Commission. Lemnios explained that the Commission consists of five members, three of whom must be veterans, along with one representative from the Beautification Committee and one member from the Board of Selectmen or a designee of the Board. At this time the three remaining members of the Commission are all veterans, as are the two members who recently resigned. Before the selection process began, there was a discussion of the composition of the Commission, which was established at Town Meeting in 1982. It was noted that there is currently not a sitting Beautification Committee, and that there has not been a member of the Board of Selectmen on the Commission for a long time. Lampke suggested that the Board should consider sponsoring an Article at Town Meeting to amend the Bylaw to give more flexibility in terms of the makeup of the Commission. Lemnios proposed that for now they appoint one candidate to the Beautification Committee and then to the Commission, and appoint one candidate as the designee of the Board of Selectmen.

The first candidate, Paul Dunphy, said he is a Viet Nam veteran and Hull resident and has been actively engaged in veteran's affairs in Hull for a long time. He is currently working to have the names of veterans of the recent wars on terror included on the Town Memorial and to have twenty-four flags erected for Veteran's Day to honor the twenty-four Hull service members who died serving the country. The second candidate was Edward Burke, a Vietnam veteran of the Marines, who currently serves on the Veteran's Council and has worked to help veterans who might otherwise fall through the cracks in terms of services. He is working with Dunphy to have the Gulf War veterans included on the Town Memorial.

The remaining two candidates, Ernest Minelli and Andrew Wohar, both expressed their support for Dunphy and Burke and offered to withdraw their applications, but added that they would be happy to help in any way they can. Constable thanked them and said that she would be in touch with the three current sitting members, all of whose terms have expired, to see if any of them wish to step down. If that is the case there may be more openings to fill.

<b>Motion</b>	Sestito	To appoint Paul Dunphy to the Beautification Committee
<b>Second</b>	Grey	
<b>Vote</b>	Unanimous	

<b>Motion</b>	Sestito	To appoint Paul Dunphy to the War Memorial Commission for a one-year term
<b>Second</b>	Grey	
<b>Vote</b>	Unanimous	

<b>Motion</b>	Sestito	To appoint Edward Burke to the War Memorial Commission as the designee of the Board of Selectmen
<b>Second</b>	Grey	
<b>Vote</b>	Unanimous	

<b>Motion</b>	Sestito	To submit a Warrant Article for this year's Town Meeting regarding the composition of the War Memorial Commission
<b>Second Vote</b>	Grey Unanimous	

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**Cynthia Koebert, 836 Nantasket Avnue, #10, re: Letter of Interest to serve on the Affordable Housing Committee**

Koebert said she moved to Hull from Scituate about one year ago as a renter, but recently purchased an affordable condominium. She is concerned about families being unable to afford home ownership due to the extremely high housing prices. She has worked professionally in the area of affordable housing and currently works for a national organization that supports affordable housing around the country. While living in Scituate she served on the Scituate Affordable Housing Committee.

<b>Motion</b>	Sestito	To appoint Cynthia Koebert to the Affordable Housing Committee for a one-year term, as a Resident at Large.
<b>Second Vote</b>	Grey Unanimous	

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**Justin Gould and Andrew Spinelli, Red Sky, George Washington Boulevard, re: Request to amend Entertainment License – Short Term**

Spinelli said they are looking for a short-term amendment to their Entertainment License for Sunday, October 17, 2021, as they are planning a fundraiser for an employee recently diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. The event will include live bands and they are not currently licensed for live music. They would like the amendment to extend through October 24, 2021 in order to allow for a possible rain date.

<b>Motion</b>	Sestito	To approve the amendment to the Entertainment License for Red Sky from October 17, 2021 through October 24, 2021 if needed, as presented this evening
<b>Second Vote</b>	Grey Unanimous	

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**Mike McGurl, Director of the Hull Life Saving Museum re: Request to hold the Annual Head of the Weir Race on Saturday, November 6, 2021**

McGurl said they are planning their traditional format for the race but expect that turnout will be lighter than usual due to Covid. He noted that as a precaution the food event after the race has been pared down and everything will be outdoors. He said that there will be a staggered start of the race at 1 p.m. and that it typically takes most of the boats between fifty and ninety minutes to complete the course. If approved, he asked if the tide gate could be closed before the start of the race. Lemnios said he would coordinate this with Public Works.

<b>Motion</b>	Sestito	To approve the Annual Head of the Weir Race on Saturday, November 6, 2021
<b>Second Vote</b>	Grey Unanimous	

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**Police Chief John Dunn re: Summer 2021 Parking Discussion**

Chief Dunn provided a report on the town-wide parking and traffic restrictions that the Board issued in the spring which included limitations on the number of cars that HRA could accommodate, the issuance of stickers, and the

criteria for having traffic details in place. He feels that the plan has worked well and has been favorably received by Town residents who feel that their quality of life has improved. He noted that especially with the HRA restrictions they did not face the kind of gridlock traffic situations that they have experienced in past years and recommended that the Board continue with the present plan. Lemnios said that there were some businesses that were negatively impacted by the restrictions but the Board had given latitude to him and Chief Dunn to make accommodations wherever they could for businesses. The most difficult area historically has been around the A Street Marina but even that area seemed to work better this year than in past years.

Grey raised the issue of removing the signs that were put in place to inform people about the parking restrictions. Dunn said the paper signs can probably be taken down but recommended maintaining the electric signs being used for enforcement of speed limits. Constable said she feels they have an obligation to notify people about the fines and the restrictions and once it is determined that the restrictions are permanent more appropriate signage can be developed. Both Sestito and Pursel said they have heard very positive comments from residents about the parking restrictions, and feel that they should be kept in place. Pursel suggested that next year there should be more publicity about the fact that there are areas in the HRA lots that are available for residents with stickers. Lemnios said that sometime before the end of November they should communicate to the HRA the number of cars the Board would be willing to permit and under what rules so that they can incorporate that into information into their RFP.

Constable said that it seems that the restrictions that were put into effect in the area of the A Street Marina worked out well, and Dunn agreed. She raised the issue of adding additional public parking along Cadish Avenue. Lemnios said it would be possible because there is enough space, but he would recommend having a neighborhood meeting because there might be differing points of view among residents of the area. Constable said that this should be an item for future discussion and said she would also like to see discussion around metered parking and whether those fees should be increased. Dunn said the Department has been exploring the possibility of hiring retirees to handle the Town's parking enforcement and will forward the information they have to the Board. Lemnios said that he will place discussions around meter fees, A Street and Cadish, and HRA on the Agenda for the second meeting in November. He said he would like to hold off on a discussion of outsourcing parking enforcement until he has a better understanding as to what the ramifications are and what the liability might be.

There was a discussion as to whether the current parking program should be put in place for a set period of time or whether it should become permanent, and it was decided to put it in place for now and to revisit it periodically.

<b>Motion</b>	Sestito	To reaffirm the current parking rules and regulations until otherwise changed by the Board and that the Board will receive an annual post-season report on the regulations from the Police Department
<b>Second Vote</b>	Grey Unanimous	

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## **Halloween 2021**

Chief Dunn said that Trick or Treating will be held from 4 to 8 pm on October 31<sup>st</sup> and that a press release has gone out with the Department's safety tips for Halloween along with the CDC Covid guidelines.

<b>Motion</b>	Sestito	To approve Trick or Treat for 2021 on October 31, 2021 between the hours of 4 pm and 8 pm
<b>Second Vote</b>	Pursel Unanimous	

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## **Request for the Board to vote to approve Town Manager and Town Accountant to be authorized to file for ARPA Grant funds with Plymouth County**

Lemnios explained that Plymouth County is administering the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds on behalf

of cities and towns in Plymouth County. They have established a portal which is designed to make the filing of applications easier. The Board needs to designate Mike Buckley as the person who can access the portal and provide data, and Lemnios as the person who can file for the grant applications. Constable noted that these funds have already been allocated for Hull and Lemnios said there is a three-year window on the use of the money. The Town is having its independent auditor produce a report to help with decisions as to the best use of the funds.

<b>Motion</b>	Sestito	That Philip E. Lemnios, Town Manager, is authorized to approve, finalize, and submit on behalf of the Town any such ARPA Grant application and to make all representations and certifications required to be made on behalf of the Town to complete each such application, with such approval, representations, and certifications to be evidenced by the signature of Philip E. Lemnios, Town Manager on such application; and if any such ARPA grant is awarded, Philip E. Lemnios, Town Manager, shall be the recipient of such grant on behalf of the Town
<b>Second Vote</b>	Grey Unanimous	
<b>Motion</b>	Sestito	That J. Michael Buckley, Town Accountant, is authorized to prepare and enter information into the Plymouth County American Rescue Plan portal in support of one or more applications to Plymouth County for grants (“ARPA Grants”) to be funded from a grant received by Plymouth County under the ARPA
<b>Second Vote</b>	Grey Unanimous	

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#### UPDATES

Pursel reported that the Weir River Advisory Committee met on September 20, 2021 and that the feeling is that things are going well. They are currently about 65% done with a Master Plan which includes a study on rates and the completed study will be published and made available to the public. She noted that major progress has been made on repairing the fire hydrants between Hingham and Hull.

Sestito asked about the status of an Animal Control Officer and any road paving plans. Lemnios said that they have an internal candidate who is interested in working as a part-time Animal Control officer and also helping with parking issues. He said that the work that is being done on Atlantic Avenue right now is actually being done by the Weir River Water System replacing water mains in anticipation of the reconstruction project. He said they had planned to do some road work but PA Landers called today to say that work will be delayed until next spring because they have been unable to procure the castings.

Constable said that she, Lemnios, and Chris DiIorio recently met with two Under Secretaries from DCR and had given them a full history of the relationship between the Town and DCR. She said they reviewed the Unified Work Plan as well as the completed planning documents, discussed DCR’s Master Plan, and did a site visit. She hopes this gave them a better sense of the challenges that Hull is facing. Lemnios said he feels that the participants in the meeting were made aware of the opportunities that are available in the front beach area and the positive role that DCR could play in terms of job creation, recreation, and many of the goals that the Governor has laid out. Constable said there is a second meeting coming up and they hope there will be some tangible next steps resulting from this meeting. Lemnios also said they have also been notified that the Town has received a \$225,000 grant to continue the engineering development for the two-way street project.

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#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

<b>Motion</b>	Sestito	To move to go into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining and that the Chair declare that an Open Meeting may
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have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the body; To go into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to active litigation and that the Chair declare that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the body; 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; To go into Executive Session to comply with or act under the authority of the Privacy Laws, including G.L. c. 214, sec. 1B; To go into Executive Session to comply with or act under the authority of the Attorney-Client privilege; To go into Executive Session to consult with legal counsel and to 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: Collective bargaining regarding Police, Fire, Public Works, Clerical and Library Unions, DCR property, and personnel claims.

<b>Second Vote</b>	Grey Unanimous	Sestito – Aye Grey – Aye Pursel – Aye Constable – Aye
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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 Board of Selectmen's office upon request.

- Agenda and Added Agenda for Board of Selectmen Meeting on October 13, 2021
- Letters of Interest regarding service on the War Memorial Commission from Paul Dunphy, Edward Burke, Ernest Minelli and Andrew Wohar
- Letter of Interest from Cynthia Koeber regarding the Affordable Housing Committee
- Memo from Police Chief Dunn to the Board of Selectmen regarding guidelines for Halloween 2021
- Letter from Andrew Spinelli to the Board of Selectmen regarding an Amendment to the Entertainment License for Red Sky on October 17, 2021
- Material related to a vote by the Board of Selectmen to approve the Town Manager and Town Accountant to be authorized to file for ARPA Grand funds with Plymouth County