

**Hull Board of Selectmen
Final Minutes
March 2, 2022**

The meeting of the Hull Board of Selectmen was held at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 2, 2022, at Hull Town Hall, 253 Atlantic Avenue, Hull, Massachusetts.

Present: Jennifer Constable, Chair; Greg Grey, Vice-Chair; Donna Pursel, Clerk; John Reilly, Member; Domenico Sestito, 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 followed by a moment of silence for the people of Ukraine.

APPOINTMENTS

Plymouth County Treasurer Tom O'Brien to present CARES Reimbursements

Plymouth County Treasurer Tom O'Brien was present along with Commissioners Sandra Wright and Jared Valanzola. Wright presented the Board four checks totaling \$128,137.74, and noted they had also given the Town 3,780 Covid rapid tests. O'Brien said that Hull has received a total of 51 checks from the CARES program which amounted to \$1,578,294.26 before the current checks, and said that Hull has more submissions in process.

Lemnios said that at the beginning of the program the Town made the decision to have the funds administered by Plymouth County rather than the State and he feels they made the right decision. He noted that the Town was reimbursed for expenditures they would not have anticipated prior to Covid and said if they did not have these funds things would have been much worse for Hull than they were. O'Brien said there has been a great partnership between the County and the Town and they look forward to working with Hull on the ARPA funds.

Lisa Thornton, Council on Aging Director re: Council on Aging Presentation

Thornton said the mission of the Council on Aging (COA) is to identify needs and implement programs that enhance the quality of life and independence for the over-60 population of the Town through outreach, programming, transportation and nutrition. She said their outreach programs include helping seniors with fuel assistance, housing and social security applications, making home visits, and helping with health insurance issues. Thornton said the COA managed the Better Together program which delivered a hot meal prepared by local restaurants one night per week from May of 2020 through July of 2021 and noted that local volunteers and restaurants played a vital role in this program. She said the Senior Center also provides space for the meals program operated by South Shore Elder Services.

Thornton said that one of the greatest needs that elders have is for transportation. She noted that they have a senior van but also received an MAPC grant for Seaside Transport to provide taxi rides to grocery stores, pharmacies, medical appointments, etc. She said the Center also offers a wide range of programming including exercise classes, health-education workshops, social programs, support groups, and life-long learning. She said most of these programs were on hold for 2020 but in June of 2021 things began to open up and in the last three months participation has increased dramatically. She emphasized the importance of securing grants for their programs but said they have also received a lot of community donations. She noted that the COA will be conducting a Community Needs Assessment which will be publicized in the coming weeks.

Thornton said that during the last year the Center has been undergoing a facelift and that volunteers have been working to create a welcoming space for seniors to relax and enjoy. She said the newsletter has been updated and redesigned and they are adding about 5 people per week to their mailing list. They also launched the Hull Senior Facebook page last year to inform people about the various activities they offer.

Thornton said the Center does face challenges, particularly for the resources needed to provide rides to medical appointments, some of which are far from Hull. She said they also face staffing challenges and issues with limited

space. She emphasized that they would like to change community perceptions about the Senior Center and encourage residents to participate in their programs and perhaps volunteer their time and talents. She noted that improvements are needed in the area of technology.

Lemnios thanked Thornton and said that both she and the Library Director, Diane Costagliola are fairly new to their positions but have done an outstanding job and worked incredibly hard. Each member of the Board echoed what Lemnios had said and thanked both Thornton and Costagliola for their tremendous efforts for the Town.

Diane Costagliola, Library Director re: Library Presentation

Costagliola said part of the Library's mission is to foster a love of literature and lifelong learning, and to create community. She said that many libraries today focus on technology but she loves the fact that the Hull Library is embracing more traditional ideas, although she emphasized that it is very important for the patrons to have all of the resources they need. They currently have about 2,600 registered card holders and last year circulated about 19,000 items. The Library has over 100,000 items available, which includes e-books and audio books that are available through the Old Colony Network.

Costagliola said when she came to the Library she wanted to start a Gallery Wall for the work of local artists and this project prompted her to undertake an overhaul of the entire Library. She said that with the help of numerous volunteers they have completely redone the Children's section as well as the non-fiction area in the upstairs. She said she received a generous donation from Albert Grossman, a local resident, for work on the outside and she ultimately hired a landscaper to do the work that she was unable to do herself. She said she has been extremely impressed with the friendliness and generosity of the Hull community and noted that local photographer, Joe Berkley, has done an entire series of photos for the Gallery Wall. She said it has been a whirlwind year and she could not have done any of what she has done if not for her amazing staff and Town staff and residents.

Costagliola explained that in order to be eligible for federal grant money administered by the Mass. Board of Library Commissioners the Library must file a Strategic Plan with the State. She has spoken with the Library Trustees and after reaching out to the community for input they will be starting work on a three-year strategic plan with measurable goals and objectives. She said she would like to do some adult programming and is also hoping to work with Lisa Thornton to develop programs for seniors. She stressed that the Library does need to enhance its technology and will seek input on what patrons might need.

Constable asked if there has been a decent return of patrons to the Library since Covid has eased. Costagliola said it picked up last June but then they had to close again in January due to the surge in cases. She said they just opened up again on Monday and she is hoping that now that they are open and there will be things happening that numbers will improve. Reilly asked about the Museum Pass program and Costagliola said it is still in effect.

Each of the Board members thanked Costagliola for the amazing job that she is doing.

Approval of Minutes

Motion	Reilly	To approve the Minutes of the Board of Selectmen meeting on February, 2, 2022
Second Vote	Sestito	Unanimous

REQUESTS FOR APPROVAL

Kurt T. Kalberger re: Livery Badge for Seaside Transport (Renewal)

Motion	Reilly	To approve the renewal of a Livery Badge for Kurt T. Kalberger, Seaside Transport
Second	Sestito	

Vote Unanimous

Kalberger was at the meeting and emphasized the importance of the rides for the seniors and said it was a pleasure to drive them. Reilly noted that the grant for this is going to expire soon and said they should try to continue this program as transportation to medical appointments is one of the biggest needs that seniors have.

JA Holdings, Inc. dba Red Sky at Steamboat Wharf, 48 George Washington Boulevard, 50 George Washington Boulevard, Andrew Boothroyd, Mgr. re: (A) Seasonal All Alcohol License; (B) Common Victualer License; (C) Entertainment License (Renewal)

Constable reminded everyone that during Covid businesses were allowed to change their premises but not their seating capacity and so with renewals they are going back to their original floor plans with the same capacity. Lemnios said that the emergency law that permitted the change in location of seating expires at the end of the month. Lampke noted that it is expected the State will be addressing this issue before the end of the month as it is creating a lot of problems.

Motion Reilly To approve the renewal for JA Holdings, Inc. dba Red Sky at Steamboat Wharf, 48 George Washington Boulevard, Andrew Boothroyd, Manager, for a Seasonal All Alcohol License, Common Victualer License, and Entertainment License Renewal based on the 2019 capacity and seating layout with the proviso that if the State extends the flexibility on modifying the description of the licensed premises, the licensees may petition through the local licensing authority to modify the description of the licensed premises in accordance with the law subject to the local licensing authority's approval and further that the licensees shall submit within two weeks an updated floor plan for the approval of the local licensing authority and also subject to passing all inspectional services

**Second
Vote** Sestito
Unanimous

Bayside Marketing Systems, Inc. dba Nantasket Lobster Pound (Jake's Seafood), 50 George Washington Boulevard, James O'Brien, Mgr. re: (A) Seasonal All Alcohol License; (B) Common Victualer License (Renewal)

Motion Reilly To approve the renewal for Bayside Marketing Systems, Inc. dba Nantasket Lobster Pound (Jake's Seafood), 50 George Washington Boulevard, James O'Brien, Manager, for a Seasonal All Alcohol License, Common Victualer License, and Entertainment License renewal based on the 2019 capacity and seating layout with the proviso that if the State extends the flexibility on modifying the description of the licensed premises, the licensees may petition through the local licensing authority to modify the description of the licensed premises in accordance with the law subject to the local licensing authority's approval and further that the licensees shall submit within two weeks an updated floor plan for the approval of the local licensing authority and also subject to passing all inspectional services

**Second
Vote** Sestito
Unanimous

Hull Yacht Club, Inc. dba Hull Yacht Club, 5 Fitzpatrick Way, Charles O'Connor, Manager re: (A) Seasonal All Alcohol License; (B) Common Victualer License; (C) Entertainment License

Motion Reilly To approve the renewal for Hull Yacht Club, Inc. dba Hull Yacht Club, 5 Fitzpatrick Way, Charles O'Connor, Manager, for a Seasonal All Alcohol License, Common Victualer License, and Entertainment License renewal based on the 2019 capacity and seating layout with the proviso that if the State extends the flexibility on modifying the description of the licensed premises, the licensees may petition through the local licensing authority to modify the

description of the licensed premises in accordance with the law subject to the local licensing authority's approval and further that the licensees shall submit within two weeks an updated floor plan for the approval of the local licensing authority and also subject to passing all inspectional services

Second Sestito
Vote Unanimous

Constable said that the application for renewal of licenses for Local 02045 would be voted on at the next meeting.

UPDATES

Reilly and Lampke noted the passing of several well-respected Town residents in the last few weeks: Gerald Nirenberg, Mary Lou Curtis, Jeffrey Millen, and Paul McCann. A moment of silence was held in their honor.

Pursel said the Housing Production Advisory Group will be holding a second and final public forum (virtual) on April 5, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. They will post the information on the website and will post the results of their past meetings there as well. She said that MAPC will be submitting a draft report to the Planning Board in May. She feels the Committee has done a great job and looks forward to seeing the final steps of the process.

Constable said that Friday the MBTA's Advisory Board Ferry Committee is meeting and the CEO of Hornblower will be there to provide an update. She asked that Board members let her know of any concerns they might have so she can pass them on to Hornblower. She said she also received a letter from the "Green Team" at Memorial Middle School asking if they would be able to plant a tree at the L Street Park in the spot where an oak once stood as they feel this would make the park more beautiful and would be good for the environment. Lemnios said he would speak to the necessary departments about this.

Constable said there was an article in The Patriot Ledger about parking restrictions in Hull which was not totally clear and also raised questions about the condition of the DCR parking lot. Lemnios said the Town has received \$150,000 for improvements on the DCR Boardwalk and he will need to make sure that DCR will allow the Town to work on their property and that the money will be used for the Boardwalk and not for fixing parking spots. Constable noted that they recently sent a letter to the Governor's office asking them to work with DCR and the Town, particularly on the Business Improvement District, as they cannot move forward on this without the cooperation and participation of DCR. Lemnios said many people have been pushing aggressively on this.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion Reilly 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, any general or special law or federal grant-in-aid requirements to wit to comply with or act under the authority of the Privacy Laws, including G.L. c. 214, sec. 1B; 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 subjects will be discussed in Executive Session: Leases for Jake's, Mezzo Mare and Pemberton Bait and Tackle, and cemetery issues.

Second Sestito
Vote Unanimous Reilly – Aye
 Sestito – Aye
 Grey – Aye
 Pursel – Aye
 Constable – Aye

The Open Meeting was adjourned.

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 Select Board's office upon request:

- Agenda for Board of Selectmen Meeting on March 2, 2022
- Application materials for renewal of Livery Badge for Seaside Transport
- Application materials for renewal of All Alcohol License, Common Victualer License, and Entertainment License for JA Holdings, Inc. dba Red Sky at Steamboat Wharf
- Application materials for renewal of All Alcohol License and Common Victualer License for Bayside Marketing Systems, Inc. dba Nantasket Lobster Pound (Jake's Seafood)
- Application materials for renewal of Seasonal All Alcohol, Common Victualer, and Entertainment License for Hull Yacht Club, Inc. dba Hull Yacht Club
- Application materials for renewal of Seasonal All Alcohol License, Common Victualer License, and Entertainment License for Local 02045, LLC dba Local 02045