

Hull Board of Selectmen

Minutes

March 21, 2019

The meeting of the Hull Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 21, 2019, at Hull High School, 180 Main Street, Hull, Massachusetts.

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

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APPOINTMENTS

Request for referral to Planning Board of proposed zoning change

Town Planner Chris DiIorio was present at the meeting to ask the board to refer back to the Planning Board a proposed amendment to the town's bylaw regarding home occupation businesses. The changes would be to allow home businesses to park up to two vehicles related to the home business on their property. The prohibition against vehicles over 10,000 pounds would still be in effect. The second change allows protections to abutters from potential noises, fumes, lights, or other nuisances. Selectmen referred this article back to the Planning Board as follows.

Motion	Richardson	Motion to refer the article back to the Planning Board.
Second	Grey	
Vote	Unanimous	

Presentation on impacts from Logan Airport

Dave Carlon was present at the meeting to make a presentation on air traffic impact on the town. Carlon is the town's representative to the Port Authority Advisory Committee. He is the current chair of that committee. The town's Logan Airport Committee was also present at the meeting.

The presentation included information on the following topics. The complete presentation is available for viewing at hulltv.net.

- RNAV study of 2016
- Performance based Navigation
- Current Logan flight configuration
- Flight paths per Logan runways
- Recommendations and impacts on Hull
- MIT proposal and FAA counter-proposal
- Potential benefits and drawbacks for Hull of various potential solutions

- Next steps
- Update on Port Authority Advisory Committee

Carlton further requested that the board reconstitute the Logan Airport Committee.

Motion	Reilly	Motion to continue the charge of the committee through June of 2020 and to further move that all current members are reappointed through that term.
Second	Richardson	
Vote	Unanimous	

The board voted to supported Carlton's recommendation to reject an amendment proposing changes to the makeup of the Port Authority Advisory Committee.

Motion	Sestito	Motion to support Carlton's recommendation to reject the amendment that was put forth to Bill 2149.
Second	Richardson	
Vote	Unanimous	

Sestito expressed the board's gratitude for the work Carlton and the committee do.

The board took a brief recess at this time.

Joint discussion with Hingham Board of Selectmen regarding Aquarion Water update

The board held a joint discussion with Hingham Board of Selectmen and received an update on the potential acquisition of Aquarion Water by the town of Hingham.

Paul Healy, Chairman of the Hingham Board of Selectmen called to order the Hingham board, which in addition to himself includes Selectmen Mary Power and Karen Johnson. Also present were the following Hingham officials: Town Administrator, Tom Mayo; Town Counsel John Coughlin; Jon Asher, Chairman of the Water Study Acquisition Committee; DPW Superintendent Randy Sylvester, and Chief of Police, Glenn Olsson.

Selectpersons Power, Johnson, and Healy made presentations on behalf of Hingham. This presentation can be viewed at hulltv.net.

Presentation topics included:

- Potential benefits of Hingham acquisition of Aquarion to customers and towns
- Massachusetts General Law concerning acquisition of water company by local municipalities

- History of water company ownership
- History of Hingham's feasibility study regarding acquisition
- Timeline and results of acquisition study thus far
- Benefits to Hull and impact on Hull residents
- Goals of Governance Group review and diligence
- Current and proposed governance structure
- Evaluation of municipal and local ownership and operation of water systems
- Citizen Advisory Board
- Cooperative relationship and current collaborations between Hull and Hingham
- Water system finances and rate-setting process
- Transition and improvements
- Overview of current water system

The board raised the following issues:

- Hydrant charges
- Cost of source of water per water source (Turkey Hill vs. Hingham plant)
- Representation on advisory group vis a vis population served (Cohasset/Hull).
- Recommendation to increase Hull's representation to two members and have members from Hull and Cohasset on the transition team
- Increase in water main breaks since demolishing Strawberry Hill water tank and availability of water in the case of water main break
- How repair needs will be prioritized
- Capacity and unaccounted-for water

Lemnios commended the Hingham Water Study Commission for its work. He compared the model of the proposed Hingham water company acquisition to that of the running of Hull light and sewer plants. He also noted that it would be easier for Hull residents to attend water company meetings in Hingham than in Boston as currently needed. He noted that information available to Hull rate-payers would be far greater with a municipally-run company. In addition, he stated, responsibility for problems would be local.

The following members of the public spoke:

- Alice Sloan, 12 Harborview Road, Hull, asked about the water loss in Hull and how this was reported and accounted for and whether it was accounted for by a third party. Selectwoman Power stated that towns are required to report this to the state DPU. There is no third-party verification required. Sloan also supported more representation from Hull on the advisory committee.
- Randy Gould, 2 Cushing Street, Hull, asked why Hingham didn't purchase the water company previously. Power stated that this has been considered numerous times, but did not go forward or continue to the point at which considerations now stand. Gould additionally asked if Aquarion owned the property on which the Strawberry Hill water tank was located. Hingham representatives did not have that information on hand.
- Tom Burns, 1 Clifton Avenue, Hull, stated that he supported the acquisition, and mentioned the different water quality between that coming from Cohasset and that coming from Hingham. He supported an increase of Hull's representation on the Citizen Advisory Committee.
- Richard Booth, 1181 Nantasket Avenue, stated that he supported the project. He questioned when there would be a memorandum of understanding. He also suggested Hull have greater representation. He noted that members of Hingham's Board of Selectmen can/will eventually change, and this would leave the allocation of repair funds up for reinterpretation by future Hingham boards and committees. He also asked what remedy Hull would have if allocation of funds for repairs by need were in dispute. Selectwoman Johnson noted that current towns' input into how Aquarion is run is non-existent. She also noted that the town cooperates with Hull in a host of ways, and that differences of opinion will be worked out, because of

statutes and good will between towns, as demonstrated in other joint ventures. Booth suggested that there be a fail-safe of some kind in case of disputer.

- Paul Smith, Nantasket Avenue, stated that the presentation was excellent. He asked about the Hingham selectmen's technical background for being water commissioners. Selectman Healy stated that Hingham's DPW superintendent is certified in water distribution and water company management. Power stated that the responsibility and plan of the Hingham Board of Selectmen is to hire the best people possible to fill the technical and management jobs.

The board took a brief recess at this time.

Red Parrot, Inc., dba Inspire Eat and Drink, regarding transfer of all licenses

This public hearing has been rescheduled to a future meeting.

APPROVALS

The following license renewals were approved.

Motion	Reilly	Local 02045, LLC., dba Local 02045, Lisa Powers, Manager, 2 A Street for (A) All Alcohol (Seasonal) as a Restaurant (RENEWAL); (B) Common Victualer (RENEWAL); (C) Entertainment Live (Bands, DJ) (RENEWAL).
Second	Grey	
Vote	Unanimous	

Motion	Reilly	Hull Yacht Club, Inc., Charles O'Connor, Mgr., 5 Fitzpatrick Way, for (A) All Alcohol (Seasonal) (RENEWAL); (B) Common Victualer (RENEWAL); (C) Entertainment (DJ and Live) (RENEWAL) Hull Kitchen, LLC dba Hull's Kitchen, Jeffrey P. Wicks, Manager 19 Hull Shore Drive, for (A) All Alcohol (Seasonal) as a Restaurant (RENEWAL); (B) Common Victualer (RENEWAL); (C) Entertainment (RENEWAL) Hull's Kitchen LLC. dba HK Too, 276 Nantasket Ave, Jane Wicks, for (A) All Alcohol (Seasonal) (RENEWAL); (B) Common Victualer (RENEWAL); (C) Entertainment (RENEWAL)
Second	Constable	
Vote	Unanimous	

The board also approved a request by Jen Olivieri for the Hull Boosters' annual carnival to be held on HRA land from August 7-11, with set-up beginning on August 5.

Motion	Reilly	So moved.
Second	Grey	
Vote	Unanimous	

In addition, the board approved the annual Town Meeting and town election warrant as follows:

Motion	Reilly	Motion to approve and sign the annual Town Meeting and town election warrant as presented, and to be posted in accordance with the Town of Hull bylaw.
Second	Grey	
Vote	Unanimous	

Board members signed the required documents.

NEW BUSINESS

Constable announced that on March 30 from noon to 6 there will be a fund raiser for the proposed ArtWalk. The event (for all ages) will be held at Paragon Boardwalk.

Sestito stated that the Town Clerk has notified him that she has received many applications for town boards and committees, and suggested that the board consider how they want to proceed with appointments. Reilly suggested that the board make all of the appointments at one time in June. Constable suggested that committees with quorum issues might need to be considered before June.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

Recorded by Catherine Goldhammer

Approved by:

Documents

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

- Agenda and added agenda for March 21, 2018

- License renewal application from Local 02045, LLC., dba Local 02045,
- License renewal application from Hull Yacht Club, Inc., Charles O'Connor, Mgr.
- License renewal application from Hull Kitchen, LLC, dba Hull's Kitchen
- License renewal application from Hull's Kitchen LLC, dba HK Too
- Letter from Jen Olivieri regarding Hull Boosters carnival
- Hull Town Meeting and town election warrant