

Hull Select Board

Minutes

March 8, 2018

The meeting of the Hull Select Board was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday evening, March 8, 2018, at Hull Municipal Building, 253 Atlantic Ave., Hull, Massachusetts.

Present: Kevin Richardson, Chair; Chris Mitchell, Vice-Chair; and Domenic Sestito, Clerk. John Reilly, Member; and Jennifer Constable, Member. Also present were Town Manager Phillip Lemnios and Town Counsel James Lampke.

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APPOINTMENTS

William Leamy, Veteran's Agent

Richardson thanked Leamy, who is retiring, for his seven years of service to the town and read a proclamation in his honor. Leamy expressed his gratitude to the town's government and residents for their support.

In addition, Leamy introduced Paul Sordillo, who will be the new Veteran's Agent. Lemnios noted that Sordillo was the unanimous choice of the interview team. He asked that the board waive the fifteen-day right of review so that Sordillo can start next week.

Motion	Reilly	Motion that the board waive its fifteen-day right of review and have Paul Sordillo's appointment effective immediately for a start date to be determined.
Second	Sestito	
Vote	Unanimous	

Anthony Simmons, regarding livery badge for Bayside Coach

Simmons stated that he had been an EMT and EMT paramedic for the Hull Fire Department but had to retire in 2014 for medical reasons. Richardson stated that the police department has signed off on the application.

Motion	Reilly	Motion to approve a livery badge for Anthony Simmons.
Second	Sestito	
Vote	Unanimous	

March 26, 2018 Election Warrant Signing

The Warrant for the March 26, 2018⁷ election was signed by members of the board.

Motion	Reilly	Motion to approve the Special Election Warrant, which is scheduled for Monday, March 26.
Second	Sestito	
Vote	Unanimous	

APPROVALS

The board approved a Hull Youth Football Association carnival as follows: The dates are June 18-24. Fireworks will be held on the 23rd with a rain date of the 24th. HYFA has already received approval from the HRA to hold the carnival on HRA land.

Motion	Reilly	Motion to waive the fees involved with inspections for the HYFA carnival.
Second	Sestito	
Vote	Unanimous	

The board voted to approve the dates of the Hull Lifesaving Museum's Harbor Illumination on Saturday, July 28.

Motion	Reilly	Motion to approve, and direct the Town Manager to cooperate as we have in the past with this event.
Second	Sestito	
Vote	Unanimous	

In addition, the board approved the following license:

Motion	Sestito Amendment by Reilly, accepted by Sestito	Knights of Columbus, 440 Nantasket Avenue, for a one-day liquor license on March 24 for a school event, Quiz Night, from 6-11 p.m. Further move that we waive the application fee.
Second	Reilly	

Vote	Unanimous	
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DISCUSSIONS

One-day liquor licenses

Richardson noted that the board gets applications for one-day liquor licenses and often these are for after-funeral gatherings. He said that requests for this purpose often cannot be made in time for approval at a meeting of the board and asked if the board can approve six one-day liquor licenses to be approved by the chair and be reaffirmed by the board at the next meeting. Lampke said that he has reached out to the ABCC to see if this is allowed and how it would be accomplished. He will have more information at an upcoming meeting.

Storm Update

Lemnios updated the board on the recent storm as follows:

- He thanked all town employees who worked throughout the event and noted that there were times that were very difficult. He also thanked the residents of the town. He said that the town had begun communication with residents early and continued it throughout the event.
- Pemberton area saw standing water in side streets and in the marsh and the dust bowl. Pumps are still running. The commuter lot was open on Monday, as was the school.
- The Fitzpatrick Way seawall needs temporary repairs. The existing cracks worsened and it is being evaluated and surveyed.
- MEMA came on Monday and they are starting to catalog damages for a federal declaration.
- The DCR seawall from at Allerton Point saw considerable unravelling. The DCR has looked at this and is evaluating.
- The dune system was impacted. Conservation is checking that out. The town had backfilled some of it prior to the event.
- A section of granite block wall supporting Atlantic Avenue at the Gunrock Beach crosswalk collapsed. A temporary repair was made during storm and a more thorough temporary repair is underway.
- The town will be meeting with National Grid about the ongoing issues with the power line.
- The most valuable action was closing roads during high tides to prevent traffic and potential water rescues.

Resident Rhoda Kanet noted that the dunes have been excoriated but pointed out that this is why they are there. She reminded everyone that there is a beach grass planting on March 24th at 9 a.m.

Communication Plan Update and Town Website Committee

The board reviewed its communication plan. Constable stated that the town has implemented Facebook and Twitter accounts, as well as creation of quarterly reporting from boards and committees.

There is a need to establish a working committee for creation of a new town website, with a goal of assessing the current website, conducting public outreach, evaluating other towns' websites, and coming back with three options for vendors. Lemnios will advertise.

Motion	Sestito	Motion to establish a Town Website Committee, getting the public input for requirements, looking at other vendors for similar sized communities, and stop at that point with a recommendation to the board.
Second	Mitchell	
Vote	Unanimous	

In addition, Lampke updated the board on the motion passed at Special Town Meeting for gender neutral language in town communications. He said that the Attorney General needs to approve the passed article and the legislature may need to change the town charter. He added that this may not be a quick change, but the board should consider how they want to be referred to. Lemnios said that the town is already trying to use new terminology.

NEW BUSINESS

Richardson noted that the board had met in emergency capacity during the storm and its votes at that meeting needed to be reaffirmed in open session. These votes were:

- To declare a state of emergency
- To authorize a curfew if necessary as determined by the appropriate authorities
- To authorized a ban on liquor sales if necessary as determined by the appropriate authorities

The state of emergency remains in effect.

Motion	Reilly	Motion to ratify, affirm, and adopt votes taken at the emergency meeting of March 1, 2018.
Second	Constable	
Vote	Unanimous	

Reilly asked what actions the town can take with National Grid regarding the power lines. Lemnios said town officials would be meeting with National Grid. He said that the town will be on the existing line for the foreseeable future. He further stated that they want to implement the Hendricks system, which makes lines more resilient and they will be presenting this and other ideas to National Grid.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m. The next meeting will be on Thursday, March 15, at 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall.

Recorded by Catherine Goldhammer

Approved by:

Documents

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

- Select Board agenda and added agenda for March 8, 2018
- March 26 election warrant
- HYFA carnival request
- Harbor Illumination request
- License application from Hull Knights of Columbus