## Hull Select Board Final Minutes May 18, 2022

The meeting of the Hull Select Board was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at Hull Town Hall, 253 Atlantic Avenue, Hull, Massachusetts

Present: Jennifer Constable, Chair; Greg Grey, Vice-Chair; Donna Pursel, Clerk; Domenico Sestito, Member. Member Absent: Irwin Nesoff (not yet sworn in; also had schedule conflict). Also present were Town Counsel James Lampke and Town Manager Philip Lemnios.

Before calling the meeting to order Constable noted the recent passing of Patricia Abbate, a prominent and active member of the community, and spoke briefly about her many contributions to the Town of Hull. She offered the condolences of the Select Board to her husband and family. She then led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence in honor of Abbate.

## Reorganization of the Board

As Nesoff was not able to be at the meeting it was decided that the reorganization of the Board should be postponed to the meeting on June 1, 2022.

Public Hearing: Paragon Entertainment Ventures, LLC, re: Change of Manager from Charles Boggini to Charles Veysey (Proposed Manager) on the Alcohol License and Common Victualer

Alan MacDonald from Paragon Entertainment Ventures said they see 2022 as an opportunity for a fresh start for the Paragon Boardwalk property and are hoping for a Memorial Day opening. He said they are very pleased that Charles Veysey has agreed to step in as Manager. Veysey said he is excited to become a part of Paragon and is looking forward to working in Hull. He hopes to establish positive relationships in the community and give back to the Town. Constable said that this property is very important to the district and to Hull and they are glad to see things working out as they are. Lemnios thanked Charles Boggini for his professionalism over the past few years.

**Motion** Grey To approve the change of Manager from Charles Boggini to Charles Veysey

on the All Alcohol and Common Victualer Licenses for Paragon Entertainment

Ventures, LLC

Second Sestito
Vote Unanimous

### REQUESTS FOR APPROVAL

Michael McGurl, Executive Director, Hull Lifesaving Museum, Inc., re: Request for One Day Liquor License for Blessing of Fleet on Saturday, June 25, 2022 from 3:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. with a rain date of Sunday, June 26, 2022 from 3:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.

**Motion** Sestito To approve a One Day Liquor License for the Hull Lifesaving Museum on

June 25, 2022 from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. for the Blessing of the Fleet, with a

rain date of June 26, 2022

Second Grey Vote Unanimous

Eo Martin, Owner and Manager, California Underground, re: Request for One Day Amendment to Liquor License on Friday, September 9, 2022 to the hours of 11:00 a.m. until 12:00 a.m.

Motion Sestito To approve a One Day Amendment to California Underground's Liquor

License on Friday, September 9, 2022 to the hours of 11:00 a.m. until 12:00 a.m.

**Second** Grey **Vote** Unanimous

## Patrick Guiney, President, Temple Beth Sholom re: Parking lot application to park up to 50 cars at 600 Nantasket Avenue.

Susan Mann, Vice Chair of the Beach Management Committee, was present to speak on the Committee's concerns about the potential impact of approvals for additional parking in this area on the nesting areas of the plovers. She noted that the birds are federally protected and that approving parking for the Temple and for the Knights of Columbus could put a large number of additional people on the beach, which would have a negative impact on the plovers. There was an extended discussion about the best ways to educate the public regarding the plovers, including signage and having volunteers on the beach to monitor their nesting areas. Lemnios said that the Town will be sending out flyers with the light bills to provide information on this.

Sestito said that he was opposed to expanding parking in this area as he thinks it negatively affects the quality of life for the residents in the area. Constable said that she feels they need to strike a balance on this issue and ensure that Hull continues to be seen as a welcoming community and also should support organizations that give back to the Town. Pursel and Grey agreed with Constable. Steven Greenberg, who was representing the Temple in the absence of Guiney who has Covid, said that the parking lot is important to the financial health of the congregation but they are willing to be flexible and would work with the Committee to educate customers about protecting the plovers. Grey said he would make a Motion to approve parking for up to 50 cars on the lot with the provision that trash barrels be provided on the site. Constable said she would amend this motion to state that on-site information and signage relative to the plovers should be provided and Pursel requested an amendment that bathroom facilities be provided. Grey said he would accept these amendments.

**Motion** Grey To approve the request of Temple Beth Sholom to allow parking for up to 50

cars with the stipulations that trash barrels and bathroom facilities be provided and that they work with the Beach Management Committee to provide signage

and educational materials related to the plovers

**Second** Pursel

**Vote** 3-1-0 (Sestito opposed)

Lemnios suggested that the Temple contact Mann to obtain signage and materials for distribution to the public. He also said the operators of the lot should make sure that people know they are to carry their trash in and out.

Armando Aguilar, Grand Knight, Hull Knights of Columbus, re: Request for One Day Liquor License for Birthday party on June 18, 2022 from 7:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m.

**Motion** Sestito To approve a One Day Liquor License for the Hull Knights of Columbus on

June 18, 2022 from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. for a birthday party

Second Grey Vote Unanimous

Armando Aguilar, Grand Knight, Hull Knights of Columbus, re: Parking lot application to park 35 cars at 440 Nantasket Avenue

**Motion** Pursel To approve the application of the Hull Knights of Columbus to park 35 cars at

440 Nantasket Avenue with the stipulation that trash barrels and bathroom facilities be provided as well as signage and educational materials related to the

plovers

Second Grey

**Vote** 3-1-0 (Sestito opposed)

# Neil J. Reilly, Deputy Chief, Hull Police Department, re: Request for approval of the reappointments for returning 2022 Seasonal Officers

**Motion** Grey To approve the request from Deputy Police Chief Neil Reilly for the

reappointment of the following returning 2022 Seasonal Officers: Michael Sampson, Kenneth DeWolfe, Tucker Johnston, Keighla McAloney, and

Richard Davis

Second Sestito
Vote Unanimous

### **UPDATES**

Lemnios said the work of the Committee studying the best use of school buildings is coming to a conclusion. There are two more meetings and there will be a final presentation to the School Committee at the end of June. He said that Select Board member John Reilly was the Board's representative to that group and he has indicated he would be willing to continue in this role but the Board would need to make a motion to approve this.

**Motion** Sestito To approve John Reilly's continued role as a representative of the Select Board

on the Best Use Educational Committee

**Second** Grey **Vote** Unanimous

Lemnios said they will be posting updates on the Atlantic Avenue project. This season they are mainly doing drainage work and resetting poles and next season they will be doing more paving work. He said there is currently some paving work being done in certain areas of Town. Constable asked if the parking lot at the top of Farina Road will be paved but Lemnios said this lot is dirt, which allows rainwater to perk and not rush down the hillside, so that it will not be paved. He noted that there is also a question as to whether this lot is owned by the Town or by DCR.

Lemnios said the schedule for the Memorial Day parade and ceremonies has been posted on the Town's website.

Grey said that within the next few weeks there should be two pieces of adult exercise equipment in place next to the pickleball courts. He also said he would like to thank John Reilly for twenty-seven years of service to the Town.

Pursel said that Russ Tierney from the Weir River Water System will be at the Select Board meeting on June 1<sup>st</sup> to update the public and said that any questions should be forwarded to her or to John Struzziery so Tierney could have them before the meeting. She noted that the utility box at Miller's Crossing is being repainted and that the box at Bread Basket will be painted as well. She then asked Lemnios about the possibility of painting the crosswalk at the bottom of Edgewater Road as this is a very dangerous stretch of roadway. Constable echoed her concerns. Lemnios said they would look into this and there was a discussion of the possibility of a pedestrian-activated signal and/or flashing lights in this area. Constable also said she feels that the signage at Mezzo Mare is poorly placed and drivers are often not sure how to proceed, which creates a safety hazard.

Constable said that the State finally signed off on the Home Rule petition to the Legislature for the name change for the Board to Select Board and Select Board Member so they are now officially the Select Board and Select Board Members. She said they will be meeting with DCR tomorrow at 3:00 pm to discuss the Town's earmark for the Boardwalk work and also to get feedback for DCR's involvement in the Business Improvement District. DCR said they would be holding a public meeting on June 16<sup>th</sup> regarding removal of the hockey rink in the first lot. Constable said the official ceremonial launch of the South Shore Irish Heritage Trail will take place at 1:00 p.m. on May 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Scituate Harbor Bandstand. She noted that the home of Irish rebel John Boyle O'Reilly, which is one of thirty-three sites on the trail, is located in Hull and serves as the Hull Public Library.

Pursel asked when DCR would open their facilities, as they are already charging for parking. Lemnios said he thought it would possibly be early June but there is a state-wide shortage of life guards.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion Sestito To go into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to litigation, and

that the Chair declare that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the body; 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: Hull v. McDevitt, et al, McDevitt, et al v. Hull Conservation Commission, and related litigation and claims regarding 125 Main Street, Hull, and Hull v. Ferrara regarding 169 Beach

Avenue

Second Grey Unanin

Unanimous Sestito – Aye

Grey – Aye Pursel – Aye Constable – Aye

The Open Meeting was adjourned.

Recorded by Kathleen Fanning

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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 Select Board's office upon request:

- Agenda and Added Agenda for Select Board Meeting on May 18, 2022
- Memorandum from Deputy Police Chief Neil Reilly regarding appointment of Seasonal Police Officers for 2022
- Application materials from Hull Lifesaving Museum and the Hull Knights of Columbus for One Day Liquor Licenses
- Application for One Day Amendment to the Liquor License of California Underground
- Parking lot applications from Temple Beth Sholom and the Hull Knights of Columbus