Hull Select Board Final Minutes September 21, 2022

The meeting of the Hull Select Board was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 21, 2022 at Hull Town Hall, 253 Atlantic Avenue, Hull, Massachusetts.

Present: Jennifer Constable, Chair; Donna Pursel, Vice-Chair; Irwin Nesoff, Clerk; Greg Grey, 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.

Minutes for Approval

Motion Sestito To approve the minutes from the Select Board meeting on July 27, 2022

Second Nesoff Vote Unanimous

APPOINTMENTS

Paul Sordillo, Veteran's Agent re: Veteran's Days 2022 Dedication of the unnamed street connecting Samoset Avenue and Nantasket Avenue to be named "General Neal Way" in honor of General Richard Neal.

Paul Dunphy, Chair of the War Memorial Commission, spoke briefly about General Neal and his history in Hull and his contributions to the Town, as well as about his many awards and accomplishments during a long military career. Dunphy said the War Memorial Commission would like to name a short section of the unnamed street connecting Samoset Avenue and Nantasket Avenue in his honor. The members of the Board echoed Dunphy's admiration for General Neal. Constable also thanked Dunphy for his consistent support of his fellow veterans.

Motion Sestito To approve the War Memorial Commission's request to dedicate the unnamed

street connecting Samoset Avenue and Nantasket Avenue "General Neal Way" in honor of General Richard Neal and that this dedication be done on Veterans

Day 2022

Second Pursel **Vote** Unanimous

Lori West, Town Clerk re: Update on Fall State Elections and to request the following:

1. Vote the early voting polling hours for the November 8, 2022 State Election at Town Hall, 253 Atlantic Avenue

West said the early voting for the primary went well. She said they had about 135 in-person early voters but they mailed out over 1600 ballots, so there was a clear preference for the vote by mail option for early voting. West said that anyone who requested vote by mail for the primary will not need to send another request. West also thanked Chris Gardner and the DPW for their assistance and said they play an integral part in the elections.

Motion Grey To approve the following early voting hours for the November 8, 2022 State

Election at Town Hall, as submitted by Town Clerk, Lori West: Saturday, October 22, 2022 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; Monday, October 24, 2022 to Wednesday, October 26, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; Thursday, October 27, 2022 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; Saturday, October 29, 2022 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; and Monday, October 31, 2022 to Thursday,

November 3, 2022 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Second Sestito

Vote Unanimous

CPA Application Requests:

Susan Mann, Beach Management Committee – Beach Mats Diane Costagliola, Library Director – Newspaper Archives Citizen Request – Western Avenue Coastal Stairs

Lemnios said that the Beach Management Committee would like to continue the beach mat program that was initiated this past season. Susan Mann, Vice-Chair of the Committee, said they have received favorable feedback from the placement of the mats and were hoping to receive funding to purchase up to ten additional mats. She said they would eventually like to have mats in place at up to thirty-five locations with the goal of enhancing accessibility to the beach, particularly for the elderly or disabled.

Lemnios cautioned that if the Town adopts a policy of providing mats at beach openings there are a number of factors that will need to be considered including state and federal environmental regulations, ADA-compliance, and the manpower and maintenance costs involved in the placement, removal, and storage of the mats. He recommended that the Committee work with Town staff and relevant Boards to develop a program that is in compliance with all current state and federal environmental and ADA regulations. After extensive discussion it was the consensus of the Board that an application should be approved for \$25,000, to be managed by the Public Works Director, to cover the professional and consultation services that will be needed to develop an effective program that will be in compliance with all current standards.

Two local residents, Paul and Donna Goes, had requested approval to apply for CPA funds for repair of the Western Avenue access stairs. Public Works Director, Chris Gardner, said the DPW had evaluated the stairs and determined that they would need to be completely replaced. Lemnios noted that there are numerous stairs throughout the Town that are in need of repair and/or replacement and that pose a potential safety hazard and liability for the Town. As with the placement of the mats, such repairs and replacements will require compliance with all federal and state codes and environmental and ADA regulations. Lemnios recommended an application for \$35,000 in funds to hire an engineer or consultant to evaluate the condition of each set of stairs in the Town, to prioritize those most in need of replacement, and to provide an estimate of expected costs.

Lemnios said that Library Director Diane Costagliola is asking for \$1806 to begin building a digital local history collection. She would like to digitize <u>The Hull Beacon</u>, which was a newspaper published 1897-1920 to be available online.

Motion	Grey	To approve an application for \$25,000 in CPA funds to develop a policy for the installation of appropriate mats at beach outlets
Second Vote	Sestito Unanimous	
Motion Second Vote	Nesoff Sestito Unanimous	To approve an application for \$1806 in CPA funds for newspaper archives
Motion	Sestito	To approve an application for \$35,000 in CPA funds for the assessment of coastal stairs
Second Vote	Grey Unanimous	

Lemnios explained that the CPC will evaluate all of the applications and see which ones they want to bring before Town Meeting. Once Town Meeting occurs, the funds will be available after July 1st.

Letters of Interest to serve on Town Boards/Committees

Before starting the interviews Constable explained that all appointees will need to complete Conflict of Interest training, provide proof of being a registered voter in the Town, and be sworn in by the Town Clerk.

Historic District Commission

There were two applicants present for positions on the Commission, which currently has an opening for one permanent position and two alternate positions. Robert Pezzini said he moved to Hull last year, loves the Town, and has extensive experience in architecture and housing. Bruce Edgren and his wife moved to Hull from Connecticut three years ago, where they lived in an historic district. He currently serves on Hulls 100% Clean Energy Committee.

Motion Sestito To appoint Robert Pezzini to the open full-time position on the Historic District

Commission, with a term to expire in 2023, and to appoint Bruce Edgren to an alternate position on the Historic District Commission with a term to expire in

2025

Second Grey **Vote** Unanimous

Permanent Sewer Commission

Three applicants were present for two positions on the Permanent Sewer Commission. Mary Beth Cicero owns property in Hull and would like to become involved in the Town. Victor Moorhatch and Paul Norton are both relatively recent residents and would also like to become involved. Norton expressed an interest in exploring new ideas around sewage treatment. A fourth applicant was unable to attend the meeting due to a sudden health issue. The Board felt that they should speak with this applicant before making final appointments.

War Memorial Commission

Ernest Minelli III and Andrew Wohar were present for two alternate positions on the War Memorial Commission. Both men are currently actively involved in Veterans' affairs in the Town.

Motion Sestito To appoint Ernest Minelli III and Andrew Wohar to alternate positions on the

War Memorial Commission, both with terms to expire in 2023

Second Grey **Vote** Unanimous

Board of Health

Janet Scribner and Marlene Earl were present to apply for one vacancy on the Board of Health. Scribner spent her professional life teaching in Hull and would like to continue working in the area of fitness and health in the Town. Earl has extensive medical experience and would like to become involved in the Town.

Motion Sestito To appoint Janet Scribner to the Board of Health with a term to expire in

2023

Second Grey **Vote** Unanimous

APPROVALS

Armando Aguilar, Hull Knights of Columbus re: One Day Liquor License on Saturday, October 1, 2022 from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. for a Non-Profit Organization

Motion Sestito To approve the request of Hull Knights of Columbus for a One Day Liquor

License on Saturday, October 1, 2022 from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Second Grey

Vote Unanimous

Mike McGurl, Director of the Hull Life Saving Museum re: One Day Liquor License on Saturday, November 5, 2022 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. for an Annual Meeting

Motion Sestito To approve the request of the Hull Life Saving Museum for a One Day

Liquor License on Saturday, November 5, 2022 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00

p.m.

Second Grey **Vote** Unanimous

UPDATES

Lemnios said that they have started to grind some roadway on the Atlantic Avenue project rather than waiting until next spring and they will try to get as much of this done as they can before winter. He said the event season in Town is starting to wind down but that the Public Safety people are very happy with how things have gone. He said that Hull's No Place for Hate Committee is planning the third Take a Stand in the Sand on October 16th starting at 11:30 at the bathhouse. Congressman Lynch and Representative Meschino will be attending.

Sestito said he was wondering if the Board could ask DCR if it would be possible for them to underwrite the costs of the Bandstand Concert Series using money from the Nantasket Beach Trust Fund. Lemnios said they had planned to use DCR funds for this starting in 2020 but this did not happen due to Covid.

Motion Sestito To request to DCR through the Nantasket Beach Trust Fund that they

fund and/or help fund the Bandstand Concert Series

Second Grey **Vote** Unanimous

Pursel asked if there was an update on the crosswalk painting. Lemnios said these should be completed within the next few weeks. She also asked if there was any determination by DCR about what they will do with the rink in the back parking lot as she knows there is a lot of public concern about this. Constable said she had spoken to Senator O'Connor who had also followed up on this and to her knowledge there has been no response from DCR. She said they have a meeting set with DCR next Tuesday and they will ask about this.

Constable said that the Board had a very successful retreat meeting on the 17th and did a great deal of goal setting and planning. Lemnios noted that they reviewed goals and objectives from last year and some changes were made. He said that these will be tightened up over the course of the next week and given to the Board for final review after which this will become the document for 2022/2023. Nesoff asked if it would be possible to have these retreats televised but Board members were not sure that this would be necessary or beneficial. Constable suggested that they discuss public participation in goals and objectives at the Board's meeting on October 12th. Lemnios said that at the next meeting Chris Krahforst will be present to discuss a request to create a Climate Adaptation Committee.

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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 Select Board meeting on September 21, 2022
- Letters of Interest from applicants for various Town Boards and Committees
- Memo from Paul Sordillo regarding street dedication in honor of General Richard Neal
- Materials from Paul and Donna Goes and Diane Costagliola related to CPC application requests
- Application from Hull Knights of Columbus for One Day Liquor License on October 1, 2022
- Application from Hull Lifesaving Museum for One Day Liquor License on November 5, 2022