

**Hull Select Board  
Final Minutes  
June 1, 2022**

The meeting of the Hull Select Board was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 1, 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.

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**Minutes for Approval**

<b>Motion</b>	Grey	To approve the minutes of the meetings of the Select Board on April 27, 2022 And May 18, 2022
<b>Second Vote</b>	Sestito 4-0-1 (Nesoff abstained)	

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**APPOINTMENTS**

**Russell Tierney, Managing Director/Superintendent re: Update on Weir River Water System**

Russell Tierney, Managing Director of the Weir River Water System, was present to give the Board an update on progress to date. Tierney said the system is operating within budget, achieving its projected goals, making improvements, and complying with the Lead and Copper Rule as outlined by the EPA and MassDEP as well as closely monitoring PFAS (Polyfluoroalkyl) levels in the water. He noted that over the first two years they have installed 5800 linear feet of new water mains in Hull and have made \$1.9 million in capital improvements in the Town and upgraded the Water Treatment Plant (WTP) at a cost of about \$1.5 million. They have completed extensive inspections of fire hydrants and gate valves, have replaced over 950 aging meters, received over 9400 dig safe requests, and responded to thousands of work orders and customer service calls.

Tierney said that in order to avoid confusion after the transition from Aquarion to the Weir River Water System and the acquisition of the operator, Suez, by Veolia, they decided not to make major changes. He said that on-site staff and management, off-site support, account numbers, and billing will not change. If a customer was registered with Suez they will be registered with Veolia. He said that they are looking at the governing structure of the system and where it should head and are working closely with all Town departments to improve overall communications and planning.

In terms of the future, Tierney said they will continue to invest capital funds to improve the system, including needed repairs to the WTP. He noted that they will work to reduce the Unaccounted for Water (UAW) from 20% to under 10%, which will in turn reduce operation and maintenance costs, will complete energy efficiency audits, complete a bi-annual flushing program, improve hydraulics, and review and study the need for an additional water tank. He said that they will review Hull's Master Plan and will prioritize the work that needs to be done in the Town. Pursel asked about possible rate increases. Tierney said that there will be no rate increase next year but the condition of the existing infrastructure will determine whether increases will be needed over the next three to four years. Lemnios and members of the Board thanked Tierney for his effective management of the system and noted that he has worked well with all of the Town departments.

**Tom Hardey, Founder/President, Hull PorchFest re: Hull PorchFest 2022 Presentation**

Hardey said that this year's PorchFest will be very much like last year's with a similar number of bands and porches and the same footprint. The event will be held on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and he estimates that about 1500 people will attend. He said that the goal is to cultivate civic pride and community in Hull

and it is their plan, once again, to make a contribution to the Council on Aging from the proceeds. He said they will be holding the annual fundraiser at the Parrot, and will handle publicity as they have in the past. He confirmed that he will follow up with any relevant Town departments and does not expect any change in municipal services. He said they will provide portable toilets, will be responsible for all clean up, and will provide a one-day liability policy.

Constable said she is glad to see this event back and suggested that Hardey partner with Town restaurants about food. Hardey said he has approached a number of establishments and at this point it doesn't seem to work, but hopes that as the event grows this will become possible. He said there is no rain date because it is too difficult to coordinate.

<b>Motion</b>	Pursel	To approve Hull PorchFest for Saturday, September 17, 2022 from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. subject to any necessary inspections and approvals
<b>Second Vote</b>	Nesoff Unanimous	

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## **CORRESPONDENCE**

### **Irwin Nesoff re: Letter of Resignation from Planning Board**

Nesoff said that he had enjoyed his time on the Planning Board but was happy to step aside and let someone else serve. Sestito asked about filling Nesoff's position on the Board. Lampke said that the Planning Board needs to notify the Select Board within thirty days of a vacancy on the Board, and once they do a joint meeting should be scheduled to appoint someone to fill the position until the next election. Normally they would solicit letters of interest from people who are interested in the position.

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## **APPROVALS**

### **John Johnson, Hull Boosters re: Approval for Annual Hull Booster's Beach Race/Walk on Thursday, July 14, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.**

<b>Motion</b>	Sesitto	To approve the request from Hull Boosters to hold an Annual Hull Booster's Beach Race/Walk on Thursday, July 14, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.
<b>Second Vote</b>	Grey Unanimous	

### **Eo Martin, Owner and Manager, California Underground, re: Request for One Day Amendment to Liquor License for a wedding on Friday, September 9, 2022 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.**

<b>Motion</b>	Sestito	To approve a One Day Amendment to the Liquor License for California Underground on September 9, 2022 to the hours of 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.
<b>Second Vote</b>	Nesoff Unanimous	

### **Lisa Thornton, Director, Council on Aging re: Request for road closure of Lewis Street (between Samoset Avenue and Weston Street) on July 13, 2022 from 12:00 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. for the Senior Center Open House Block Party, with a rain date of July 14, 2022.**

<b>Motion</b>	Grey	To approve the request from the Council on Aging for a road closure of Lewis Street between Samoset Avenue and Weston Street on July 13, 2022 from 12:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. for the Senior Center Open House Block Party, with a rain date of July 14, 2022
<b>Second Vote</b>	Sestito Unanimous	

## UPDATES

Lemnios said that at a recent meeting there had been a discussion on plovers and he said there will be an insert in the light bills that residents will be receiving in the next few weeks. He noted, however, that some communities are canceling or moving their Fourth of July fireworks due to plovers. They will keep everyone aware of how celebrations will be handled due to the presence of the plovers. He also noted that DCR is coming before the Select Board next Wednesday for a Special Meeting. Constable reminded everyone that if anyone receives or has questions for DCR they should submit them to her before the meeting.

Sestito said the Memorial Day events were very successful. He also wanted to thank John Reilly for his participation in all of the street dedications and he noted how special Reilly's comments and participation were to all of the families who were involved. Constable reminded everyone that this weekend is Hull Pride Weekend and there will be an event at the Hull Yacht Club on Saturday that will be open to the public. Sestito also noted that this weekend is Graduation for Hull High School Seniors.

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## EXECUTIVE SESSION

<b>Motion</b>	Sestito	To go into Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations with non-union personnel; 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: contract negotiations with non-union management and department head employees
<b>Second Vote</b>	Grey Unanimous	Pursel – Aye Grey – Aye Sestito – Aye Nesoff – Aye Constable – Aye

Recorded by Kathleen Fanning

Approved by:

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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 June 1, 2022
- Memo from Donna Pursel to Russell Tierney regarding presentation to Select Board on Weir River Water System
- Memo from Thomas Hardey regarding Hull PorchFest 2022
- Letter of resignation from the Hull Planning Board from Irwin Nesoff to Town Clerk, Lori West
- Memo from John Johnson regarding Hull Booster's Beach Race/Walk
- Application materials from California Underground regarding One Day Amendment to Liquor License
- Memo from Lisa Thornton regarding road closure for Senior Center Block Party

