

**Hull Select Board
Final Minutes
March 1, 2023**

The meeting of the Hull Select Board was held at 7:30 p.m. on March 1, 2023 at Hull Town Hall, 253 Atlantic Avenue, Hull, Massachusetts.

Present: Donna Pursel, Vice-Chair; Irwin Nesoff, Clerk; Greg Grey, Member. Member Absent: Domenico Sestito. Also present were Town Counsel James Lampke and Town Manager, Philip Lemnios.

Before calling the meeting to order Pursel led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance and asked for a moment of silence for Domenico Sestito's father-in-law.

APPROVALS

John Donlon, 3 Beach Minimum re: Request to hold South Shore "3 Beach Minimum" Half Marathon event on September 30, 2023 from 5:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Pursel said this is a race that has been held in Hull for the past eight years with great success. Donlon said that everything about the race will remain the same as in 2022 and noted that once again several Hull businesses will be sponsoring the race.

Motion	Nesoff	To approve the "3 Beach Minimum" Event to be held on Saturday, September 30, 2023 from 5:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Second Vote	Grey Unanimous	

Armando Aguilar, Hull Knights of Columbus re: One Day Liquor License on Saturday, March 18, 2023 from 6:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. for a Non-Profit Organization St. Patrick's Dinner.

Motion	Grey	To approve a One Day Liquor License for Hull Knights of Columbus on Saturday, March 18, 2023 from 6:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. for a Non-Profit St. Patrick's Day Dinner
Second Vote	Nesoff Unanimous	

DISCUSSION

Recommendation to Increase Parking Lot Fee as defined in Hull By-law Chapter 322

Lemnios said that according to Hull Bylaw Chapter 322, the Select Board sets the fee that parking lot vendors pay for operating a parking lot in Hull. He said this fee has not been increased in over twenty-five years while the fees that the operators charge for parking have increased significantly. He noted that this fee helps recover the costs to the general taxpayer for public safety and other operational impacts caused by the operation of the lots. He is asking the Select Board to increase this fee from \$10 per spot to \$50 per spot, effective immediately.

Motion	Grey	To increase the parking lot application fee, as identified by Hull Bylaw Chapter 322, to \$50 per vehicle, effective immediately
Second Vote	Nesoff Unanimous	

HRA Parking Lot permit conditions for 2023

Lemnios said that the HRA will be going out to bid for parking lot vendors for the coming summer season and he would like the Board to confirm the conditions for parking permits for 2023 so that the HRA can communicate these to potential vendors. He said he is recommending that the Board keep in place the conditions that they voted last year, which includes a total of 500 spots for paid parking, 300 in the large HRA lot closest to the hotel and 200 spots for non-residents in the Phipps lot. He said that Hull residents with a resident permit can also park in the Phipps lot and that the triangle lot closest to the hotel will be designated exclusively for Hull residents with a permit.

Lemnios said that the order of parking cars and filling the lots will remain unchanged. All visitors must park first in the large lot near the hotel and the Phipps lot will only be opened to non-residents once the 300 car maximum in the large lot has been met. Residents can park in the Phipps lot at any time. Lemnios noted that the Police Chief has said that this system works well and is easy to monitor. He said that the parking lot operators are required to have police details on weekends or on particularly hot days and added that in order to keep traffic flowing the Police Chief can change the order of filling the lots if necessary. The hours of operation will be from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Nesoff said he was concerned that limiting the number of paid spots to 500 would mean that more people would be parking on the streets and suggested increasing the number to 750. Pursel and Grey disagreed and said that since they started restricting parking and reducing the number of available paid spots over the past few years, people have adjusted to the restrictions and the quality of life for Hull residents has improved. Lemnios said he would recommend leaving the number at 500 and said that in unique instances the Police Chief has the discretion to allow operators to go over 500 if he sees traffic building. He noted that during the week there is almost never a shortage of parking.

Motion	Grey	To approve HRA parking permit conditions, May 2023 through October 2023 as stated in the correspondence from the Town Manager
Second	Pursel	
Vote	2-1-0	Grey – Aye Pursel – Aye Nesoff – Nay

Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles

Lemnios distributed a draft of the Warrant Articles for Town Meeting. He said this draft is for informational purposes only and that the final version will come through in the next several weeks. He said that the Select Board will need to approve the final Warrant by late March. Lemnios said that historically the Board sets aside time at a meeting in April to run through the Warrant and at this point individual Board members may choose to speak on a particular Article at Town Meeting. He said there is an expectation at Town Meeting that the Board will speak on matters of importance to the Town.

CORRESPONDENCE

Jennifer Constable, Chair, Select Board re: Letter of Resignation

Pursel read Constable's letter of resignation. She said the Board accepts Constable's resignation with regret and will send a letter expressing thanks for her seven years of service on the Board.

UPDATES

Lemnios said that Community Paradigm Associates, the firm that is coordinating the Town Manager search, asked that the Town post a survey seeking people's opinions about what characteristics they would like to see in a Town Manager and what items they see as important for the next Town Manager to address. Lemnios said the survey has been posted on the Town website and is being broadly distributed through a number of other means including on Hull TV and on various social media sites. He said they will be sending a press release to the Hull Times regarding

the survey. He said it is easy and quick to complete and the results will go directly to Paradigm, who will tabulate them and share them with the Board. Lemnios thinks there will be a healthy response to this survey.

Pursel said that Paradigm has begun the process of scheduling appointments with the Select Board members individually in order to better understand what the Board is looking for in a Town Manager and Nesoff noted that the results of these interviews will be used to help create a job description. Lemnios said they will create a Community Profile and will incorporate the Select Board's perspective on the position. He said this is a fairly standard process and it works well to ensure that candidates know what the position entails. He said the process takes some time but things will move much more quickly once this piece is complete.

Pursel asked about scheduling a meeting for the reorganization of the Board. After discussion the Board decided to meet on Zoom on the 7th of March.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion	Grey	To go into Executive Session to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel. Move to go into Executive Session to conduct contract negotiations with nonunion 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 to obtain legal advice pursuant to the Attorney-Client privilege and not to reconvene in Open Session. The Chair states that the following subjects will be discussed in Executive Session: Employment contracts re: Police Chief John Dunn and Deputy Police Chief Neil Reilly.
Second Vote	Nesoff Unanimous	Grey – Aye Nesoff – Aye Pursel - Aye

The open session was adjourned.

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 March 1, 2023
- Materials related to approval of the "3 Beach Minimum" Half Marathon
- Application from Knights of Columbus for One Day Liquor License on March 18, 2023
- Jennifer Constable letter of resignation from the Hull Select Board
- Materials related to Parking Permit Fees and 2023 Parking Permit Conditions
- Draft of Warrant Articles for the 2023 Town Meeting

