

**Hull Select Board
Final Minutes
April 24, 2023**

The meeting of the Hull Select Board was held at 6:30 p.m. on April 24, 2023 at Hull Town Hall, 253 Atlantic Avenue, Hull, Massachusetts.

Present: Donna Pursel, Chair; Greg Grey, Vice-Chair; Irwin Nesoff, Clerk; Domenico Sestito, Member. 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.

APPOINTMENTS

Roger S. Lewenberg re: Letter of interest to serve on the Town Manager Semi-Finalist Committee.

Lewenberg said he spent his summers in Hull while growing up, but has lived here full-time for about eighteen years. He said that he had taught sailing in the Town for many years. He has a Master's in Public Administration and at one point had planned to be a Town Manager but had gone into law and subsequently served as an Administrative Judge at the Department of Industrial Accidents. He is a member of the Advisory Board at UMass Commonwealth College and in this role has participated in several executive searches. He feels that it is very important that the next Town Manager has the qualifications and demeanor to be a "good fit" for Hull and should be someone who listens, has good ideas, and shares them. He said the Town Manager must be able to work well with the Select Board. Lewenberg said he feels he is a good judge of character, has expertise in municipal government, and understands how town government works.

Kim Roy re: Letter of interest to serve on the Town Manager Semi-Finalist Committee.

Roy said she has only lived in Hull for about four years, but prior to coming to Hull she served as a Select Person in Halifax for nine years, and served on numerous committees. She is currently the Human Resources Director for the Town of Cohasset. She has a background in recruiting for municipalities and understands the skill sets that are needed in a Town Manager. She has served as President of the Mass. Selectmen's Association and the Association of Town Finance Committees, and was on the Board of the Mass. Municipal Association for many years. In these roles she was involved in searches on many levels. She feels that the next Town Manager should have good communication skills, should be a team builder, should be able to set goals, and should listen to the residents of the Town and have a good understanding of the community. She feels she would bring unique skills to this Committee based on her extensive experience in recruiting for municipalities as well as having served as a Select Person and said she understands the importance of the relationship between the Town Manager and the Select Board.

Motion	Grey	To appoint Kim Roy as a Citizen at Large representative on the Town Manger Semi-Finalist Committee
Second	Nesoff	
Vote	Unanimous	

Nesoff made a motion to appoint Amy Whitcomb Slemmer to the Committee, but there was no second to this motion. Sestito said he has been impressed by the quality of candidates who have applied to be on the Committee. He made a motion to appoint Roger Lewenberg, and Grey seconded this motion for discussion.

Sestito said he feels that Lewenberg's experience as a Judge, his experience on search committees, and his recognition of the importance of the Town Manager being a good fit for Hull make him very qualified for the position. Nesoff said he agrees that Lewenberg is a strong candidate but feels that there are other applicants who have strong qualifications and have more hands-on experience working on boards and committees in the Town. Pursel said she understands Nesoff's concern, but does not feel that experience in Hull should necessarily be the deciding factor.

Motion	Sestito	To appoint Roger Lewenberg as a Citizen at Large representative on the Town Manager Semi-Finalist Committee
Second Vote	Grey 3-0-1*	*Nesoff abstained from the vote

Pursel briefly explained the procedures that the Committee would follow and Lemnios said that both candidates would need to complete online Conflict of Interest training and be sworn in by the Town Clerk prior to the first meeting of the Committee on April 27th.

Review of the May 2023 Town Meeting Warrant

Lemnios said he had distributed a packet with the Warrant Articles as well as the Advisory Board's recommendations regarding the various articles. He said he had met earlier in the day with the Town Moderator, Town Clerk, Town Counsel, and Chair of the Advisory Board to go over the mechanics of this year's Town Meeting. He noted that this year's zoning articles are more complicated than in previous years and he strongly recommended that the Select Board members familiarize themselves with the Warrant Articles so that they would be prepared to speak to them on the floor of Town Meeting.

Lemnios briefly reviewed the Warrant. He said that Articles 1, 2, and 3 are housekeeping articles that should not require debate. He said that Article 4 is a general budget article and will be the first article to be considered at Town Meeting. He said that he will do a presentation on the budget and the Moderator will lead a discussion. He anticipates that the change in the Select Board budget resulting from the addition of the Assistant Town Manager position will prompt debate. He said he will speak to this but hopes that members of the Select Board will do so as well since it was their initiative to put this position into the budget. He said they might also anticipate some questions on the budget for the Sewer Department but that John Struzziery is prepared to speak on this.

Lemnios gave a brief explanation of Articles 5 through 11 which relate to the Art Walk, the Community Preservation Fund, COLA issues, seawall and coastal access projects, the addition of funds to the Stabilization Fund, repairs to the Wastewater Treatment Plant, and an increase in the fees for licenses of dogs. He said that Articles 12 through 19 are zoning articles, two of them Citizens Petitions, and others presented by the Zoning Board of Appeals and one by the Planning Board regarding light pollution. He stressed that members of the Select Board should carefully review these articles to see if there are any they would like to speak on at Town Meeting.

Lemnios noted that the remaining articles are all Citizens Petitions and include articles to establish a committee to interview finalists for the Town Manager position, to file a Home Rule Petition setting term limits on certain board and committee positions, and a request to hold American Legion Post meetings at the Senior Center. There was a brief discussion of Article 20 which seeks to authorize the Select Board to enter into negotiations with relevant state authorities to lease certain DCR property to create economic development opportunities for the Town. Lemnios said this is specifically focused on the former State Police Barracks building. Article 21 seeks to deny permits to residents whose property might encroach on the railroad beds. Lampke said he has not seen the full text of the motion but questions whether it would be legal to deny such permits. Article 22 seeks to delay decisions on the development of the HRA land. Lemnios said he is not sure this is something that can be voted on at Town Meeting since the HRA does not need Town Meeting approval for their decisions and processes.

Sestito said he would be in favor of the Select Board making a motion to support Article 20 and Nesoff said he would support such a motion as he feels this is a good time to negotiate with DCR as there will be a new Commissioner. Pursel suggested that the Board members review all of the articles before their meeting on the 26th and bring a list of the items they would like to address at Town Meeting. Town Moderator, George Boylen, asked that he be sent a list of the articles that the Select Board will formally support or oppose so that they can be given an opportunity to speak immediately after the Advisory Board gives its recommendations.

Nesoff asked if the people who applied for the Semi-Finalist Committee will be contacted to thank them for their interest and Lemnios said that will be done. Pursel said she will notify Paradigm about the Board's selections for the Committee.

On a motion by Grey, seconded by Sestito, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn.

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 April 24, 2023
- Letters of Interest for Town Manager Semi-Finalist Committee and Resumes from Roger Lewenberg and Kim Roy
- 2023 Town Meeting Warrant Articles