

**Hull Select Board
Final Minutes
April 26, 2023**

The meeting of the Hull Select Board was held at 7:30 p.m. on April 26, 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 was Town Manager Philip Lemnios.

Before calling the meeting to order Pursel led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPOINTMENTS

Thomas Hardey, Founder/President, Hull PorchFest, re: Hull Porch Fest 2023 Presentation

Hardey said this will be the fourth PorchFest event in Hull and he is very pleased with the impact that this event has had on the community. He said that this year's PorchFest will be very similar to the past two years in terms of volunteers, the location of the porches and the number of bands. He said they anticipate about 20 porches, and close to 40 bands, and expect between 1,000 – 1,200 people to attend. He said that last year was the first time that they had a food vendor and this was very successful, so they are hoping to have three strategically placed food vendors this year, but have decided not to pursue an alcohol concession. Hardey said that the goals of PorchFest, which are to create a sense of inclusiveness and community in Hull and to welcome visitors to the Town and create economic opportunities for local businesses, remain the same. He noted that over the past three years they have been able to donate \$15,000 to the Senior Center.

Hardey said they are proposing to hold PorchFest in the Kenberma neighborhood on Saturday, September 23, 2023 from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. He said this will be a "rain or shine" event as the logistics of rescheduling in the event of rain are almost impossible. He said he has already spoken to Chief Dunn about police details for the day, and they will provide portable toilets in two locations, including one for handicap use. He noted that the property owners and the PorchFest volunteers will be responsible for setting up and cleaning up after the event. He said that they will be seeking sponsors for this event and will gladly accept private donations. Starting on June 10th they will hold their Saturday concerts and will sell merchandise at these. He said they will also advertise on the radio, local TV, and in local newspapers.

Lemnios said the volunteers behind this event put in a lot of effort, and it is a wonderful opportunity for people to experience Hull. He said that Town staff and the Police Department find this an easy event and one they enjoy, and noted that the contributions to the Senior Center have meant a great deal to the Town.

Motion	Sestito	To approve Hull PorchFest 2023 as presented at tonight's Select Board meeting
Second	Grey	
Vote	Unanimous	

APPROVALS

Lori West, Town Clerk, re: Review and sign May 15, 2023 Annual Town Election Warrant

Nesoff read the May 15, 2023 Annual Town Election Warrant as submitted by Town Clerk, Lori West.

Motion	Sestito	To approve and sign the May 15, 2023 Annual Town Election Warrant as submitted by the Town Clerk
Second	Grey	
Vote	Unanimous	

Lori West, Town Clerk, re: Request to appoint the following 2023-2024 Election poll workers:

**Kathleen Bell
Cyrille Donlan
Jean Fisher
Jennifer Olivieiri
Dorothy Resnick
Dena Tompkins**

**Cindy Magnoli
AnnMarie Dunn
Cheryl Grey
Kathleen Dunn
Jeri Sullivan
Tim Dunn**

Motion	Sestito	To appoint the 2023-2024 poll workers as requested by Town Clerk, Lori West
Second	Nesoff	
Vote	3-0-1*	

*Grey abstained from the vote as his wife was among those appointed

Lori West, Select Board Administrator, re: 2023 Seasonal Retail Liquor License Renewal Certifications

Motion	Grey	To approve the Seasonal Retail Liquor License Renewal Certifications
Second	Nesoff	
Vote	Unanimous	

My Starfish, LLC dba Shipwreck'd, 173 Main Street, Adrian Muir, Mgr. re: (A) Seasonal All Alcohol License; (B) Common Victualer License; (C) Entertainment License (Renewal)

Motion	Grey	To approval the renewal of the Seasonal All Alcohol License, Common Victualer License and Entertainment Licenses for My Starfish, LLC dba Shipwreck'd
Second	Sestito	
Vote	Unanimous	

Hull Yacht Club, Inc. dba Hull Yacht Club, 5 Fitzpatrick Way, Jason Lee Frady, Mgr. re: (A) Seasonal All Alcohol License (Proposed); (B) Common Victualer License; (C) Entertainment License (Renewal)

Motion	Grey	To approve the proposed Seasonal All Alcohol License and the renewal of the Common Victualer and Entertainment licenses for Hull Yacht Club, Inc. dba Hull Yacht Club
Second	Sestito	
Vote	Unanimous	

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

There was a brief discussion as to whether the \$50 application fee could be waived as the Temple is struggling financially, but Lemnios said they would need to check with Town Counsel as there is a question as to whether it is appropriate for the Town to do this. Sestito said he is personally opposed to approving this application as he feels that the beaches in this area should be for the use of Hull residents.

Motion	Grey	To approve the parking lot application of Temple Beth Sholom to park up to 50 cars at 600 Nantasket Avenue with the stipulation that they provide information regarding plover, and that trash receptacles and port-a-potties be provided on site
Second	Sestito	
Vote	3-1-0	Pursel – Aye Grey – Aye Nesoff – Aye Sestito - Nay

Paul Sordillo, Veterans Agent, re: 2023 Memorial Day Street Dedications request:

- A. Paul Dunphy Sr. and Jr., Andrew Road at either end**
- B. Peter Azer, 133 Samoset Avenue and Warren**
- C. David Sweeny, Atlantic Avenue and South Avenue**
- D. Frank McDonough, Cadish Avenue and A or B Street**
- E. Patrick Patuto, Nantasket Avenue/Edgewater or 5th or 6th Street**

Sordillo said that Paul Dunphy, Jr. had requested that his name and his father's name be on the same plaque. He said the Dunphy's had also requested that it be at the end of Andrew Road and Hampton Circle.

Motion	Grey	To approve the 2023 Memorial Day Street Dedications request as presented by Veterans Agent, Paul Sordillo
Second Vote	Nesoff Unanimous	

CORRESPONDENCE

Pamela Sinton Coffman, Chair, Board of Assessors re: Board of Assessors Vacancy.

Pursel said that the Chair of the Board of Assessors had notified them that Patrick Finn has resigned from his position on the Board of Assessors. She said that the Board of Assessors would like to meet with the Select Board to determine the process to fill this vacancy.

DISCUSSION

Review of the May 2023 Town Meeting Warrant

At the previous meeting Pursel had asked the Board members to review the Warrant Articles to see if there were any articles they would like to speak on at Town Meeting. Lemnios noted that they anticipate some discussion on the Assistant Town Manager position and said he will speak on this. Town Moderator, George Boylen, said that once Lemnios has presented the general budget and the Advisory Board has given its recommendations, he will ask for comments from the Select Board, which will be given by Pursel. After this the discussion will be opened up to the public.

Grey said that Rachel Gilroy, Chair of the Community Preservation Committee, will make a presentation on the CPA articles, and that he will speak briefly on behalf of the Select Board in favor of the articles. He noted, however, that he feels that Chris DiIorio, Director of Community Development and Planning, should make a more detailed presentation on the Town Hall/Fire Station project as this is a "big ticket" item.

There was a brief discussion of the Advisory Board's recommendation that the various zoning articles be referred back to the Select Board for further study. Jason Frady, Vice-Chair of the Advisory Board, said it was their feeling that the Planning Board, the Zoning Bylaw Review Committee, and the Zoning Board of Appeals, who had sponsored most of the items, had not spent enough time together discussing the implications of the articles and that the Affordable Housing Committee had not been part of the process. It is their feeling that a comprehensive approach to affordable housing in Hull is needed and that doing piecemeal zoning articles is not the best way to proceed.

Nesoff noted that Article 17 on Inclusionary Zoning had been passed unanimously by both the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals. Pursel asked if the Select Board supported this article. Sestito said he would support the Advisory Board's recommendation that it be referred for further study as the Town needs to do "due diligence" on the long-term impact of zoning changes. Grey pointed out that three major developers in town have filed subdivision plans for their properties, which has effectively frozen the zoning on their land for eight years, which will prevent them from having to develop affordable housing, so he feels it is important that this article be passed in

order to prevent more developers from filing subdivision plans. Lemnios said it was not necessary for the Board to unanimously support an article in order to speak in favor of it, but that they should let the public know that the Board's opinion was divided.

Motion	Grey	To support Article 17
Second	Nesoff	
Vote	3-0-1	Grey – Aye Nesoff – Aye Pursel – Aye Sestito – Abstain

Pursel said that she would like to speak in favor of this article on behalf of the Select Board. Nesoff said that he would speak as a private citizen.

Sestito said he would be in favor of the Select Board speaking on Article 20, which authorizes the Select Board to enter into negotiations with DCR regarding the former State Police Barracks building. He asked Nesoff if he would like to speak on this Article as he has been passionate on the issue. Nesoff said he would speak briefly on behalf of the Board but he expects that Bart Blumberg, the author of the Citizens Petition, will be making a very thorough presentation.

The Board briefly discussed the remaining articles. Lemnios said that Town Counsel Lampke is doing research on whether the article relating to recreational marijuana might conflict with a bylaw passed in 2018 that prohibited recreational marijuana in Hull. Lemnios also said that Article 26, which relates to use of the Senior Center by the American Legion Post is problematic because the Town does not have a policy regarding the use of public buildings by private groups and there are issues involved such as staffing and insurance for such use. He said that any such policy must be applied to all groups.

UPDATES

Lemnios said the Atlantic Avenue project is progressing well and they hope to be done with most of the work by October. He said the Straits Pond Association had a great cleanup day last Saturday which they hope will keep the midges to a minimum. On May 8th Congressman Lynch will be in Hull to announce the award of a grant for the Town. Lemnios said that Lori West and her staff are doing a fabulous job getting everything organized for Town Meeting and the Town Election. He said that Town departments are preparing the fields and beaches for the summer months. He said that the Police Department is in need of summer help, and that many municipalities are having difficulty with this.

Grey asked about the bid packages for the playgrounds at Hampton Circle and Greenhill. Lemnios said they are putting together contracts for both. He also said that the Public Works Department has almost completed work on the cemetery expansion and that there will be money remaining to do some paving of the roadways in the cemetery. He said they have put a columbarium in place, which has been very popular.

Pursel asked Lemnios if they had committed to a paving company. Lemnios said that TL Edwards has been hired by a consortium of towns and that they will let them know Hull's place in the schedule. He said that John Struzziery was notified that Pump Station #9 has received a \$3.9 million grant for rehabilitation and they can now go out to bid on this project.

Pursel said she would like to see an item on the Board's Agenda regarding having the public speak at their meetings. She said that the Hull No Place for Hate Committee is hosting an event at the hotel this Sunday from 2-4 p.m. and there will be open discussions about what is going on in the community. Nesoff said they are asking people to register for this event. She noted that the search committee for the new Town Manager would have their first meeting the next night.

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

Recorded by Kathleen Fanning

Approved by:

Documents

The following documents were provided 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 26, 2023
- Application for Entertainment License for PorchFest 2023
- May 15, 2023 Town Election Warrant
- 2023 Seasonal Retail Liquor License Renewal Certification
- Materials related to renewal of licenses for May Starfish, LLC dba Shipwreck'd
- Materials related to renewal of licenses for Hull Yacht Club, Inc. dba Hull Yacht Club
- Parking lot application from Temple Beth Shalom
- Memo from Veterans' Agent, Paul Sordillo, regarding Memorial Day Street Corner Dedications
- Letter from Pamela Sinton Coffman regarding resignation of Patrick Finn from the Board of Assessors