

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

The meeting of the Hull Select Board was held at 7:30 p.m. on May 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.

DISCUSSION

Report of the Town Manager Semi-Finalist Committee with recommendations of Town Manager Finalist Candidates

Irwin Nesoff, Chair of the Town Manager Semi-Finalist Committee, called their meeting to order.

Nesoff said the Committee would be presenting three final candidates for the position of Town Manager to the Select Board. He said that despite the uncertain election results they feel this Board should move forward with the selection process so they do not risk losing the three excellent candidates that they currently have. He then introduced Bernie Lynch and Peter Morin from Community Paradigm Associates.

Lynch gave a brief overview of the process they had followed to recruit candidates for the position and to choose those they felt would be the best fit for Hull, including gathering information about the Town and its residents, formulating a position profile based on this information, advertising the position, and actively recruiting candidates they felt might be appropriate. He noted that over two-thirds of Massachusetts communities have turned over their town managers in the last five years, largely due to retirements, which makes this a challenging environment in which to hire for this position.

Lynch said they had received twenty-one applicants for the position and from those applicants the screening committee chose six candidates that they interviewed over the course of a few days. In these interviews they focused on a number of areas including interest in Hull, leadership style, handling of personnel issues, communication and collaboration, budgeting skills and project management, and how they would interact with the Select Board. He then distributed the cover letters and resumes of the three finalists to the Board. He noted that he and Morin had done extensive background checks on each finalist and had spent time speaking with their references. The information they gathered has been summarized for the Board and should serve as a guide for final interview questions. He then gave a brief summary of each candidate and his/her background.

The first candidate is Peter Caruso, who lives in Scituate and is currently the Town Administrator in Millville, Massachusetts. Prior to his position in Millville he had worked in the private sector. While living in the Town of Sherborn he had served on various boards including the Board of Selectmen. Caruso has a Master's Degree in Business from Northeastern University and a Bachelor's Degree from Bucknell University.

The second candidate is Jennifer Constable who currently serves as the Assistant Town Administrator for the Town of Rockland. Prior to her position in Rockland she worked for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for about twenty years in a variety of programs, largely in community development and housing. She has a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Suffolk University, and a B.A. in Anthropology from SUNY Plattsburgh, as well as a number of certifications related to her professional endeavors.

The third candidate is Thomas Guerino who currently serves as the Executive Director of the Greenfield Housing Authority in Greenfield, Massachusetts. Prior to this he was the Town Administrator for the Town of Bourne, a community that faces many of the same issues as Hull in terms of climate change and resiliency. He also has

extensive experience in terms of economic development. He has a B.A. from the University of Southern Maine and resides in Vernon, Vermont.

Lynch emphasized that all three candidates are well-versed in municipal government and have a passion for it. He said that the next step is for the Select Board to interview the candidates. He would recommend trying to do this during the week of June 6th.

There was a brief discussion about whether, given the unprecedented nature of this year's election, this Board should be making the final decision on the Town Manager position. Nesoff stressed that if the present Board does not move forward with the selection it is possible they will lose one or more of the current candidates.

Motion	Grey	That the Select Board accept the three candidates presented at the meeting and begin the process of setting up interviews for June 6 th , 7 th , or 8 th depending on the availability of the candidates
Second Vote	Nesoff 3-1-0	Grey – Aye Nesoff – Aye Pursel – Aye Sestito - Nay

Nesoff closed the meeting of the Town Manager Semi-Finalist Committee.

KENO Monitor request from Kenberma Food Mart, 437 Nantasket Avenue

Lampke said that the Town has been notified by the Lottery Commission that the Kenberma Food Mart has requested a license for a KENO monitor. It already has a permit for Keno To Go. If the Board would like to take a position on this request, they must hold a public Hearing. If they do not take a position the Commission will decide on its own whether to grant the license, although they are required to place an advertisement in an area newspaper notifying the public of the request and allowing time for written responses. Lampke said there are currently three establishments in Hull that have KENO monitors and he is not aware of any complaints regarding them.

Motion	Nesoff	To take no action on the application of Kenberma Food Mart for a KENO monitor
Second	Grey	

Sestito made a substitute motion

Motion	Sestito	To hold a Public Hearing on the request from Kenberma Food Mart for a KENO monitor, with the same standards of notification of abutters as application for a liquor license
Second Vote	Pursel 2-2-0	Sestito – Aye Pursel – Aye Grey – Nay Nesoff – Nay

Since this motion failed, a vote was taken on the original motion made by Grey.

Motion	Grey	That the Board not schedule a hearing for a KENO monitor requested by Kenberma Food Mart at 437 Nantasket Avenue
Second Vote	Nesoff 2-2-0	Grey – Aye Nesoff – Aye Sestito – Nay Pursel – Nay

Lampke said that since neither Motion had passed he would notify the Commission that no affirmative action was taken by the Select Board and thank them for notifying the Town of the request.

APPROVALS

Proclamation declaring Hull Pride Day on Saturday, June 3rd, 2023

Nesoff read the Proclamation for Hull Pride Day:

WHEREAS, The Town of Hull values human rights above all and respects the dignity and worth of each individual, and

WHEREAS, Hull Pride is an LBTQIA+ community organization promoting Hull's strength and diversity which is crucial to securing human rights for all Americans, and

WHEREAS, The Town of Hull is a **"No Place for Hate"** community and is committed to equal rights for all and opposes discrimination in any form, and

WHEREAS, Hull Pride awards Acceptance and Inclusion Scholarships to graduating Hull High Seniors that embody the mission of Hull Pride of strengthening local community connections and promoting diversity, acceptance and inclusion, and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the town of Hull is pleased and honored to celebrate Saturday June 3, 2023 as Hull Pride Day. The Select Board proclaims the Town of Hull will continue to be a welcoming community for all.

ON BEHALF OF THE RESIDENTS OF HULL TOWN OF HULL SELECT BOARD

Motion	Grey	To approve the Proclamation declaring Hull Pride Day on Saturday, June 3 rd , 2023
Second	Nesoff	
Vote	Unanimous	

Sestito noted that Hull Pride has been extremely generous to Hull students and they are a very positive organization in the Town. Each of the Board members echoed his comments.

Michael McGurl, Executive Director, Hull Life Saving Museum re: Application for Bastille Day, July 15th at Fort Revere Park during the hours of 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Maureen Gillis from the Life Saving Museum said that this is an event they are very excited to sponsor. She said there is a new exhibit at the Museum that they will be exhibiting and they felt that this would be a good way to draw more people to see it. She said that DCR has given them "go-ahead" once they secure approval from the Select Board.

Motion	Sestito	To approve the Hull Life Saving Museum's request to hold a Bastille Day celebration at Fort Revere Park on July 15, 2023 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Second	Grey	
Vote	Unanimous	

Jason Frady, Manager, Hull Yacht Club, Inc., 5 Fitzpatrick Way, re: One Day Liquor License on Saturday, June 3, 2023 from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. for Hull Pride Day

Motion	Sestito	To approve the request of the Hull Yacht Club for a One Day Liquor License on Saturday, June 3, 2023 from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. for Hull Pride Day
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**Second
Vote** Grey
 Unanimous

Armando Aguilar, Manager, Hull Knights of Columbus, 440 Nantasket Avenue, re: One Day Liquor License on Friday, June 16, 2023 from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. for family reunion

Motion Grey To approve the request of the Hull Knights of Columbus for a One Day Liquor License on Friday, June 16, 2023 from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. for a family reunion

**Second
Vote** Sestito
 Unanimous

Armando Aguilar, Manager, Hull Knights of Columbus, 440 Nantasket Avenue re: One Day Liquor License on Saturday, June 17, 2023 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. for family reunion

Motion Grey to approve the request of Hull Knights of Columbus for a One Day Liquor License on Saturday, June 17, 2023 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. for a family reunion

**Second
Vote** Sestito
 Unanimous

Armando Aguilar, Manager, Hull Knights of Columbus, 440 Nantasket Avenue re: One Day Liquor License on Friday, June 10, 2023 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. for Knights of Columbus Scholarship

Motion Sestito To approve the request of the Hull Knights of Columbus for a One Day Liquor License on Friday, June 10, 2023 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. for Knights of Columbus Scholarship

**Second
Vote** Grey
 Unanimous

Armando Aguilar, Hull Knights of Columbus, 440 Nantasket Avenue, re: Parking Lot application to park 30 cars at 440 Nantasket Avenue

Nesoff said he would like to add the provision that the Knights of Columbus give out information about the plovers, that garbage receptacles be provided, and that the public be allowed to use the restroom facilities in their building. Sestito said that he continues to oppose having paid beach parking in the residential areas of Hull.

Motion Grey To approve the application of the Hull Knights of Columbus to park 30 cars at 440 Nantasket Avenue, with the same provisions that apply to the parking at the Temple

**Second
Vote** Nesoff
 3-1-0 Grey – Aye
 Nesoff – Aye
 Pursel – Aye
 Sestito – Nay

Michael McGurl, Executive Director, Hull Life Saving Museum, 1117 Nantasket Avenue re: Request to hold 2023 Hull Harbor Illumination (Hull Life Saving Museum and the waterfront along Spinnaker Island to A Street) and Joshua James Cemetery Commemoration on July 29th from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Motion Grey To approve the request of the Hull Life Saving Museum to hold the 2023 Hull Harbor Illumination on July 29th from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**Second
Vote** Sestito
 Unanimous

CORRESPONDENCE

Paul Sordillo, Director, Veterans Services re: Memorial Day Ceremony 2023.

Pursel said that this year the Memorial Day Ceremony will be held on Monday, May 29, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. following the Memorial Day Parade. Lemnios said that the parade typically starts at Hull High School at 9:30 a.m. and arrives at the cemetery at about 10:00 a.m. for the Flag Placement ceremony and speakers usually start at 10:15-10:30 a.m. Pursel said that following the ceremony there will be five street dedications and Grey noted that the Hull Village Association has a get together after the parade at the playground in the Village.

UPDATES

Lemnios said it appears that finalist interviews for the Town Manager position are now booked for June 7th, starting at 5:00 p.m.

Lemnios said there was a Hearing scheduled for last week's cancelled meeting for a Change of Hours for the Sandbar, and they will need to choose a new date for this Hearing. He noted that the Hearing will need to be advertised and suggested that it be scheduled for June 14th.

Sestito said he wanted to recognize Chief Russo and all of the people from Hull and other communities who assisted during the fire at Q Street and Cadish Avenue. Grey said he also feels this points out the need to discuss the poles on the beach side of the Alphabet streets and would like to see this on a future agenda.

Pursel wished everyone a safe Memorial Day weekend and Graduation season.

On a motion by Nesoff, seconded by Grey, 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 office upon request:

- Agenda and Added Agenda for Select Board Meeting on May 24, 2023
- Declaration regarding Hull Pride Day 2023
- Special Use Permit Application for Bastille Day event at Fort Revere Park
- Application from the Hull Yacht Club for a One Day Liquor License on June 3, 2023
- Memorandum from Paul Sordillo regarding Memorial Day 2023
- Applications from the Hull Knights of Columbus for One Day Liquor Licenses on June 10, 2023, June 16, 2023, and June 17, 2023
- Parking lot application from Hull Knights of Columbus
- Request from Hull Lifesaving Museum for approval of 2023 Harbor Illumination and Joseph James Cemetery Commemoration