

**Hull Select Board
Final Minutes
June 8, 2022**

The meeting of the Hull Select Board was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on June 8, 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.

Discussion with Department of Conservation and Recreation re: Operations of Nantasket Beach Reservation

Constable said that Jenna Johnson, the Town's liaison with DCR, was present to provide the Board and the community with updates regarding DCR's capital projects and ongoing work in Hull. Constable said that over the past several years the Town and DCR have been working more collaboratively while implementing parts of the Unified Work Plan (UWP) which has been vital in the front beach area. She said that the Economic Development Council (EDC) is currently working on a proposal to establish a Business Improvement District (BID) in this area and she hopes that DCR will become a partner in this effort. She said that at previous meetings she had requested that any questions and comments from the public be submitted in advance and that no questions from the public would be entertained tonight. She noted that over the past few weeks there have been a number of capital improvements happening in Hull and asked Johnson to update the Board on those as well as on the status of the Nantasket Trust Fund and planned uses for the money in the Fund. She also said the Board would like an update on the DCR Master Plan as they would like to start some implementation of that.

Johnson said she will speak about improvement projects currently under way in Hull, but also wanted to encourage everyone to participate in the public listening session which is scheduled for June 16th to discuss the possibility of removing the floor hockey rink at Parking Lot G. Removing this rink would allow for additional parking and would enable DCR to remove a little bit of parking along the ocean front. She said they would like to hear from as many people as possible.

Johnson said that over the next calendar year they will have spent about \$1.75 million in Hull. She said that there is currently extensive drainage improvement work being done, which will improve the water quality of the Weir River as the standard catch basins will be replaced with leeching catch basins that allow water to infiltrate rather than go directly into the estuary. Once this work is completed, they will cover and pave the various parking areas and she noted that they are also in the process of repairing long sections of the boardwalk. She said that as part of a de-carbonization effort DCR will be installing solar lighting fixtures in parking lots B, D, E, and F. She then gave a brief breakdown of the timelines for the various projects and their costs.

Constable said she had received questions from the public about DCR structures such as the DCR police station which has been a vacant property for a number of years. She said there is a local initiative that has raised funds to do an assessment of that property but she has heard that DCR is hesitant about committing to long-term leases there due to resiliency issues. She noted that this property is in the gateway area of Hull and feels that the Town deserves an answer from DCR as to what might be done to address their concerns so that the property could be activated. Johnson said that DCR wants to protect properties such as this but the level of investment needed is huge. She said she would bring this concern to DCR. Constable said they really want DCR to be part of the BID, so they would need them to specify some actions to address resiliency issues.

Nesoff echoed Constable's concerns about the police station and said it is important for the Town to know what DCR's plans are for this property. Pursel asked if there is an anticipated completion date for the Master Plan but Johnson said there is no date at this point due to funding and sequencing issues. There was a brief discussion of DCR's Master Plan. Pursel asked if there is a plan should DCR decide not to remove the hockey rink and Johnson said the short-term solution might be to repave it. Pursel raised the issue of lighting in the area of the maintenance

facility down from the police station as it is very dark at night and she feels this is a safety issue. Johnson said she would have DCR look at this.

Sestito asked if there is a timeline for a possible removal of the hockey rink but Johnson said this would constitute a change in use so they would need to get the proper permitting in place and it might take up to a year. He asked about DCR's level of commitment to spending in Hull and Johnson said that not only has DCR committed to this level of spending, but much of the money has already been spent. Sestito then asked how Hull could make certain that the Nantasket Reservation is a priority with DCR. Johnson said it is a priority and they want to keep this recreational opportunity available for the people of the Commonwealth, but Lemnios noted that Hull is in competition for capital dollars as there is greater demand than resources. He emphasized that they need to make clear to DCR that this reservation serves not just Hull but the entire South Shore and also serves, in particular, people who may be of lower economic means, and that the physical facilities in the area are really in decline. Lemnios said they are grateful to have Johnson assigned as a liaison and hope to put a structure of communication in place that allows for constructive and productive discussion. He said he feels that the BID is a structure that allows them to have an ongoing format for parties interested in the area to come together.

Constable asked about the fee that DCR is charging for allowing outdoor dining on their properties and the types of permits that should be requested by businesses seeking to have outdoor dining on DCR property. Johnson said she would check into this.

There was a discussion regarding the establishment of the Trust Fund, its fee structure, and how the money from the fund is used. Lemnios explained that the money in the Trust Fund is raised by a \$3 surcharge that is added to the parking fee. He said that this amount is set by the State legislature and can only be changed by law and cannot be changed by the DCR Commissioner. Sestito proposed making a motion to ask Hull's State Representative and Senator to see if they can amend this legislation to give the DCR Commissioner rather than the Legislature the power to establish the parking fee and the amount of the surcharge. Pursel said she would second this motion. After further discussion it was the consensus of the Board that they should request that the amount of the surcharge should be tied to the rate of inflation. An amended motion was proposed.

Motion	Sestito	To request that the Town of Hull's State Representative and State Senator explore an amendment to the current law regarding the funding of the Nantasket Trust Fund to allow the DCR Commissioner rather than the Legislature to set the surcharge amount and that this amount should be tied to the rate of inflation
Second	Pursel	
Vote	Unanimous	

Since the amended Motion passed unanimously, there was no vote on the original Motion.

REQUESTS FOR APPROVAL

Henry Dunn, Owner, Dunn-Rite Parking re: Request for reallocation of the HRA parking spaces.

Dunn said that the parking configuration that the Board has established since cutting the allowed number of cars in the lots to 500 has created traffic problems. He asked if the Board would be willing to shift 100 cars from the big lot to the Phipps Street lot, allowing 300 cars in the big lot and up to 200 non-resident cars in the Phipps Street lot. He also noted that during the Carnival next week he will only be allowed 100 parking spots, which will create a very difficult situation. Lemnios said the Carnival is an issue between Dunn and the HRA, because the HRA allows the Carnival to occur. Grey said he thought there was a mechanism to allow more cars to park in Phipps Street during the Carnival.

Motion	Sestito	To shift 100 cars in the big parking lot to the Phipps Street lot so that there would be up to 300 cars in the big lot and 200 cars in the Phipps Street lot
Second	Grey	
Vote	Unanimous	

A member of the public in the audience stated that since the parking has been cut back in the lots, more people are finding the neighborhood beaches and said that the limitation on Dunn's parking has forced everyone down to the other end of Town.

McDevitt Enterprises Inc., Jo's Nautical Bar 125 Main Street, Stephanie Aprea (Manager) re: Request for One Day Amendment to Liquor License for a celebration party on Monday, June 13, 2022 from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Motion	Sestito	To approve a One Day Amendment to the Liquor License for Jo's Nautical Bar On Monday, June 13, 2022, from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
Second	Grey	
Vote	4-0-1 (Nesoff recused himself)	

Nicole Londergan, Manager, Nantasket Beach Salt Water Club, 3 Fitzpatrick Way re: Request for One Day Alcohol License for Blessing of the Fleet on June 25, 2022 from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Lampke clarified that this One Day license is for a section of Mariner's Park, as the existing building of the Salt Water Club already has a license.

Motion	Sestito	To approve a One Day Alcohol License for Nantasket Beach Salt Water Club On June 25, 2022 from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. for the Blessing of the Fleet
Second	Grey	
Vote	Unanimous	

John Donlon, 3 Beach Minimum re: Request to hold South Shore "3 Beach Minimum" Half Marathon event on September 24, 2022 from 5:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Motion	Grey	To approve the South Shore "3 Beach Minimum" Half Marathon event on September 24, 2022 from 5:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Second	Sestito	
Vote	Unanimous	

UPDATES

Pursel said that she will be going to the Plymouth County Annual Meeting tomorrow and asked Board members to let her know if they had any questions they would like her to bring to that meeting.

A member of the public said that he has been voluntarily painting over graffiti in the Town and has been buying the paint himself. He said it was his understanding that he would be reimbursed for his expenses but he has not heard back from the Town regarding his requests. Lemnios said there are a number of volunteers in Town, but as a rule they do not reimburse people who do something and expend money with no authorization from the Town.

On a motion by Grey, seconded by Nesoff, 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 and Added Agenda for Select Board Meeting on June 8, 2022
- Memorandum from Henry Dunn regarding adjustment in the allotment of parking spaces
- Materials related to the One Day Amendment to the Liquor License for Jo's Nautical Bar
- Correspondence from John Donlon to the Town Manager regarding the application for "3 Beach Minimum" Half Marathon
- Application from Nantasket Beach Salt Water Club for One Day Liquor License