

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

The meeting of the Hull Select Board was held at 7:00 p.m. on July 26, 2023 at Hull Town Hall, 253 Atlantic Avenue, Hull, Massachusetts.

Present: Greg Grey, Chair; Irwin Nesoff, Vice-Chair; Jason McCann, Clerk; Brian McCarthy, Member; Jerry Taverna, Member. Also present were Town Counsel James Lampke and Acting Town Manager, Police Chief John Dunn.

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

After the last meeting Lampke had made final changes to the Guidelines for Public Input at Open Meetings and the Board had agreed to review the changes at this meeting and vote to approve them.

Motion	Taverna	To approve the Guidelines for Public Input at Open Meetings as finalized by Town Counsel
Second Vote	Nesoff Unanimous	

APPOINTMENTS

Mike Buckley, Town Accountant re: Fiscal Year 2023 Year End Transfers

Buckley said he is asking that the Town transfer a total of \$243,873 from a surplus in the Health Insurance budget to cover deficits in the following budgets: Select Board - \$65,512, Town Counsel - \$24,959, Town Clerk - \$5,200, Town Buildings - \$80,077, Police Department - \$25,753, Workers' Comp - \$5,285, and Town Insurance - \$37,087.

Motion	Nesoff	To approve the Town Accountant's request that \$243,873 be transferred from the Health Insurance budget to cover shortfalls in other town budgets as outlined at this meeting
Second Vote	McCarthy Unanimous	

Joint Meeting with Board of Assessors re: Discuss and fill a vacant seat on the Board with term to expire May 20, 2023.

Pamela Sinton-Coffman opened the meeting of the Board of Assessors. Coffman said that after thirty-two years working in the Assessors' Office, Donna Sullivan is now retired but has expressed a willingness to serve on the Board. Coffman said that the entire Board of Assessors is in favor of this appointment. Both McCarthy and Lampke said they had worked with Sullivan and were extremely impressed with her qualifications.

Motion	Taverna	To approve the appointment of Donna Sullivan to a vacant seat on the Board of Assessors with a term to expire on May 20, 2024
Second Vote	Nesoff Unanimous	McCann – Aye Nesoff – Aye Grey – Aye McCarthy – Aye Taverna – Aye Coffman - Aye Morris – Aye DeVito - Aye

The meeting of the Board of Assessors was adjourned.

APPROVALS

George Boylen, 150 Cadish Avenue re: Request to hold St. Mary of the Assumption Festival on Sunday, August 13, 2023

Grey said that the festival would start at 9:30 a.m. at the A Street Pier and process to St. Mary of the Assumption Church for a Mass and festivities after the Mass that would conclude around 12:30 p.m. Boylen had also requested that parking ticket enforcement at the lot behind the Church be curtailed during the festival.

Motion	Taverna	To approve George Boylen's request to hold the St. Mary of the Assumption Festival on Sunday August 13, 2023
Second Vote	McCann Unanimous	

Special Town Meeting 2023, re: Request Select Board to Schedule Town Meeting and Warrant Opening and Closing

Lampke said they have received a Citizens Petition to call a Special Town Meeting that has all the required signatures and that under state law the Select Board must call a Special Town Meeting to be held within forty-five days of the receipt of the Petition. Lampke said that the timeframe is very tight, but they think it can be done. He said that the Town Clerk will post the opening of the Warrant in the local newspaper on July 27th and July 28th, and the closing of the Warrant will be August 14th at 3:00 p.m. with the meeting to be held at Hull High School on August 31, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. He said the Advisory Board will be holding hearings on any articles and will send a facsimile of the Warrant to all households in Hull with registered voters within seven days of the meeting.

Lampke said the Citizens Petition is asking Town Meeting to vote on having the Select Board petition the General Court to allow Hull to have an extra, off-premise All Alcohol Package Store License that would be granted to Preep Corporation, dba Quick Pick Food Shop. He thinks it is questionable that this would be passed by the Legislature. He pointed out that the Town has petitioned the legislature for special legislation for authority to grant on-premises all alcohol licenses and that is still pending at the State House. They have been told this is close to approval but that there will be restrictions so that the additional licenses cannot be transferred.

Grey said that this establishment currently sells beer and wine but they are requesting an All Alcohol Off Premises License. Lampke said that the five licenses they had already requested were for restaurant licenses but this is for a package store, which is a distinct classification. Lampke said the Town is at its capacity for licenses, but he thinks there may be one coming back to the Board as there is an establishment that has closed and its license is close to being forfeited for non-use. Lampke also said there is an establishment that currently has a seasonal license and would like to apply for an All Alcohol License.

Anne Murray, 2 Summit Avenue, said that she thinks that most people do not understand Citizens Petitions and do not realize that filing one requires the Board to schedule a Town Meeting within forty-five days, which is costly for the Town. She suggested that there should be some outreach to the public on this issue. Lampke said that Citizens Petitions are part of current state law.

Motion	Nesoff	To set Thursday, August 31, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at Hull High School, 180 Main Street, for the date, time and place of a Special Town Meeting and set the closing of the Warrant for Citizen Petition articles to be Monday, August 14, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.
Second Vote	McCann Unanimous	

Bayside Marketing Systems, Inc. dba Nantasket Lobster Pound (Jake's Seafood), 50 George Washington Boulevard, James O'Brien, Mgr. re: Request for a One Day Amendment to Common Victualer and Alcohol Licenses to open Tuesday, August 1, 2023 from 12:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Motion	McCann	To approve the request of Bayside Marketing Systems, Inc. dba Nantasket Lobster Pound (Jake's Seafood), for a One Day Amendment to their Common Victualer and Alcohol Licenses to open on Tuesday, August 1, 2023 from 12:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
Second Vote	Nesoff Unanimous	

UPDATES

Dunn said that the past weekend was an extremely busy traffic weekend due to the hot weather, road construction, and a disabled vehicle in the southbound lane. He said he also noticed that the large HRA lot that holds over two hundred cars is usually empty, which he assumes is due to the lower cost of the DCR lot, that causes people to circle back to look for a spot in that lot. McCann suggested that they use the Town's electronic sign and the Emergency Management Facebook page to direct people to park in the HRA lot until it is full.

Grey asked if there was a lot of ticketing of cars on the other end of town and Dunn said that last weekend there was. Taverna said he feels that the issue of limiting the number of cars in the HRA lots is a very divisive one. He recognizes that traffic affects the quality of life for the residents of Hull but said that on hot days people will come to the beach in Hull and that they need somewhere for them to park. Dunn said that Hull wants to be a welcoming community but the way the town roads are currently configured there can be real traffic and safety issues on hot days when the population is nearly tripled.

Taverna asked again about the possibility of making Beach Avenue at A Street one way and whether the Board has the authority to make such a change. Lampke said that he and Dunn have been reviewing the bylaws on this. Dunn said that at this point he has not had any request from residents in that area to make the street one-way and that since the last meeting he has received a number of calls requesting that this not happen as there is a concern that it might cause people to drive too quickly on that stretch of road. He said that before any changes are made there will need to be a public Hearing. Dunn said he has a proposal on Beach Avenue that he would like to present to the Board in either September or October. Taverna also raised the issue of the telephone poles on XYZ Street and asked if this is a potential problem for emergency responders in that area. Dunn said this would be more of an issue for the Fire Department because the roads might make it difficult for fire apparatus to navigate.

McCann said he is interested in both issues and would like to hear more on them. Grey said this should be on the Agenda for a future meeting and that such a meeting should probably be held at the High School.

McCarthy repeated his request for a public hearing on the Hampton Circle playground.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion	Grey	Move 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. Subject: Town Manager designee's employment contract; Move 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 obtain legal advice pursuant to the attorney-client privilege, preparation for conducting the negotiation regarding the new Town Manager's contract and to reconvene in Open Session.
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Second Vote	McCann Unanimous	McCann – Aye Nesoff – Aye Grey – Aye McCarthy – Aye Taverna – Aye
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Before the Board went into Executive Session Lampke reminded everyone that this coming Saturday is the Illumination along the Bay and he assumes the Museum still has flares to sell.

The Open Meeting was adjourned to go into Executive Session.

After the Executive Session the Open Meeting was reconvened.

Motion	Nesoff	To approve the Town Manager contract as negotiated in Executive Session, some of the key terms of the contract to include a three-year term and a base salary of \$190,600 for the full term, four weeks of vacation, flexible sick leave, and to include the same benefits as non-union employees. A signed copy of the contract will be made available in the Town Clerk's office as soon as it is signed by all parties.
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Second Vote	McCarthy Unanimous*
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*Taverna did not participate in the vote

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 July 26, 2023
- Materials related to Fiscal Year 2023 Year End Transfers
- Letter from Donna Sullivan to Select Board and Board of Assessors regarding vacancy on the Board of Assessors
- Letter from George Boylen to the Select Board regarding St. Mary of the Assumption Festival
- Memo from Acting Town Manager, John Dunn, Town Clerk, Lori West, and Town Counsel, James Lampke regarding the proposed schedule for the Special Town Meeting
- Proposed Citizens Petition for the special Town Meeting
- Application from Bayside Marketing Systems, Inc. for a One Day Amendment to Common Victualler and Alcohol Licenses to open on Tuesday, August 1, 2023 from 12:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.