

**Hull Select Board
Final Minutes
August 10, 2022**

The meeting of the Hull Select Board was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 10, 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.

Minutes for Approval

Motion	Grey	To approve the minutes of the Select Board meeting on May 25, 2022
Second	Sestito	
Vote	Unanimous	
Motion	Grey	To approve the minutes of the Select Board meeting on June 1, 2022
Second	Sestito	
Vote	Unanimous	
Motion	Grey	To approve the minutes of the Select Board meeting on June 8, 2022
Second	Sestito	
Vote	Unanimous	
Motion	Grey	To approve the minutes of the Select Board meeting on June 29, 2022
Second	Sestito	
Vote	Unanimous	

Discussion re: Select Board Newsletter and Communication Policy

Constable said that in 2017 the Board had adopted a Communication Plan and Social Media policy for the Town. She said that the Board's primary goal at the time was to deliver accurate and timely information to residents, businesses, and visitors and to encourage public involvement in two-way communication. She said they had come up with several action items and noted that since that time they have completely revamped the Town website, have established regular reporting from Town Boards and Committees, and have maintained regular communication with the Chamber of Commerce. Lemnios said that they are doing much more posting and updating of information on the website and are also using the municipal light bill as a vehicle for getting information out on a variety of topics. He said that a number of Town departments have created regular newsletters, all of which are available online, and that many departments now offer the option of accessing and completing forms online. After a brief review it was the feeling of the Board that most of the goals set in 2017 have been met and that the Social Media policy is still relevant.

Lemnios said he feels the Town is reaching a point at which it would be beneficial to create a Communications position and hire someone with expertise who would be responsible to keep the website and online functions maintained and updated and who would disseminate information to Town residents and businesses. Nesoff said he has heard from a number of residents that it is difficult to find the information they need online and agreed with Lemnios that it would be good to bring in someone who would be solely responsible for this. Lemnios said he is looking at potentially budgeting for this in the FY24 budget.

There was a lengthy discussion about the possibility of creating a Select Board newsletter but it was the consensus that they would hold off on this for now as it would be very time-consuming and might duplicate information that is already available online. There was a strong feeling, however, that there is a need to educate the public about how

to navigate the website. Pursel suggested that at a future Board meeting they do a brief walkthrough of how to use the website and Nesoff suggested advertising this in the Hull Times and on available social medial platforms.

Discussion re: Board/Committee Vacancy Update

Lemnios said that in mid-July Lori West had sent all board and committee chairs a list of their current members and when their terms would expire, and had requested that they contact each of their members and ask if they are interested in being reappointed to their positions. West asked that this information be communicated to the Select Board's office, which is being done. Lemnios said that in recent years the Board has been making reappointments without bringing committee members in to appear before them and the Board felt comfortable continuing this policy. Lemnios said that before the next meeting he could formulate a list of people seeking reappointment. It was the feeling of the Board that everyone serving on a Town board or committee should be a registered voter so that they would be allowed to attend Town Meeting. Lemnios noted that there are a number of vacant positions and said he could advertise for these vacancies and set a date for applicants to send letters of interest so that they can schedule interviews.

There was a brief discussion about the status of a software package designed to expedite the board and committee appointment process. Lemnios said they would like to see a Conflict-of-Interest statement be part of the package, which has not yet been done, but they are making progress and hope that it will be completed soon.

APPROVALS

Michael McGurl, Executive Director, Hull Lifesaving Museum Inc., re: Request for One Day Liquor License for the Chamber Monthly Meeting on Tuesday, August 16, 2022 from 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

Motion	Sestito	To approve a One Day Liquor License for the Hull Lifesaving Museum on Tuesday, August 16, 2022 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for their monthly meeting of the Chamber
Second Vote	Grey Unanimous	

Michael McGurl, Executive Director, Hull Lifesaving Museum Inc., re: Request for One Day Liquor License for a birthday party on Saturday, August 27, 2022 from 5:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.

Motion	Sestito	To approve a One Day Liquor License for the Hull Lifesaving Museum for a birthday party on Saturday, August 27, 2022 from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Second Vote	Grey Unanimous	

Michael McGurl, Executive Director, Hull Lifesaving Museum, Inc., re: Request for One Day Liquor License for the South Shore Chamber Leadership Graduation on Wednesday, September 14, 2022 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Motion	Grey	To approve a One Day Liquor License for the Hull Lifesaving Museum on Wednesday, September 14, 2022 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the South Shore Chamber Leadership Graduation
Second Vote	Sestito Unanimous	

UPDATES

Sestito said he had received a letter from Hull Artists seeking the Board's assistance in obtaining a copy of the report that DCR had used as a basis to deny their request to lease and renovate the old police building. A copy of this letter had been sent to each member of the Board. Nesoff said Hull Artists has created a Curatorship Program

and would like to make this building a priority. He said they have currently spent over \$40,000 on a feasibility study and a draft proposal aimed at converting the building into art space. At this point Lampke recommended that Nesoff recuse himself from the discussion, which he did. Constable indicated that DCR felt that the repairs needed for the building to be used profitably were extensive and given its location they would need to do a resiliency study to see if it would be a viable property for a long-term lease. Due to the number of properties DCR currently holds in Hull they felt they were not in a position to take on that expense. Constable said she understands DCR's response, but leaving the building vacant does not make sense. Lemnios said he feels it would be beneficial to bring DCR and Hull Artists together so they can share their perspectives and try to break the current stalemate. Pursel suggested that Hull Artists share their study with DCR.

Constable said they had met about DCR's response to participation in the Business Improvement District (BID). She said their consultant is putting together a response to DCR and they will be scheduling a follow-up meeting with DCR representatives. She thanked Hull's No Place for Hate Committee for facilitating a meeting with her, Lemnios, the Committee, and the Department of Justice's Community Resolution Services. She said they will be pursuing potential training for staff/community conversations.

Lemnios said they have met with engineers on Fort Revere and will be in the process of pulling together bids and specifications with the hope that they might be in a position to begin construction next spring. He also said that the same engineers are doing specifications for the first Town Hall/Village Fire Station and they will be meeting with Chief Russo, Chris DiIorio and Jason Harris to fine tune that. The construction application will be a CPA application.

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 August 10, 2022
- 2017 Social Media Guidelines for Town of Hull Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram Accounts
- 2017 Town of Hull Communications Plan
- Material provided by Town Clerk, Lori West, related to current Board and Committee vacancies
- Applications from the Hull Lifesaving Museum for One Day Liquor Licenses on August 16, 2022, August 27, 2022, and September 14, 2022