Hull Select Board Final Minutes July 27, 2022

The meeting of the Hull Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 27, 2022 at Hull Town Hall, 253 Atlantic Avenue, Hull, Massachusetts.

Present: Jennifer Constable, Chair; Donna Pursel, Vice-Chair; Irwin Nesoff, Clerk. Members absent: 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.

APPOINTMENTS

Mike Buckley, Town Accountant, re: Fiscal Year 2022 Year End Transfers

Buckley explained that according to state law municipalities are allowed to move money from one department to another at the end of the fiscal year in order to stay within their budget. He said that for Fiscal Year 2022 they are requesting approval of year-end transfers totaling \$189,000.

Motion Nesoff To accept the year-end transfers for Fiscal Year 2022 as presented by the Town

Accountant

Second Pursel Vote Unanimous

Lori West, Town Clerk, re: Update on Fall State Elections

Constable said that West will need approval from the Board for early voting hours, appointment of police officers for the polling location, the appointment of 2022 State Election poll workers, and the September 6, 2022 State Primary Warrant.

West said that the state primary election will be held on September 6, 2022 and the general election will be held on November 8, 2022. She said that the Election Reform Law that was enacted in June (the VOTES Act) includes in person early voting for all state elections and this will begin with the primary election in September. She said that Hull has been holding early voting for the past few years and it has been very successful. West also noted that vote by mail is now permanent for all state and federal elections. The proposed times for early voting are Saturday, August 27th from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. and August 29th through September 1st from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Motion To approve the early voting polling hours as presented by the Town Clerk: Pursel

Saturday, August 27, 2022 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and Monday, August

29, 2022 through Thursday, September 1, 2022 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Second Nesoff Vote Unanimous

West said that the VOTES Act also states that it is now the responsibility of the Select Board to assign police officers for polling locations. She is requesting that the Select Board delegate this authority to the Chief of Police in consultation with its election officers and registrars. Constable asked if police officers are required just for election day or if they are required for early voting days as well. West said they are not required for early voting but are recommended. West said she feels comfortable not having them there for early voting as the Police Department is right downstairs.

Motion Nesoff Move that the Select Board, in accordance with G.L. c. 54, Section 72, as

> amended by Section 13 of Chapter 92 of the Acts of 2022, in consultation with its election officers and registrars, request the Chief of Police to detail a

sufficient number of police officers or constables for each building that contains the polling place for 1 or more precincts at every election therein to preserve order and to protect the election officers and supervisors from any interference with their duties and to aid in enforcing the laws relating to elections; and further that the Town Clerk work with the Chief of Police and/or his designee as the appointing authority of police details to call out this vote.

Second Pursel **Vote** Unanimous

Constable read the list of proposed 2022 State Election poll workers.

Motion Pursel To appoint the following 2022 State Election poll workers: Kathleen Bell,

Cyrille Donlan, AnnMarie Dunn, Cheryl Grey, Marie Niland, Alan McCall, Cindy Magnoli, Jennifer Olivieri, Diane Sandonato, Mary Ferrara, Kathleen Dunn, Dorothy Resnick, Gail Whitcomb-Richman, Jeri Sullivan, Dena

Tompkins, Tim Dunn

Second Nesoff Vote Unanimous

West then asked the Board to review and sign the September 6, 2022 State Primary Election Warrant.

Motion Nesoff To approve the September 6, 2022 State Primary Warrant as presented by

the Town Clerk at this meeting.

Second Pursel Vote Unanimous

Discussion re: Select Board Newsletter

Constable said that since two members of the Board are not present this discussion will be rescheduled to the next meeting of the Board on August 10, 2022.

REQUESTS FOR APPROVAL

Judith Barry, Green Hill Improvement Association, re: Permission to hold Gala Day on Saturday, August 13, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. on Gunrock Beach, with a rain date of August 14, 2022

Motion Pursel To approve the Green Hill Improvement Association's Gala Day on Saturday,

August 13, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. with a rain date of August 14, 2022, with the

approval of the appropriate safety officials

Second Nesoff Vote Unanimous

Appointment of Select Board Designee to the Beach Management Committee and the Zoning Bylaw Committee.

Constable said that since two Board members, who might be interested in being the designee of the Board, are not present, this Agenda item will be postponed to the meeting on August 10, 2022.

UPDATES

Lemnios said that planning for the Harbor Illumination is going well. He said various roadways will be getting their final coat of pavement over the course of the next week and that all of the roadway projects are moving along. He

also said he has reached out to Hull's state representatives to find out what is going on with some of the grants they are seeking, such as the seawall grant, but has not yet heard from them.

Pursel asked if there was an update on the crosswalk painting. Lemnios said that some line painting was done this past week and thinks the crosswalk painting will start soon. He said he will check with the Police Chief on this.

Constable said that in August the Board will be discussing communication policies and a possible newsletter and will also be doing reappointments to Town Committees and Boards. Lemnios said a questionnaire has been circulated to see who is interested in being reappointed to their current Committee and Board positions.

Constable said she has heard from a number of community members regarding a recent letter to the Editor of <u>The Hull Times</u> that used language that was very offensive to the LGBTQ+ community. She feels that the Board should offer a resolution reaffirming its continuing support of this community. Nesoff agreed but said he would like to see other groups included in the resolution as well as he is concerned about the rise of white supremacist groups in the state. Constable said the No Place for Hate Committee has been active in this regard and has been hoping to have the Board adopt a Pledge. She said they will have the Committee in for a meeting in the near future.

Motion Nesoff That the Hull Select Board supports a diverse, equitable and inclusive community that encompasses everyone and reaffirms its ongoing support of Hull's LGBTQ community.

Second Pursel **Vote** Unanimous

On a motion by Pursel, 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 area available in the Select Board's office upon request:

- Amended Agenda for Select Board Meeting on July 27, 2022
- Request from Judith Barry of the Green Hill Improvement Association for permission to hold Gala Day on Saturday, August 13, 2022
- Memorandum from Town Clerk, Lori West, regarding early voting hours, appointment of police officers for the polling location, and appointment of poll workers for the September 6, 2022 State Primary Election
- Copy of the September 6, 2022 State Primary Warrant