

**Hull Select Board
Final Minutes
September 28, 2022**

The meeting of the Hull Select Board was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 28, 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.

APPOINTMENTS

Chris Krahforst, Conservation Commission Director re: Proposal for Climate Adaptation Committee

Conservation Commission Director, Chris Krahforst, was present to submit a proposal for the establishment of a Committee on Climate Adaptation whose purpose would be to strengthen the community and promote civic engagement through informed and coordinated policy development for climate change adaptation. The proposed Committee would consist of appointees from the Select Board, Advisory Board, Conservation Commission, Council on Aging, Light Board, Planning Board, and Permanent Sewer Commission. The Committee would be charged with reviewing new climate change information as well as the Town's adaptation policies, projects and future plans, and providing feedback and direction.

Krahforst said they would also be forming a Climate Adaptation Working Group comprised of Department heads or appointees from Community Development and Planning, Climate Adaptation and Conservation, Sewer Department, Building Department, Emergency Management/Hull Fire, Hull Police, Town Management, DPW, and the Directors of the Council on Aging, the Light Plant, and the School Department. This group would meet quarterly, or more frequently if needed, to review adaptation implementation measures, current projects and planning, and to integrate mid and long-term planning into the Town's hazard mitigation plan, emergency response, floodplain development, storm damage protection, and infrastructure repairs and improvement. The Working Group would make an annual report to the Climate Adaptation Committee on the Town's climate adaptation efforts and the Committee would provide feedback and guidance, prioritize projects, and would advocate for them at Town Meeting.

Lemnios said that the working Group would be comprised of departments that are all currently working on a variety of climate-related projects. He noted that about eight years ago Hull began to participate in the FEMA Community Rating System (CRS) which requires them to undertake a certain number of climate-related activities each year in order to benefit the Town's insurance rates. Krahforst said that Hull is currently at the top of the CRS rating system but that it might be possible for them to move to a higher level, so they have been working with MAPC to develop a structure for the Committee and the Working Group that will allow them to better track all of the Town's current activities and present information to the community and to potential funding agencies, and to better assess what their strategy is to address the environmental challenges affecting the community.

There was a brief discussion as to the role of the Committee as opposed to the role of the Working Group. Lemnios stressed that the Committee would function solely as a policy body and would not become involved in operational issues. Constable encouraged both the Committee and the Working Group to think about public education and communication around resiliency as the public is becoming much more aware of the effects of climate change. Krahforst agreed and said that public support is essential.

Motion	Grey	To approve the proposal for the Climate Adaptation Committee as presented at this meeting
Second	Nesoff	
Vote	Unanimous	

Letters of Interest to serve on Town Boards/Committees

Council on Aging

There were four applicants present for four vacancies on the Council on Aging. Peter Dewey is now retired but said he had worked at the Duxbury Senior Center for many years as a Food Manager. David Irwin has been established in Hull for many years and has experience on a number of boards and committees. Irma Lefever is a long-time resident of Hull and has been volunteering at the Senior Center for several years. Marlene Earl is a retired nurse and feels this would allow her to be of service to the COA.

Motion	Pursel	To appoint Marlene Earl and David Irwin for positions on the Council on Aging that expire in 2023 and to appoint Peter Dewey and Irma Lefever for the two positions that expire in 2024
Second Vote	Sestito Unanimous	

Veteran's Council

The Veteran's Council currently has five vacancies and one alternate vacancy. There were three applicants present for these positions. Ernest Minelli said he is currently on the War Memorial Commission but would like to be able to do more for veterans in the Town. Maureen McCarthy has many family members who have served in the military and would like to give back to veterans. George Anastos was in the Army for two years and would like to be able to contribute to help those who have served our country.

Motion	Sestito	To appoint Ernest Minelli III to the Veterans Council for the term to expire in 2025, to appoint Maureen McCarthy to the term to expire in 2024, and to appoint George Anastos to the term to expire in 2023
Second Vote	Grey Unanimous	

100% Clean Energy Action Committee

There are four current vacancies for this Committee and there were three applicants present for the positions. Cara O'Keefe is a recent college graduate and said she sees many of the effects of climate change in Hull. She feels that working in small government is a good way to effect change. Ben Maitland-Lewis is currently serving on the Committee and would like to continue to serve in whatever capacity is needed. Judeth Van Hamm said she would like to serve on this Committee and is committed to educating the public about their role in emissions and how they can use less energy. She is particularly interested in Solar Rapid Transit. She noted that there is a National Solar Tour starting on Saturday that has three participants from Hull. She said this tour will be available on their website (www.nationalsolartour.org) until January 15, 2023.

Motion	Nesoff	To appoint Judeth Van Hamm, Ben Maitland-Lewis and Cara O'Keefe to the 100% Clean Action Committee all with terms to expire in 2023
Second Vote	Sestito Unanimous	

Historical Commission

There were two applicants present for four vacancies on this Commission. William Smyth said he has been involved in a number of historic projects throughout the Town. Steven Greenberg has been involved in a number of organizations related to Jewish history and culture in Boston and is involved in a number of organizations in Hull.

Motion	Grey	To appoint Steve Greenberg to the Historical Commission for the term that expires in 2023 and to appoint William Smyth to the Historical Commission to the term that expires in 2025
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Second Sestito
Vote Unanimous

Permanent Sewer Commission

There are currently three applicants for two available positions on this Commission. Two of the three applicants were interviewed at the previous Select Board meeting. B. Scott Taylor said that he moved to Hull when he retired in 2014 and since that time has become very involved in the community. He feels that serving on the Sewer Commission is a great way to contribute to the Town.

Motion Grey To appoint Paul Norton to the Permanent Sewer Commission with a term to expire in 2023 and to appoint B. Scott Taylor to a position on the Permanent Sewer Commission with a term to expire in 2025

Second Sestito
Vote Unanimous

Economic Development Committee

There is currently one vacancy on the Economic Development Committee and one applicant for this position. Irena Davy said she moved to Hull four years ago and feels there are many positive things going on in Hull. She has extensive experience in corporate America but would now like to give back to her community.

Motion Pursel To appoint Irena Davy to the Economic Development Committee for a term to expire in 2023

Second Sestito
Vote Unanimous

Constable reminded all appointees that they would need to complete Conflict of Interest Training, provide proof of being a registered voter in the Town, and be sworn in by the Town Clerk.

APPROVAL

Gary Twonbly, President, Nantasket Beach Salt Water Club Re: Request for extension of Seasonal Liquor License until January 15, 2023

Lampke said the Board recently approved an Annual license for the Salt Water Club but the ABCC has put a hold on it because there is a question as to whether Hull is over its quota of Annual Licenses. At the time of the approval of the new annual license it was the Select Board Office's feeling that they are not over the quota. The Office is working to gather the necessary information to provide to the ABCC, which is currently reviewing the situation. He said that in the meantime, seasonal licensees are allowed to request permission from the licensing authority (the Select Board) to not close on November 1st as normal, but be allowed to operate until January 15th, which the Salt Water Club has done.

Constable asked if they can expect that the matter will be resolved by January 15th. Lampke said it is possible, depending on how many other things the ABCC has in the pipeline. He said that the worst-case scenario would be that the Club's alcohol license would end on January 15th but that next year's seasonal license would start on April 1st, so they would only be without a license for a few months. He said that if the ABCC does not accept the Town's arguments on this the Salt Water Club will revert to their current status as a seasonal license holder. Constable asked if this issue would have any effect on the Town's request for additional licenses but Lampke said it would not.

Motion Sestito To approve the extension of a Seasonal Liquor License for the Nantasket Salt Water Club to January 15, 2023

Second Grey
Vote Unanimous

UPDATES

Nesoff said that the MAPC has posted their DEI guide on their website. He feels it is very informative and may be the basis for discussions that will be taking place with the No Place for Hate Committee moving forward.

Grey asked Lemnios if there is a schedule for work on the Gunrock playground. Lemnios said they have to talk to the engineers on this project and that they would coordinate this with the roadway paving project. He said they are a little bit ahead of schedule on the roadway project and are doing some base layer work this week. He said the best-case scenario is that bids would be solicited for work in the spring.

Pursel expressed her thoughts and prayers for the people of Florida as they deal with the aftereffects of Hurricane Ian.

Constable said that the meeting scheduled for this week with DCR was rescheduled to October 12th due to a conflict.

On a motion by Sestito, 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's office upon request.

- Agenda and Added Agenda for Select Board meeting on September 28, 2022
- Proposal for the establishment of a Committee on Climate Adaptation
- Letters of Interest from individuals applying for positions on various Town Boards and Committees
- Listing of Mission Statements and current vacancies on: Council on Aging, Veteran's Council, 100% Clean Energy Climate Action Committee, Historical Commission, Permanent Sewer Commission, and Economic Development Committee
- Request from George Twombly of the Nantasket Beach Saltwater Club for an extension of the Seasonal Liquor License to January 15, 2023