

Meeting Minutes of Regular Meeting of Hanover Board of Selectmen held at Town Hall on Monday, December 3, 2018 @ 7:00 PM.

Present were Chairman Emmanuel Dockter, Vice-Chair John C. Tuzik, Selectmen: David Delaney, Jocelyn Keegan and John Barry. Also present: Town Manager (TM) Joe Colangelo and Assistant Janet Tierney.

At 7:00 p.m. Chairman Dockter opened the meeting and started the meeting off with a moment of silence to acknowledge the passing of the 41st President of the United States George H. W. Bush.

The members of the public were asked to come forward with any questions or comments on issues not listed on the meeting's agenda; no response.

Meeting Minutes:

The Board voted to approve the Meeting Minutes from November 19, 2018.

Licensing Coordinator Lorraine Burgio gave an overview of the 2019 alcohol related license renewals. Members of the Board and the public were asked to come forward with any questions or comments; no response.

The Board voted to approve the renewal of the following licenses:

All Alcoholic Beverage Licenses (Restaurants)

1. 118 Restaurant, Inc. dba Imperial Garden, 811 Washington Street
2. The Squires of Hanover, Inc. dba The Squires, 1202 Washington Street
3. Outback Steakhouse of Florida, llc dba Outback Steakhouse, 1775 Washington
4. Tsang's Village, Inc. dba Tsang's Village Café, 644 Washington Street, Unit A101
5. Quan's Kitchen of Hanover, Inc. dba Quan's Kitchen, 871 Washington Street
6. Players' Lounge, llc dba The Draft on 53, 645 Washington Street
7. Blazin Wings, Inc. dba Buffalo Wild Wings, 1799 Washington Street
8. Brothers B & G, Inc. dba Brothers Grill, 778 Washington Street

Wines & Malt Beverage License (Restaurant)

1. S. & J. Hanover, Inc. dba Mamma Mia of Hanover, 333 Columbia Road
2. Wong Enterprises, Inc. dba Siam Cuisine, 370 Columbia Road
3. First Boston Tenpin, Inc. dba Boston Bowl, 58 Rockland Street
4. Hanover House of Pizza, llc dba Hanover House of Pizza, 272 Columbia Road
5. Rocco's Italian Pizzeria, llc dba Rocco's Italian Pizzeria, 1143 Broadway, Bldg #2 (site specific/special legislation approved 11/3/11)

All Alcoholic Beverages (Packaged Goods Store)

1. MAHI Corp, dba Home Spirits, 227 Columbia Road
2. AR Package, Inc. dba Hanover Liquors, 15 Pleasant Street
3. Kanudo, llc. dba Vintage Wine & Spirits, 849 Washington Street

Wine & Malt Beverages (Packaged Goods Store)

1. 7-Eleven of Massachusetts, Inc. dba 7-Eleven Store #37416, 228 Columbia Road
2. MYCOST, Inc. dba Myette's Country Store, 1143 Broadway
3. 7-Eleven of Massachusetts, Inc. dba 7-Eleven Store #37403, 2103 Washington St.
4. HSK Corporation dba Twin's Convenience Store, 124 Rockland St.
5. On The Way General Store, Inc. dba Lindy's General Store, 971 Webster St.
6. Janet I. Eaton dba Grampy's General Store and Coffee Shop, 148 King Street
(site specific/special legislation approved 9/27/2001)

Farmer Series Pouring License

1. Burke's Brewing Co., Inc. dba Burke's Alewerks, 200 Webster St., Unit 3

Veteran's Club All Alcoholic Beverages

1. Josselyn-Cummings Post #149, American Legion, 104 King Street

Each of the aforementioned license approvals were granted subject to all fees and taxes being paid and submission of necessary TIPS and Sure Serve Certifications as certified by the Licensing Coordinator.

Discussion/Action Items:

The Board voted to open the Annual Town Meeting Warrant until January 25, 2019 at noon.

The Board voted to open the Special Town Meeting Warrant until February 22, 2019 at noon.

The Chair instructed that any proposed articles from the public be submitted to the Board through the Town Manager's Office and invited all to review the Board's recent policy which addresses how and in what form the articles are to be submitted, and the process the Board will undertake in reviewing the articles. The Board's goal is to get back to any article sponsor and let them know if the Board is not inclined to put the article in the warrant. Thereby giving the sponsor an opportunity to amend the article or put it forward as a petition article.

TM discussed proposed changes to the personnel regulations, and offered language that would further clarify the difference in earned sick and personal time for full time employees hired pre April 7th 2014 and post April 7th 2014. TM pointed out that the proposed amendments to the Personnel Regulations would reinstate what had been in the personnel regulations prior to April 7, 2014. Such changes would be retroactive for employees hired prior to April 7, 2014 back to July 1, 2018 of this fiscal year. No questions or comments were offered from the Board or the public. The Board then voted to approve the most recently amended language amending the personnel regulations as presented.

A Standing item on the Agenda, the Capital Budget, was opened for discussion. No questions or comments from the Board or public.

TM discussed a proposed Public Outdoor Holiday display, the lighting of a tree near the bandstand and Veteran's Memorial. The Fire Department's tower apparatus would be used to aid in stringing the lights. No questions or comments from the Board or the public. The Board voted to give TM the authority to light and make a public holiday display near the Veteran's Memorial.

Under the Mall Redevelopment Update, the Chair announced that the Planning Board and Board of Selectmen are looking to have a joint forum in the beginning of January at the High School to address housing needs within the town, police, fire, school, water and other developing questions. It will be a joint forum to answer basically all of the questions raised at the recent ZBA hearing. It is expected that the relevant Department Heads will be present to answer the questions.

TM mentioned he would, by Wednesday, have responses from the Department Heads on impacts on levels of service. He first would like to respond to questions tailored to variances at hand and then work on a more comprehensive response on the impact of services we have and provide that to the Board prior to the joint hearing in January.

TM met with his counterpart from Norwell. They are hoping to sit down with the Mall representatives and someone to help with a MassWorks grant application. They will be looking to improve the entire Mill Street Corridor from Hanover up into Norwell if this project continues to move forward.

Updates:

Not all of the individuals scheduled to present the Fireworks Phase 2 PowerPoint presentation had arrived so the Chair asked Police Chief Sweeney to present his Department Update next and the Fireworks Phase 2 presentation could then follow.

Chief Walter Sweeney gave the Hanover Police Department update including an overview of staffing, programs, projects, awards the Department has received and outstanding Capital Budget items.

Selectman John Barry suggested holding Hanover road races in Forge Pond Park. Chief Sweeney offered to come in and discuss potential updates to the Board's Road Race Policy.

Selectwoman Jocelyn Keegan along with the Board congratulated Donna Craig on her retirement and thanked her for her years of loyal service.

The Board congratulated Chief Sweeney and the Hanover Police Department for receiving the National IACP/Cisco Leadership in Community Policing Award.

During the questions and comments period, as requested, the Chief gave the Board further details on the Endangered Children Investigations Training his staff is taking part in, the drug take back box located at the Police Station, his recollection of any studies concerning the redesign of the intersection of Main, Silver and Center Streets, the number of time the Police Department has used NARCAN in the past year and the details of the Governor's Highway Safety Grant and it's enforcement period.

TM mentioned that the Traffic Safety Committee would like the topic of the intersection of Main, Silver and Center Streets to be an agenda item for an upcoming Board of Selectmen meeting and he would like to invite Representative DeCoste and Senator Brady to attend. At that point the Traffic Safety Committee would go through what they are asking for and ask the Board to make this a priority. TM said that it won't be a simple fix, there will be a price tag attached, so they will need the Board to throw their full weight behind it in order to have anything done soon.

Selectman David Delaney commended Officer Mike McKeever for his work with the DARE program, and mentioned that Mike has a great way of getting through to the kids.

No questions or comments from the Board or the public.

Presentations:

Gerard Martin, Deputy Regional Director of the Bureau of Waste Site Cleanup – Mass DEP Lakeville Office, Deborah Marshall-Hewlitt, Audit Section Chief for the Bureau of Waste Site Cleanup, also from the Southeast Regional Office and also Project Manager of the Fireworks site and Ron Marnicio the Project Manager for the Fireworks Site ongoing cleanup from Tetra Tech appeared before the Board and presented and reviewed their PowerPoint presentation of Phase 2 of the Fireworks Site cleanup, [attached](#).

Updates (continued):

TM gave an update on the Traffic Safety Committee, asking the Board to get involved and put their weight behind the study of the intersection in front of Town Hall and the 139 Corridor and to really prioritize moving forward with that. The TM has been in touch with Representative DeCoste regarding aggressively attaining help with funding for this study.

Another main focus of the Traffic Safety Committee has been Winter Street. Traffic counts have been performed with OCPC confirming that it is heavily traveled, with a lot of truck traffic. The next step is to look into, and that does not necessarily meant act on, the possibility of making part or all of Winter Street one way, and analyzing it to see if that would be an effective improvement. Also, they will be looking into aesthetic improvements that may make residents feel safer and alleviate some of the traffic concerns such as narrowing the road or installing a center median.

TM also noted that in the Four Corners area, while the blinking stop signs have been effective, they will be looking to see if there is another better solution that is more aesthetically pleasing for a historic district in conjunction with or apart from the blinking signs. He went on to say the Traffic Safety Committee meetings are the first Tuesday of every month in Town Hall and are well attended. There were no questions or concerns from the Board or the public.

Finance Director Lincoln Heineman gave an update on the Advisory Committee. The next meeting is this Wednesday with presentations from the Police Department and the Information Technology Department. The Committee is scheduled to vote on all Capital Planned items on Wednesday, December 12th. There were no questions or comments from the Board or public.

The Chair gave an update on the Master Plan Implementation Committee. The Committee met on November 20th, and the meeting was well attended. Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, Emmanuel Dockter, was named as Chair of the Committee and John Geary was named Vice Chair. The members discussed their different views of what they could do on the committee to move forward with implementing the Master Plan and what they could do to move forward with coordinating and keeping the other Boards and Committees up to date so that everyone knows what they are doing. The next meeting is set for January 10, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Under Liaison Reports, Selectman John Barry discussed the Mall application and the Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearing and its significance to the Town and thanked the Chair for setting up the Public Forum at which questions that should be answered can be answered so that the appropriate Boards can act and follow the guidance as they need to.

Chairman Emmanuel Docker met with Leah Miller, Chair of the School Committee, as well as with School Department Business Manager Dr. Thomas Raab and the School Superintendent Matthew Ferron to discuss Sylvester re use. This will be an item on the next Board of Selectmen meeting's agenda and will be discussed openly and publicly. At this point, the School Department using part of the school does not look to be a viable option.

Selectman John Tuzik said that he will be heading down to the Plymouth County meeting and an update will be forthcoming.

Selectman David Delaney gave an update on the Board of Health which is working on renewals for their 2019 permits, and also raised the issue of lack of help in the Assessor's Office. He noted that the department was budgeted to have an Assistant Assessor, an Assessor and a Part Time Clerk, and right now they are down to one person. Further noting that being shorthanded in that Department could cost the Town money in terms of new growth.

TM informed the Board that he recognizes that the Assessor's Office is in a tough spot right now. Working together with the Finance Director, they have hired a consultant to do contracted work for the Assessor's Office. They have also just posted or are about to post to hire someone to fill the recently vacated position. They worked with the Union to reclassify the position in an effort to attract the best candidate for that role.

TM gave the Town Manager's Report. He informed the Board that his monthly report will be out tomorrow. TM is trying something new. He has scheduled Town Counsel to be in Town Hall for 4 or 5 hours in an attempt to control costs and more effectively utilize our legal services. This may turn out to be a monthly thing if effective. Department Heads and their applicable staff members can meet with Town Counsel and have their legal questions answered.

OPEB – TM and the Finance Director are working with consultants to vet the five responses received in order to move forward with a decision before Town Meeting on who will be Hanover's long term investment manager.

Operating Budget – There will be a learning curve for some of the players involved but they will have a budget presentation to the Board and Advisory Committee with the scenarios discussed, in early January. The Department Heads have a deadline of December 15th to have their budget proposals to the TM and then the TM will work with them to have a presentation ready for the Board in early January.

TM and the Finance Director will be meeting with the bond managers next week. Hanover has been rolling some of its debts over in one year notes because of how low interest rates have been. They will now be looking to see whether or not they should consider locking in long term for some or all of the Town's outstanding debt. They are meeting to get a better idea of how to present that to the Board and what they might consider before making that determination.

Selectwoman Jocelyn Keegan asked TM if he had spoken with Pembroke TA regarding the feasibility study of Luddams. TM confirmed that they had spoken and said that they will continue to work through the Advisory Committee on that.

TM received an email from Weston and Sampson and Weston and Sampson will have the Sewer Study back to him next week.

There were no issues discussed under Selectmen Forum.

Meeting ended and adjourned at 9:14 PM.