

**Meeting Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Hanover Board of Selectmen held via teleconference on Monday, January 25, 2021 @ 7:00 PM.**

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Present via Zoom video conference Chairman David Delaney, Vice Chair Rhonda Nyman, Selectmen John Tuzik and John Barry and Selectwoman Vanessa O'Connor. Also present, Town Manager (TM) Joseph Colangelo, Executive Assistant Janet Tierney, Assistant Town Manager (ATM) Ann Lee, Interim Finance Director (IFD) Chelsea Stevens.

**Meeting called to order**

At 7:00pm the Chair called the meeting to order and passed it over to Selectman Tuzik who on behalf of the Board, wished to thank Veterans Service Officer (VSO) James Crosby and the Griffin Family. At the request of the Griffin Family, VSO Crosby put together a Ceremony for Lt. Calvin Ellis Jr. on what would have been his 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Lt. Ellis was a Hanover resident who came from a long line of Hanover residents. Lt. Ellis flew 35 missions in a B24 Liberator and was shot down over Germany and killed in action on April 4, 1945. Selectman Tuzik commented that Lt. Ellis was an American Hero and it was a very nice ceremony. He furthermore mentioned Corpsman Paul Edge, another son of Hanover, who was killed in Vietnam on January 30<sup>th</sup> 1968. The 53<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of his death is this coming Saturday. Selectman Tuzik wished to take this opportunity to remember him.

The Chair asked for any public comments. Resident Melissa Smith raised her virtual hand and joined the meeting to discuss her proposal of organizing a Farmers Market series in Hanover. TM recommended that Melissa reach out to Licensing Coordinator Janet Tierney to get the conversation started, and then this could come back to the Board with a game plan and permitting or other action items for the Board in order to enable it. Resident Mike Cianciola raised his hand and commented that Melissa could alternatively reach out to Merchant's Row regarding using their space for the Farmer's Market.

**Minutes**

The board voted to approve the meeting minutes from January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

**Annual and Special Town Meeting**

Tm ran though the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Initial Budget Presentation 3.0, [attached](#).

The Board discussed the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget with TM and IFD.

At the Board's request Fire Chief Blanchard Spoke with the Board regarding the status of the proposed land to be used for the site of the proposed new Fire Station.

Resident Steven Freedman raised his virtual hand and discussed the use of free cash with the Board.

Chief Blanchard informed the Board that the President has signed a memo increasing FEMA money to the States. One major change is that certain supplies and cleaning equipment used to keep the schools open through September of 2021 are now eligible for reimbursement whereas they were not eligible before.

When asked, Fire Chief Blanchard stated that he thinks the IT Department has enough time to equip the schools to handle Town Meeting this year, and he didn't think renting a facility would be necessary. TM agreed to have people start working on planning out the logistics of

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Town Meeting. The Moderator expressed that he would prefer to hold Town Meeting in one location but was not advocating for the Town to spend its own money on making that happen.

The Board discussed Draft Article 20, New Fire Station- Appropriate Funds, with Chief Blanchard. IFD agreed to look into borrowing money to fund the article as opposed to using free cash. The Board discussed other capital items which borrowing could fund as opposed to the use free cash.

TM, Library Director Virginia Johnson and Chair of the Board of Library Trustees, Jean Cianciola spoke with the Board regarding the proposed Library budget.

TM encouraged the Board to reach out to him or IFD with any questions and/ or provide feedback on the budget and stated that the Board will have the final product one week from tonight.

The Board moved on to discuss the Draft Annual Town Meeting Warrant with TM. TM stated that per the Board's policy, today is the day the Board is to close the Town Meeting Warrant. From this point forward, the Board will need to open the Warrant to make changes and then close it again. The Chair of the Community Preservation Committee (CPC), Bill Scarpelli, raised his virtual hand and presented the draft CPC articles to the Board. The Board agreed to put the topic of Sylvester School on their next agenda.

The Board discussed placeholder draft article 8, Advisory Committee Appointment Bylaw – Amendment, with resident John Geary and Town Moderator Doug Thomson.

Residents John Fanning, Paul Nimeskern, Gary Young and Seth Frattasio raised their virtual hands and also joined in the discussion. Selectman Barry made a motion to have this proposed Bylaw Amendment brought to the Bylaw Review Committee in order to go through the process of review. The motion was not seconded. The discussion continued. Upon the Board's request, TM clarified that per the Board's vote the Warrant closed today at noon, but the Board has the ability open the Warrant for changes or additions and close it again. The Chair asked that this topic be put on next week's agenda, so that the people interested, in the meantime, can work on the article in order to provide a draft that is appropriate and cleaned up and they can possibly reach out to the Bylaw Review Committee as well. The Chair further stated that the Board can investigate options between now and the next meeting and make a decision at that point.

### **Permits and Licenses**

The Chair passed the meeting over to the Vice Chair and recused himself as although he is not personally in direct competition with Auto Lease and Rental companies he is in the Automotive business and likes to step out of any of these related issues to be on the safe side. The Board voted to renew the License for the Leasing or Renting of Motor Vehicles to U-HAUL Company of Southern Massachusetts and Cape Cod dba U- HAUL Center of North Hanover, located at 49 Franks Lane. Selectman Tuzik, aye, Selectman Barry, aye, Selectwoman O'Connor, aye, and Vice Chair Nyman, aye.

The Chair returned to the meeting.

### **Work Agreements**

The Board agreed to place the consideration of approval of the Work Agreement for the Finance Director on the next agenda.

**Other**

At the Board's request, TM agreed to have the CDMI Director and Building Commissioner respond to a resident's request for an update on the status of Hanover Crossing.

**Adjourn Meeting**

The meeting ended and adjourned at 10:40 pm