

Meeting Minutes of Regular Meeting of Hanover Board of Selectmen held at Town Hall on Monday, January 7, 2013 @ 7:00 PM.

Present were Chairman John S. Barry, Vice Chairman Joseph Salvucci, Susan M. Setterland, Harold Dunn and Gary W. Young. Also present: Town Manager Troy B.G. Clarkson and Executive Assistant Ann Lee.

At 7:07 PM Chairman Barry opened the meeting and asked for questions for the Open Forum; there were none.

The Board voted to open the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting until Monday, February 4th at 12:00 noon.

The Board voted to open the Warrant for the Special Town Meeting until Monday, March 4th at 12:00 noon.

The Board met with Director of Public Works, Victor Diniak to review the Vehicle Use Policy with regard to employees who are issued “take home vehicles”. Mr. Diniak explained this is not a large expense for the Town and it provides a high level of service with responding to emergency situations, the employees who are issued take home vehicles live in Town, with the exception of one employee, and they are able to respond directly to an emergency rather than driving to Pond Street to pick-up the Town vehicle. The employees do not use the vehicles for personal use.

The Board asked Mr. Diniak for an update on the Wind Turbine. Mr. Diniak noted due to potential litigation he would prefer not to discuss this during open session. Chairman Barry asked Mr. Diniak to attend tonight’s executive session.

The Board met with William Dooley and Bruce Nordstrom of the Design Review Board for their Annual Collaboration Meeting; Steven Habeeb and Johanne Morrison were unable to attend. Mr. Nordstrom provided a history on the Board including their interaction with the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Building Department. Mr. Nordstrom noted the recommendations being provided to the Planning Board are not being implemented and in some cases the Design Review Board is not provided guidelines for buildings. Chairman Barry suggested the Bylaw related to the duties of the Board be reviewed. The Board directed the TM to research the enabling act or bylaw that created the DRB and draft a memo that offers a friendly reminder to utilize the expertise of these capable volunteers.

The Board voted to ratify the Town Manager’s appointment of Frank Brierley to the Conservation Commission, term to expire June 30, 2014. Mr. Brierley will complete the term of Neal Merritt whose resignation is effective January 10th.

The Board voted to approve and signed the ABCC Renewal Certification Report for 2013.

Town Manager Report:

- The TM met with the owners of BMI Surplus on King Street they supply quality used Scientific Equipment and Test Equipment. They are looking to expand their facility.
- The Town's website is in the process of being redesigned and will be presented to the Board at a future meeting.
- The two year window on the State Ethics test has expired all Town employees/Boards/Committee members will be required to take the test.
- The TM met with the Unions today and provided an update on health insurance the savings will be evident in the Budget presentation on January 28th.
- The Chamber of Commerce State of the Town Breakfast will be held at Town Hall on February 7th at 7:30 a.m.
- The Town Manager Workshop is schedule for January 9th at 6:00 p.m. all those included with the Act being implemented have been invited including Department Heads and the public. Chairman Barry requested the Advisory Committee be invited to attend. Selectman Salvucci noted he would not be able to attend.

Chairman Barry acknowledged the resignation of Conservation Agent Patrick Gallivan noting his dedication to the position and wished him well.

The Board voted to accept with regret the resignation of Neal Merritt from the Conservation Commission and thanked him for his service.

At 7:53 PM Selectman Salvucci made a motion to go into Executive Session in accordance with MGL 30A, §21, §§ 3 to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation and §§5 to investigate charges of criminal misconduct or to consider the filing of criminal complaints. Selectman Young seconded the motion. Chairman Barry noted an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or negotiating position of the body and to the strategy with litigation, and the charges of criminal misconduct or to consider the filing of criminal complaints the Board will not reconvene in Open Session. Roll Call Vote: H. Dunn, aye; J. Salvucci, aye; Chairman J. Barry, aye; S. Setterland aye; and G. Young, aye. Town Manager Troy B.G. Clarkson and Senior Administrative Assistant Ann Lee were also present. Any discussion relative to Police or Fire Selectman Salvucci will recuse himself.

Meeting ended and adjourned at 9:00 PM.