

Meeting Minutes of Regular Meeting of Hanover Board of Selectmen held at Town Hall on Monday, February 4, 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 7:02 PM Vice Chairman Salvucci opened the meeting noting Chairman Barry will join the meeting shortly.

The Board voted to approve the meeting minutes of 01-07-13 and 01-28-13, Selectman Dunn abstained from the vote on the 01-28-13 minutes, he did not attend this meeting.

The Board received and voted to continue Green Communities Criteria 4, Fuel Efficient Vehicles, as presented and signed the corresponding letter.

At 7:06 p.m. Chairman Barry joined the meeting.

The Board and Chief Blanchard presented proclamations to Richard Cullen, Russell Reynolds and Russell Ferguson for their involvement in the rescue of a young girl who had fallen through the ice at Forge Pond.

The TM and Director of Community Services provided a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed Reorganization in Community Services Department. The Board agreed to table the vote until their next meeting.

The Board met with Town Counsel, Jim Toomey regarding the Town Manager Act. Mr. Toomey noted the following:

- The Act would have to be amended if the Board wanted to approve contract rates of pay as noted in Section 4 of the Act.
- Limitations on terms of employment are not supplied by statute in Hanover (Section 4).
- The Board could have a Policy with regard to the Budget for Town Meeting.
- The Act governs; the Board has no say if a topic is addressed in the Act.
- There are two ways to amend the Act; form a Charter Commission, bring amendments to Town Meeting for a vote, and a ballot vote option two would be the vote of Town Meeting then to the Legislature for approval

Chairman Barry recognized resident Dan Pallotta who inquired if a Board Policy could be implemented with regards to a 30 day notice for a salary increase; Mr. Toomey noted that a Policy would be permissible this approach is just requesting a notice period.

The Board met with Mike Tivnan, Chairman Parks and Recreation Committee and Victor Diniak, Director of Public Works to discuss options for securing the gate at Forge Pond Park. The TM noted there is an Article on the 2013 Annual Town Meeting Warrant for a “senior work-off program” this program would allow senior residents of the Town to work a limited number of hours to decrease their Town taxes. Dan Pallotta provided an update on the construction of the Pavilion at Forge Pond Park he estimates the project should be completed by September 2013. Mr. Tivnan noted the fields should be self-supporting one year after completion.

At 8:30 PM the Board voted to go into Executive Session in accordance with MGL 30A, Section 21, Subsection 5, to investigate charges of criminal misconduct or to consider the filing of criminal complaints and Section 21, Subsection 3 to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or negotiating position of the body. Chairman Barry noted an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or negotiating position of the body and 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 Executive Assistant Ann Lee were also present. Any discussion relative to Police or Fire Selectman Salvucci will recuse himself.

Meeting ended and adjourned at 9:45 PM.