

**Meeting Minutes of the Hanover Select Board Special Meeting held remotely via Zoom Videoconference, on Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022 @ 2:00 pm.**

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**Call meeting to order and Pledge of Allegiance**

At 2:00pm the Chair called the meeting to order.

Present via Zoom were Chair Rhonda Nyman, Vice Chair Vanessa O'Connor, Selectman David Delaney and Selectman Steve Louko. Selectman Tuzik was unable to attend.

Also present at Town Hall were Town Manager Joe Colangelo (TM), Assistant Town Manager, HR Director, CDMI Director Ann Lee (ATM), and Director of Public Affairs, Licensing and Insurances Janet Tierney (DPA), also present via Zoom were Police Chief Tim Kane, Animal Care and Control Officer Lee-Ann Meehl, (ACO), Mrs. Shana Burke and Attorney Jeremy Cohen.

**Appeal Hearing**

**Kevin and Shana Burke Appeal Hearing regarding the Dog Order issued on "Loki" Burke November 10, 2022.**

The Chair opened the Appeal Hearing. TM provided the Board with a summary of the information he took into consideration when determining that Loki Burke was a Dangerous Dog and placing a Dog Order on Loki for humane euthanasia. The Board then heard from the ACO who provided the Board with background on Loki and her recommendations for Loki.

The Board also heard from Police Chief Tim Kane who provided insight as to the Hanover Police Department's involvement in the incident that occurred on October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022, and spoke in support of the Town Manager's decision.

Attorney Jeremy Cohen from Boston Dog Lawyers spoke on behalf of the Burke's. The Board spoke with TM and Attorney Cohen.

The Board voted to uphold the Town Manager's original order.

Roll Call Vote: Selectman Delaney, aye, Vice Chair O'Connor, aye, Selectman Louko, aye, Chair Nyman, aye.

Attorney Cohen continued to speak on the Appeal.

The Board voted to close the hearing. Roll Call Vote: Selectman Delaney, aye, Selectman Louko, aye, Vice Chair O'Connor, aye, Chair Nyman, aye.

**Public Hearing**

**Confirm Vote of Residential Factor and Close the Tax Rate Hearing**

The Chair voted to open and continue the Hearing to confirm the vote of the residential factor and to close the Tax Rate Hearing.

Finance Director Chelsea Stevens (FD), and Director of Assessing Elaine Boidi joined the meeting at Town Hall. FD informed the Board that the Town received final approval from the DOR on the Town's assessments so this Hearing is just to reaffirm the vote taken on the December 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Close the Tax Rate Hearing. The Chair requested any questions for FD. When asked why the vote is being reaffirmed, the Director of Assessing informed the Board that a lot of Towns do not keep the Hearing open, Hanover did, and so now it will be closed. The Board voted to reaffirm the vote taken on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 for the Tax Rate Hearing. Roll Call Vote: Selectman Delaney, aye, Selectman Louko, aye, Vice Chair O'Connor, aye, Chair Nyman, aye.

The Chair requested any question for FD before the hearing is closed. FD informed all that nothing has changed and the tax rate remains the same as presented on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. FD noted that when she submits the accounting piece to DOR it could change slightly but no change is expected.

Seeing no questions, the Board voted to close the Tax Hearing.

Roll Call Vote: Selectman Delaney, aye, Selectman Louko, aye, Vice Chair O'Connor, aye, Chair Nyman aye.

### **Adjourn**

At 2:51pm, via roll call vote the meeting ended and adjourned.

Roll Call Vote: Selectman Delaney, aye, Selectman Louko, aye, Vice Chair O'Connor, aye, Chair Nyman, aye.