

**Meeting Minutes of the Hanover Select Board Regular Meeting held in a Hybrid Format with both in person attendees in the First Floor Hearing Room of Town Hall as well as remote attendees via Zoom videoconference, on Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022 @ 7:00 pm.**

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

At 7:00pm the Chair called the meeting to order at Hanover Town Hall, and facilitated with remote access via zoom.

Present at Town Hall were Chair Rhonda Nyman and Selectman and Board of Assessors Chair David Delaney. Present via Zoom were Vice Chair Vanessa O'Connor, and Selectmen John Tuzik and Steve Louko.

Also present at Town Hall were Town Manager Joe Colangelo (TM), and Assistant Town Manager/HR Director/ CDMI Director Ann Lee (ATM).

All rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Comment**

The Chair requested any public comments on a topic not listed on this evening's agenda.

New resident Josh Meriman appeared before the Board, and commented that the Board should look at electric light costs and expressed that he thought it would be worthwhile to look into municipal aggregation to bring costs down.

Vice Chair O'Connor thanked Mr. Meriman for coming and flagging this topic for the Board. She mentioned that the Town has made a good start in terms of the information that is available and the first step would be to get the initial Town Meeting vote and then begin that process to get better supply rates for our electrical supply.

**Recognition**

**Proclamation for Hanover Resident William Rudder's upcoming 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

The Chair invited William Rudder's son John Rudder up to the podium to receive the proclamation on behalf of his father. The Chair read the following proclamation:

**TO HONOR  
WILLIAM HAYES RICHARD RUDDER**

On this, the 19<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2022, the Members of the Hanover Select Board wish to join with the Community in honoring Hanover resident, William "Bill" Rudder in recognition of his upcoming 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday on December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Bill was born the middle child to John and Mabel Rudder on Christmas day, 1922 in Beatrice, NE. The family moved to Colorado to a 160-acre farm which stayed in the family until Bill sold it in 2020. Bill's academic abilities were noticed early on. He was also quite an athlete, excelling in track and pole vaulting.

He joined the Navy and due to his academic achievements was assigned to Officer's Candidate School. He was stationed several places during his tour of duty and was able to further

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his education, graduating from Dartmouth University. While stationed in New York he met Mary, his wife of over 65 years.

After his honorable discharge from the Navy, Bill and Mary began their married life in Arlington, MA, and then moved to Dorchester, MA. When city life got to be a bit much, their family of five moved to Weymouth, MA where they raised their children, William, Catherine and John. They remained in Weymouth for 25 years.

Bill became an elementary school teacher for the City of Boston where he was employed for over 36 years. Bill's Midwestern roots run deep and each summer the family would pile into their station wagon and make the arduous three-day journey to visit relatives and help out on the family farm. Bill is lucky enough to have visited each state of the continental U.S.A. as well as parts of Canada. Because he had the summers off, he occasionally would take the family to Europe visiting England, Ireland and France.

In 1985, Bill and Mary built a home in Hanover, where Bill still lives today, and at the age of 100, Bill continues to be a strong and bright man whom many look to for guidance.

On behalf of the Town of Hanover we would like to congratulate you, Bill, on this milestone of your vibrant life! You are a credit to your family, your friends, your community and your country.

In Honor of Bill's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday, the Members of the Hanover Select Board hereby proclaim December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022, as "Bill Rudder Day."

Dated: December 19, 2022, and signed by Hanover Select Board Members: Rhonda L. Nyman, Chair, Vanessa A. O'Connor, Vice Chair, David R. Delaney, John C. Tuzik and Steven R. Louko, Jr. John Rudder thanked the Board and informed all that he will present the proclamation to his Dad on his Birthday which is on Christmas Day.

## **Discussion**

### **MBTA Multi-Family Zoning Requirements**

The Chair agreed to take the next topic out of order and come back to this item as the Town Planner is still in a parallel meeting upstairs.

## **Department Reorganization**

### **Discussion of the Town Manager and Fire Chief's proposal for a Fire Department Reorganization pursuant to the Town Manager Act.**

TM discussed the proposed official reorganization of the Fire Department to incorporate the creation of a new second Deputy Fire Chief position. TM reminded the Board that the budget for this fiscal year beginning in July 1<sup>st</sup>, had been built around the addition of this new position, the Town has an active list from the Assessment Center from a year ago, and now that the Fire Department is ready to act on this. TM further mentioned that Board approval is required under the Town Manager Act for any Department reorganization and or creation of a new position after a recommendation of the Town Manager. Fire Chief Jason Cavallaro presented the "2<sup>nd</sup> Deputy Fire Chief" presentation to the Board, [attached](#). The Board discussed the proposal.

The Board voted to approve a Second Deputy Fire Chief to the Hanover Fire Department Reorganization.

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## **Annual Town Meeting**

### **Discuss and Review the Draft Annual Town Meeting Warrant**

TM informed the Board that ATM had drafted up two preliminary options for the Municipal Aggregation Program, noting that it hasn't been dropped into the Warrant yet, but if the Board is interested, it can be added into the Warrant for future discussions.

## **Dangerous Dog Appeal Hearing**

### **Approve and sign the Select Board's Decision Letter regarding the Dangerous Dog Appeal Hearing which took place before the Select Board on Monday, December 12, 2022.**

TM discussed the draft decision letter from the Board regarding the decision of the Board made at the Dangerous Dog Appeal Hearing held on December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The Board voted to approve the [Select Board's decision letter](#) regarding the decision made at the Dangerous Dog Appeal Hearing which took place before the Select Board on Monday, December 12, 2022.

## **Town Manager Forum**

TM wished the Board and all watching Happy Holidays.

## **Select Board Forum**

Vice Chair O'Connor mentioned that she had planned to discuss potentially looking into a Municipal Aggregation Program during the Select Board Forum, however the topic has already been discussed. She mentioned that she appreciates that ATM put together some sample language for a Municipal Aggregation Article, however she would like to take a look at Chapter 164 §134 to see what it says.

Selectman Delaney mentioned that he has heard a lot about Municipal Aggregation and it is a hot topic, noting he thinks it is a good idea to look into it.

Chair Nyman mentioned that someone had reached out to her regarding the program in Pembroke and the savings they are seeing there.

The Chair also provided an update on the Act Changing the name of the Hanover Board of Selectmen to Select Board, informing those listening that the Bill has been passed to be engrossed and will be moving forward. The Chair wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy Holiday.

Vice Chair O'Connor mentioned that a Fire Station Charette for the proposed Fire Sub Station in North Hanover was held last Thursday, with a very impressive presentation from the architect we are working with on a design for the Station. The Vice Chair thanked all involved in preparing for that evening.

Selectman Louko announced that the Rail Trail Project will be connecting to Ellis Field thanks to a donation of land from Bob Damon and Jay Leach of Graphic Designs. Hal Thomas from Open Space and Selectman Louko had reached out to Bob Damon and Jay Leach owners of a printing company called Graphic Developments at the end of Mayflower Drive. They own a large chunk of land in the woods and after conversations they would like to donate the land to allow the Rail Trail to connect to Ellis Field.

## **Discussion**

### **MBTA Multi-Family Zoning Requirements**

Town Planner Christine Stickney appeared before the Board and spoke on the [MBTA Multi-Family Zoning Requirements](#) with the Board. Ms. Stickney informed the Board that in order to be able to participate in the MassWorks Grant programs you have to be in interim compliance.

The information on compliance requirements is available on the Town's website. Ms. Stickney

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stressed that getting into compliance is strongly labor intensive and Hanover's Planning Department does not have the man power to do it. Ms. Stickney strongly suggested that the Board take that into consideration when making their decision on how to proceed.

Ms. Stickney and TM further discussed this topic with the Board.

Ms. Stickney and Chair Nyman both agreed to reach out to OCPC on this topic and TM mentioned that this is a topic that TM and the Board will need to stay on top of over the next few months.

### **Executive Session**

At 8:29pm, in Accordance with MGL Chapter 30A, §21(a)2 and 3, the Chair requested a roll call vote to enter into Executive Session to discuss strategy in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel, namely the Town Manager, to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining agreement negotiations with the Police and Fire Unions, and to discuss strategy with respect to litigation position as it relates to the former National Fireworks Site as a discussion of these topics in Open Session would have a detrimental effect on the bargaining and litigating position of the public body.

The Chair announced that the Board will not be returning to Open Session.

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

### **Adjourn**

At 8:30pm the Board adjourned into Executive Session.