

**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, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023 @ 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.

Present at Town Hall were Chair Rhonda Nyman, Vice Chair Vanessa O'Connor, and Selectmen John Tuzik and Steve Louko. Selectman Dave Delaney 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).

All rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Discussion – Town Priorities and the Legislative Session with Senator John Keenan and Representative David DeCoste.**

Senator Keenan and Representative DeCoste appeared before the Select Board and spoke on the forecast at Beacon Hill including the budget and the legislative process.

Both stressed the importance of engaging and applying for available grants right away to they can draft letters of support. The Board discussed the Town's priorities with the Senator and Representative. Both Representative DeCoste and Senator Keenan agreed to look into Circuit breaker relief and how it can be used to benefit Hanover.

**Public Comment and Meeting Minutes**

The Chair requested any public comments, seeing none.

The Chair requested any questions from the Board regarding the Meeting Minutes of December 2, 2022, January 3, 2023, January 17, 2023, January 23, 2023, and March 6, 2023, seeing none.

The Board voted to approve the Meeting Minutes of January 30, 2023 and February 6, 2023.

The Chair requested any questions regarding the Executive Session Minutes of December 1, 2022, seeing none.

The Board voted to approve the Executive Session Minutes of December 1, 2022.

**Appointment**

**James Milner appointed to the Information Technology Study Committee and/or the Master Plan Implementation Committee**

James Milner appeared before the Board and spoke on his background and desire to serve on the Information Technology Study Committee and the Master Plan Implementation Committee.

Both Vanessa O'Connor as the Select Board Liaison to the Information Technology Study Committee and Selectman Louko as Select Board Liaison to the Master Plan Implementation Committee encouraged James to serve on their respective committees.

The Board voted to appoint James Milner to the Information Technology Study Committee and also to the Master Plan Implementation Committee.

Approved  
4/3/2023

### **Discussion – Council on Aging Needs**

Council on Aging Advisory Board Chair Les Molyneaux and Member Ken Greene appeared before the Board and discussed the needs of the Council on Aging and the presentation titled Aging in Hanover: A Community Needs Assessment, Proposed Project Overview, 2.1.2023, [attached](#).

The Board discussed the topic, possible funding sources for the study and the possibility of using other town facilities for Senior needs with Mr. Molyneaux and Mr. Greene and TM.

### **Town Meeting**

The Town Clerk joined the meeting via zoom and presented the Warrant for the Election of Officers to the Board.

The Chair requested any questions, seeing none.

The Board voted to approve the [Warrant for the Election of Officers](#) as provided by the Town Clerk.

The Board voted to open and Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Ed Callahan, General Manager of Hanover Crossing - PECO Real Estate Partners, joined the meeting via Zoom and spoke on the request to insert the Petition Article titled “Petition General Court – Date of Issuing Licenses” into the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

The Board discussed the placement of the Article with TM.

The Board voted to insert the Petition Article titled “Petition General Court – Date of Issuing Licenses” into the Annual Town Meeting Warrant at Article number 35.

The Board discussed the possibility of inserting the address into Petition Article 52’s description or commentary. TM agreed to speak with Town Counsel about it.

The Board voted to close the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

TM informed the Board that there is nothing to open the Special Town Meeting Warrant up for this week, but a request to insert an Article from the School Committee is expected for the next meeting.

### **Consider approving the Draft Fiscal Year 2022 Select Board Annual Town Report**

The Chair requested any questions regarding the [Draft Fiscal Year 2022 Select Board Annual Town Report](#), seeing none. The Board voted to approve the Select Board Fiscal Year 2022 Annual Town Report.

### **Town Manager Forum**

TM mentioned that the soft opening for Sullivan’s Castle Island at Hanover Crossing was an awesome time. The restaurant has great owners, great food and great service and it is a great addition to the Town. TM wished the owners nothing but the best.

### **Select Board Forum**

Vice Chair O’Connor mentioned that the Hanover Unity Council is hosting a Women’s Event at the Council on Aging tomorrow night at 6:30pm as part of Women’s History Month. The event will have a 7 panelists discussing women in the workplace and there will be snacks and free child care for attendees.

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Chair Nyman mentioned that she had attended the Sullivan's Castle Island at Hanover Crossing soft opening. She commented that it was well attended, the food, staff and restaurant are amazing and she is glad to have them here in Hanover. The Chair also mentioned that she, the Vice Chair, TM, and Senator Keenan received a tour of Hanover Crossing from Ed Callahan. As March is Women's History Month and a time to celebrate Women in history, the Chair took a moment to thank the women who run for office, volunteer and give so much of themselves in order to make Hanover a better place to live and raise a family.

Selectman Louko mentioned that since it has been a mild winter, he's hopeful to see a surplus in the snow and ice budget. Further stating that he knows we aren't out of the woods yet, but he hasn't had to turn on the snow blower this season and is hopeful that will continue.

### **Executive Session**

At 8:55pm, in accordance with MGL Chapter 30A, §21(a)3, the Chair requested a roll call vote to enter into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to Litigation Position as it Relates to the Former National Fireworks Site, and also to discuss strategy with respect to Collective Bargaining Agreement Negotiations with the Police Union, the Fire Union, the Hanover Municipal Employees League (HMEL), and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME)

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

At 8:55pm the Board Moved into Executive Session.

### **Adjourn**

At 9:38 pm the meeting ended and adjourned