

Meeting Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Hanover Select Board 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 21, 2022 @ 7:00 PM.

Call meeting to order

At 7:00 pm the Chair called the meeting to order.

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

Also present Town Manager Joe Colangelo (TM), Assistant Town Manager/CDMI Director/HR Director Ann Lee (ATM), Director of Licensing and Insurance/Executive Assistant Janet Tierney (DLI), and Student Intern Theo Flannagan.

Public Comment and Meeting Minutes

The Chair requested public comments.

TM congratulated the Hanover High School Hockey Team for winning the State Title, and recognized Student Intern Theo Flannagan who is a Captain of the Team. TM noted that the game winning goal was an assist from Theo to former Student Intern Max DaSilva who then scored the goal. The Board congratulated the Team and Coaches and invited them to an upcoming meeting to be recognized by the Board.

The Chair requested any questions or comments regarding the Meeting Minutes from March 7, 2022, seeing none. The Board voted to approve the Meeting Minutes of March 7, 2022.

The Chair requested any questions or comments on the Meeting Minutes from February 28, 2022, seeing none. The Board voted to approve the meeting minutes of February 28, 2022.

Appointment(s)

The Board voted to ratify the Town Moderator's appointment of Brian May to the Open Space Committee.

Public Hearing(s) Licensing and Permitting

Public Hearing on the Application for an Alteration of a Section 12 On-Premise All Alcoholic Beverages Licensed Premise from Alba on 53, Inc. located at 2053 Washington Street, Hanover, MA 02339. [Select Board Policy 9-09 – Licensing, MGL Chapter 138, §12]

[Public hearing notice attached](#). DLI informed the Board that Alba is requesting to expand into the space beside them increasing the seating from 180 to 270. Manager of Record, Mr. Leo Keka appeared before the Board and confirmed that this alteration will not involve any additional outdoor dining seats. DLI also confirmed that the plans and in particular the parking available had been approved by the Town Planner. The Board voted to approve the Application.

Approved 5/16/2022

Public Hearing on the Massachusetts Electric Company petition for Manhole and Duct Locations – Church Street, Hanover.

[Public Hearing Notice attached.](#) Marcial Lobaton of NGrid appeared before the Board via Zoom and discussed the petition for NGrid to take ownership of the conduit between P2 Church Street and new Handhole HH1 located 5ft +/- North of pole (surrounded by bollards), and be granted permission to excavate the public highways and to run and maintain underground electric conduits together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as said company may deem necessary, in the public way referred to as Church Street, Hanover, MA 02339, and to make necessary house connections along said extensions. The Board heard from Church Street area residents Bill Hartley, and Ed Loster, Church representatives Dan Connick, Roger Leslie and Kyle Eagan, and resident/meeting attendee Aaron Jacobs. The issue of the aesthetic appearance of the bollards was discussed.

The representatives of the Church agreed to work with NGrid and the residents to come up with a solution to the bollard aesthetic appearance problem that will be agreeable to all. ATM informed the Board that the Town's electrical inspector will need to sign off on the project once complete. The Board voted to approve the petition for Manhole and Duct Locations from National Grid to take ownership of the conduit between P2 Church Street and new Handhole HH1 located 5ft +/- North of pole (surrounded by bollards), and be granted permission to excavate the public highways and to run and maintain underground electric conduits together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as said company may deem necessary, in the public way referred to as Church Street, Hanover, MA 02339, and to make necessary house connections along said extensions as requested in the aforementioned petition dated March 9th, 2022. The Board directed that this topic be placed on an upcoming Agenda as a follow up item to ensure that the project is going well.

Road Race Application from South Shore Management/Hanover Day with a proposed race date of June 25, 2022.

DLI presented the application and accompanying Department Head recommended requirements to the Board. The Board voted to approve the June 25, 2022 South Shore Management/Hanover Day Road Race.

Dangerous Dog Appeal Hearing

Appeal of the Town Manager's Muzzle Order on "Rugger" Jacobs

In accordance with Massachusetts General Law Chapter 140, Section 157 and Town of Hanover Bylaws, as requested by resident and dog owner Aaron Jacobs, the Select Board held an Appeal Hearing on the Town Manager's Muzzle Order issued on "Rugger" Jacobs on January 4th, 2022. During the course of the hearing, the Select Board heard from the Town Manager, the Town's Animal Control Officer Lee-Ann Meehl, Police Chief Tim Kane and also from resident and owner of "Rugger", Aaron Jacobs. The Board was provided with both the statement of the biting victim, Mr. Matt Winters, and also photos of the injuries Mr. Winters sustained.

Upon review of the information and the testimony provided, the Select Board affirmed the Town Manager's decision to deem Rugger a Dangerous Dog and voted to uphold the Town Manager's Order dated January 4th, 2022 with modifications for clarification purposes made to bullet one of the Order, adding the following language:

"Rugger must have an appropriately fitted muzzle on at all times when he is not securely confined

indoors and/or not securely confined outdoors in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 140, §157 (4)(c)(ii) and (iii)”.

Annual & Special Town Meeting

The Board agreed with TM’s suggestion to continue the opening the Annual Town Meeting Warrant to the next meeting.

The Board voted to open the Special Town Meeting Warrant.

Roll Call Vote: Selectman Louko, aye, Selectwoman O’Connor, aye, Vice Chair Nyman, aye, and Chairman Delaney, aye.

The Board discussed the Special Town Meeting Warrant Articles, [attached](#), with TM. TM informed the Board that Finance Director Chelsea Stevens will be present at the next meeting to provide additional information on the Warrant Articles.

The Board voted to amend the Special Town Meeting Warrant as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Vice Chair Nyman, aye, Selectwoman O’Connor, aye, Selectman Louko, aye, Chairman Delaney, aye.

The Board voted to close the Special Town Meeting Warrant.

Roll Call Vote: Selectman Louko, aye, Selectwoman O’Connor, aye, Vice Chair Nyman, aye, Chairman Delaney, aye.

Town Manager Report

TM announced that Janet Tierney will be receiving a promotion, and in addition to her current responsibilities, Janet’s job will be expanded to include coordinating and organizing how the Town manages all the different Town public meetings, pre, during and post, as well as determining how best to utilize the Town’s existing resources to continue providing a high level of service as this need increases.

TM also mentioned that the Town is moving forward with the Veterans Service Health and Behavioral program and announced that the Town is seeking Clinicians and Licensed Mental Health Professionals to take part in the program. TM requested that the Board Members put the word out through friends and neighbors as the need for applicants continues.

TM informed the Board that for the next meeting a visit from the Hockey team will be arranged, as well as a visit from the 8th Grade Civics Class.

TM mentioned that an update on the Windmill will also be on the Board’s next Agenda.

TM congratulated Selectman Tuzik for winning the bet and his Providence Friars making it to the Sweet Sixteen over TM’s Iowa Hawkeyes. TM mentioned that as agreed in the terms of the bet, he will be wearing Friars gear to the next meeting.

Select Board Forum

The Board discussed the upcoming 8th Grade Civics Class visit with TM, and agreed to have them listed early in the Agenda.

Executive Session

At: 9:26pm, in accordance with MGL Chapter 30A, §21(a)2, the Chair requested a roll call vote to enter into Executive Session to conduct a strategy session in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel, namely the DPW Director, Deputy Fire Chief, and Police Lieutenants.

The Chair announced that the Board will not be returning to open session.

Roll Call Vote: Vice Chair Nyman, aye, Selectwoman O'Connor, aye, Selectmen Louko, aye and Chairman Delaney, aye.

Adjourn

The meeting ended and adjourned at 9:46pm.