

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 6, 2023 @ 7:00 pm.

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, and Selectmen David Delaney, John Tuzik, and Steve Louko, and via Zoom Vice Chair Vanessa O'Connor

Also present at Town Hall were Town Manager Joe Colangelo (TM), Assistant Town Manager/CDMI Director/HR Director Ann Lee, and via Zoom Director of Public Affairs, Licensing and Insurances Janet Tierney (DPA).

All rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment and Meeting Minutes

The Chair requested any public comments on topics not listed on tonight's agenda, seeing none. The Chair mentioned that Director of Public Works Victor Diniak's mother had passed away and asked that all keep Victor and his family in their thoughts and prayers.

The Chair requested any questions from the Board regarding the Meeting Minutes of January 9, 2023, January 23, 2023 - Special Joint Meeting with the School Committee, and February 27, 2023, seeing none.

Via Roll Call Vote, the Board voted to approve the Meeting Minutes of January 9, 2023, January 23, 2023 - Special Joint Meeting with the School Committee, and February 27, 2023.

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

Appointments

Ruthie Lydon to the Hanover Cultural Council

Ruthie Lydon appeared before the Board via Zoom and spoke on her background and her interest in serving on the Hanover Cultural Council.

Chair requested any questions from the Board, seeing none.

The Board voted to appoint Ruthie Lydon to the Hanover Cultural Council.

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

Susannah Leslie to the Council on Aging Advisory Board

Susannah Leslie and Les Molyneaux, Chair of the Council on Aging Advisory Board appeared before the Select

Board. Susannah spoke on her background and interest in serving on the Council on Aging Advisory Board. Mr. Molyneaux informed the Board that the Council on Aging Advisory Board supports Susannah's appointment to the Board.

The Board voted to appoint Susannah Leslie to the Council on Aging Advisory Board.

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

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Discussion of the Proposed Amendments to the Wetlands Protection Bylaw §6-14 with the Conservation Agent and Conservation Commission Members.

Conservation Agent Sandra MacFarlane and Conservation Commission Chair Lisa Satterwhite appeared before the Board, informed the Board that the proposed amendments to the Wetlands Protection Bylaw §6-14 had been reviewed by the Conservation Commission, Town Counsel and the Bylaw Review Committee and approved by all to move forward to Town Meeting. As requested, Ms. MacFarlane then presented the general highlights of the proposed amendments to the Wetlands Protection Bylaw to the Board.

The Chair asked for any questions, seeing none. The Board thanked Ms. MacFarlane and Ms. Satterwhite.

Consider Opening the Annual Town Meeting Warrant

The Board voted to open the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

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

Consider Amendments, Changes, Edits to the Town Meeting Warrant Articles

TM discussed possible changes to the Annual Town Meeting Warrant for the Board to consider this evening, noting that there has not been an opportunity to sufficiently vet out current Article 29 regarding forming the Commission on Disability, so it may be best to remove it and bring it forward next year. TM also noted that a revised Petition Article had been received today, which is a revision of current Article 20, however since the original was brought forward by petition and submitted in a timely manner it cannot be removed, so if approved for insertion into the Warrant, the revised Petition Article would appear in the Warrant in addition to the original Petition Article. Elizabeth Corbo and Maura Longueil appeared before the Board and Ms. Corbo spoke on the Revised Petition Article, informing the Board that the revised version is a scaled back version of the original and the intention would be to pass over the original Petition Article and have the Town Meeting voters entertain the revised version. Ms. Corbo also noted that the revision could be requested on Town Meeting Floor, however since the Warrant has not yet gone to print, having the revision in the Warrant may make it transparent and clearer to the voters. The Board voted to insert the revised Petition Article 20 to Prohibit Digital Message Board into the Warrant.

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

The Board voted to remove Article 29 Commission on Disability.

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

Consider Setting the Sequence of the Warrant via a Lottery

TM informed all of the details of the proposed lottery system to be used this evening to determine the sequence of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles, noting that the box being used is a historic artifact found here at Town Hall. TM mentioned that Articles 1-9 will be left as they are in the current Draft Warrant. TM informed all that there are 7 pieces of paper, each with the name article sponsors on it consisting of the following: Hanover Public Schools Articles, Town Manager

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Articles, some of which are joint with others, Community Preservation Articles, Planning Board Articles including the Petition Article currently numbered Article 20 that Elizabeth Corbo spoke of this evening, Conservation Articles including the Petition Article currently numbered Article 43 regarding the 611 Webster Street property, Public Works Director Articles and lastly, the South Shore Regional VoTech Article.

TM stated that the papers will be picked and the associated Articles will put in sequence as they are pulled out of the chamber. TM further mentioned that he had invited Ken Greene and Les Molyneaux to conduct the lottery selection of papers out of the lottery box. TM mentioned there was a desire from the Board for randomness of the sequencing of Articles, without creating chaos on Town Meeting floor, while still maintaining groupings that made sense, so that was the goal for this proposed lottery system.

The Board voted to set the sequence of the Articles via the lottery.

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

Ken Greene and Les Molyneaux were invited up to perform the lottery drawing. Hanover Public School Articles were the first sequence of Articles pulled. Town Manager Articles were pulled second. The South Shore Vo Tech Article was pulled third. Public Works Director Articles were pulled fourth. CPC Articles were pulled fifth. Planning Board Articles were pulled sixth, and Conservation Commission Articles were pulled seventh.

Consider Closing the Annual Town Meeting Warrant

The Board voted to close the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

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

Review Special Town Meeting Warrant

Finance Director Chelsea Stevens (FD) appeared before the Board and presented the Special Town Meeting Warrant. FD informed the Board that there is only one Article on the Special Warrant this year for payment of prior year's bills and this is an Article that appears on the Special Town Meeting Warrant every year. FD further noted that this Article is for bills received after the Fiscal Year has closed, the invoices are encumbered until August for prior year bills, however by law, any that come in after that have to be approved for payment at Town Meeting. The invoices listed in the Article are for goods and services the Town has received and will be paid through free cash.

Select Board Forum

Selectman Delaney informed all that he is up for re-election on the Board of Assessor's and is in need of signatures on his papers. He asked that anyone out and about on Route 53, please swing by and sign his papers.

Selectman Louko expressed a desire to provide an update on the progress made on the Fireworks Site settlement. Chair Nyman stated that as there is pending litigation regarding the Fireworks Site, it could be somewhat of a risk for the Town to discuss this topic in Open Session. The Chair

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stated that as discussed, she has added the topic to the next Select Board Executive Session Agenda for discussion with the Town's Environmental Lawyer.

Selectman Louko expressed that he is glad the topic will be discussed at a future meeting.

Executive Session

At 7:51 pm, 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 Collective Bargaining Agreement negotiations with the Police Union, the Fire Union, the Hanover Municipal Employees League (HMELE), and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) as a discussion of this topic in Open Session could have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body.

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

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

At 7:51 pm The Board moved into Executive Session.

Adjourn

At 8:36pm, the meeting ended and adjourned.

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