

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, April 4, 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, Selectman John Tuzik, Selectwoman Vanessa O'Connor, and Selectman Steve Louko.

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

Recognition

The Board welcomed the 2022 - State Championship Winning - Hanover Hockey Team to the meeting. Chairman Delaney read the following Select Board's Proclamation to the Team: ***Be it resolved*** on this the on this the 4th day of April, 2022, the Select Board is proud to join with the residents of Hanover in honoring the 2022 Hanover High Hockey State Championship Team. The Team's success during the 2021-2022 Ice Hockey season is a result of diligence, sportsmanship, and team spirit. They ended their regular season with 22 wins, 3 losses and 1 tied game before going on to win the 2022 Division III Boys Ice Hockey State Championship. On behalf of the Town of Hanover we would like to thank you for your hard work, dedication and the extraordinary example you have set for the youth of Hanover and adults alike. You are all a credit to your family, your friends, and your community. As you continue with your journey always remember the things that brought you here today are the same things that will help you succeed in the future. The Select Board congratulates you on a great hockey season and wishes you good health and happiness in all your future endeavors. The Hanover Select Board, David R. Delaney, Rhonda L. Nyman, John C. Tuzik, Vanessa A. O'Connor, and Steve Louko.

Each Team Member as well as Members of the Coaching Staff shook hands with the Board Members and received their individual proclamations. Superintendent of Schools Matthew Ferron was welcomed to the podium and congratulated the team on their winning back to back Championships and on having incumbent MIAA Coach of the year Johnny Abban present tonight as well.

Representative David DeCoste was welcomed to the meeting and presented a [Citation from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts House of Representatives](#) to the Team, attached.

Senator Brady was welcomed to the meeting and presented an [Official Citation from the State Senate](#) to the Team, attached.

School Superintendent Matthew Ferron and 8th Grade Social Studies Teachers, James McNamara and Matthew McGarry were welcomed to the podium and spoke on the 8th Grade Civics Class Project which encourages students to exercise their rights under the U.S. Constitution, specifically their right to petition the Government for a redress of grievances. Superintendent Ferron informed those in attendance that the students wrote to TM and or Select Board Members to ask for positive change or improvements in our Community. 8th Grade Civics Class students Liam Sears, Christopher Delaney, Charlie Campbell, Ava Khuori and Dylan Poirier appeared before the Board and read their proposal letters covering such topics as the creation of a Dog Park, the implementation of Pedestrian Safety

Measures on Route 139, and the installation of sidewalks in the areas of Town near schools and parks. The Board discussed each proposal with the Students, TM and Representative DeCoste, and the students were provided with advice on how to follow up on their proposals and possibly move them forward into action. The Board thanked all the students for their great ideas, their hard work and for attending the speaking at the meeting this evening.

Public Comment and Meeting Minutes

The Chair requested public comments. Residents Nancy and Drew Fisher raised their virtual hand and spoke with the Board regarding their concerns with people taking a left into Starland from the south bound side. Police Chief Kane was welcomed to the microphone and spoke on the safety measures that have been put in place as well as the guidance provided in this regard. Chief Kane agreed to follow up with Starland to see if the traffic cones can be further arranged in a way to prevent the left turns from happening.

The Chair asked for any questions or comments on the Meeting Minutes of March 21, 2022, seeing none. The Board voted to approve the Meeting Minutes of March 21, 2022.

Licensing and Permitting

Public Hearing on the Hanover Mall Drive Road Name Change

The Chair opened the public hearing on the request from PREP Hanover Real Estate LLC to change the name of the public way within the Town of Hanover currently named “Hanover Mall Drive” to “Hanover Crossing Way”, [Public Hearing Notice attached](#). Ed Callahan, General Manager of Hanover Crossing appeared before the Board via Zoom and spoke on the request. The Chair asked for any questions or comments on this request, seeing none. The Board voted to approve the requested name change of “Hanover Mall Drive” to “Hanover Crossing Way” as presented.

Wind Turbine Presentation

Victor Diniak the Director of Public Works provided the Board with a presentation titled “Hanover Wind Turbine Update – April 4, 2022”, [attached](#). The Board discussed taking the wind turbine down and advertising it for sale with Mr. Diniak. Finance Director Chelsea Stevens discussed funds available for this undertaking with the Board.

The Chair requested that TM keep the Board posted on the status of this project.

Annual & Special Town Meeting

TM discussed proposed changes to the Annual and Special Town Meeting Warrant.

The Board opened the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. The Board voted to remove current Article Number 33, titled “Appropriate Funds – Rte. 139/Town Center Roadway Improvements (\$250,000 Free Cash)” from the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. The Board further discussed the proposed changes to the Annual Town Meeting Warrant with TM. The Board voted to amend the Annual Town Meeting Warrant to reflect the changes as presented in the proposed change sheet, attached. The Board voted to close the Annual Town Meeting Warrant

The Board voted to open the Special Town Meeting Warrant. Fire Chief Cavallaro appeared before the Board and provided the Board with an overview of the Opticom EVP (Emergency Vehicle Preemption) System referred to in the Special Town Meeting Warrant Article titled “Article 4 - 10 Year Service Agreement”. The Board discussed the system with Chief Cavallaro. The Board voted to accept the proposed changes to Articles 2, 3 and 4 of the Special Town Meeting Warrant as noted on the proposed change sheet presented, [attached](#).

The Board voted to close the Special Town Meeting Warrant.

Executive Session

At: 9:57 pm, in accordance with Mass General Law Chapter 30A, §21(a)2, the Chair requested a roll call vote to enter into Executive Session to conduct a strategy session for contract 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: Selectman Tuzik, aye, Vice Chair Nyman, aye, Selectwoman O'Connor, aye, Selectman Louko, aye, Chairman Delaney, aye

The meeting ended and adjourned at 10:19pm