

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, May 15th, 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, Vice Chair Vanessa O'Connor, and Selectmen David Delaney, John Tuzik and via Zoom Steve Louko.

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

All rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment and Meeting Minutes

The Chair requested any public comments, seeing none.

The Chair requested any questions or comments on the Meeting Minutes of April 3, 2023 and April 24, 2023, seeing none.

The Board voted to approve the Meeting Minutes of April 3, 2023 and April 24, 2023.

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

Board of Selectmen Organization

The Chair thanked the Board for nominating her as Select Board Chair, noting that she enjoyed it very much and it was an honor to serve. The Chair also thanked Vice Chair O'Connor for running the Zoom portion of the meetings.

The Board voted to appoint Vanessa O'Connor as Select Board Chair.

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

All congratulated Chair Vanessa O'Connor.

The Board voted to appoint Rhonda Nyman as Select Board Vice Chair.

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

The Board voted to appoint Steve Louko as Select Board Clerk.

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

Approved
6/5/2023

Vice Chair Nyman congratulated and handed the meeting over to Chair O'Connor.

Chair O'Connor thanked previous Chair Nyman and Selectman Louko for working well and cohesively together and agreeing to continue the work.

The Board agreed to hold the Select Board Goal Setting Meeting at 6:30pm just prior to the Board's next regular meeting on Monday, June 5th, 2023.

The Board voted to accept the meeting schedule before them, attached, with the caveat that the Board will consider adding replacement dates for scheduled Monday holidays.

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

The Board Members agreed to look over the list of Select Board Appointments and Liaison Assignments, attached, and express at the next meeting if they would like to do the same or change things up this year.

Finance

Consider Authorizing the Hanover School Department to Access up to \$510,000 from the Special Education Reserve Account for the Purpose of Paying FY23 Obligations.

Superintendent of Schools Matthew Ferron appeared before the Board and informed the Board that the Schools have received \$202,000 in extraordinary relief from the Circuit Breaker Program, he anticipates using all of the authorized \$510,000 in this fiscal year however if it is possible to not use it all, he will work with TM and Finance Director Chelsea Stevens (FD) in order to not spend it all..

Superintendent Ferron requested that the School Department be granted access to the authorized \$510,000 in order to pay FY23 expenses.

The Chair requested any questions or comments, seeing none.

The Board voted to authorize the Hanover School Department to access up to \$510,000 from the Special Education Reserve account for the purpose of paying Fiscal Year 2023 obligations.

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

Superintendent Ferron thanked the Board and said he will keep the Board updated through TM on how the School Department closes FY23.

Consider Approving the Plymouth County ARPA Grant Agreement

FD appeared before the Board and TM and FD discussed the Plymouth County ARPA Grant Agreement, attached, with the Board.

The Board voted to approve the Plymouth County ARPA Grant Agreement.

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

Town Meeting Review

Discuss and Review Special and Annual Town Meeting

TM informed the Board that the Town Meeting Article Status page is up on the website for this year's Special and Annual Town Meeting Warrants. Noting that this year's Special and Annual Town Meetings were well run and it was a good job all around.

The Chair thanked the moderator and the volunteers and people who work for the Town for making everything run so smoothly. The Chair expressed an interest in hearing feedback on the Article Lottery.

Discuss and Consider Next Steps for Municipal (Electricity) Aggregation

TM discussed Municipal Aggregation with the Board informing them that the next step will be to identify and contract with a Broker Consultant who will develop a plan for Hanover and submit it to the Department of Public Utilities for approval.

The Board discussed putting the process of interviewing the Broker Consultant's in the Town Manager's hands versus in the hand of a Committee formed for the process of obtaining a Broker Consultant. TM confirmed that the Town is not required to follow procurement law for this process. The Board agreed that TM would find out how many Broker Consultants there are and then take it up with the Board again on the June 5th Agenda.

Licensing and Permitting

Application for a Class I Auto Dealer's License from Cappel Management XLVII, LLC dba Ocean Honda of Hanover, 2060 Washington Street, Hanover, MA 02339

Selectmen Delaney spoke on Ocean Honda's good reputation and then recused himself from this Agenda Item as he is in automobile business. DLI informed the Board of a modification of the application, a reduction of the number of employee parking spots by 2, in order to bring the application in line with the Planning Board's decision, further noting that the applicant has agreed to the modification. DLI requested that the Board, if approving the application, do so as amended. The Chair asked for any comments or thoughts on the application, seeing none.

The Board voted to approve the application for a Class I Auto Dealer's License from Cappel Management XLVII, LLC dba Ocean Honda of Hanover, 2060 Washington Street, Hanover, MA 02339 as amended. Roll Call Vote: Selectman Louko, aye, Selectman Delaney, abstained, Vice Chair Nyman, aye, Chair O'Connor, aye, Selectman Tuzik, aye.

Application for a Change of Manager on a Section 12, On Premise Restaurant, All Alcoholic Beverages Liquor License from NAI Entertainment Holdings LLC dba Showcase Cinema de Lux Hanover Crossing, 1775 Washington Street, Suite 420, Hanover, MA 02339.

Sean Judge current Manager of Record on the NAI Entertainment Holdings LLC dba Showcase Cinema de Lux Hanover Crossing Liquor License appeared before the Board along with the new proposed Manager of Record Howie Sandler and spoke on Howie's credentials and experience. The Chair confirmed with DLI that there are no licensing issues at this location.

The Chair asked for any questions or comments, seeing none.

The Board voted to approve the Application for a Change of Manager on a Section 12, On Premise Restaurant, All Alcoholic Beverages Liquor License from NAI Entertainment Holdings LLC dba Showcase Cinema de Lux Hanover Crossing, 1775 Washington Street, Suite 420, Hanover, MA 02339. Roll Call Vote: Selectman Louko, aye, Selectman Delaney, aye, Vice Chair Nyman, aye, Chair O'Connor, aye, Selectman Tuzik, aye.

Application for a Change of Hours on Entertainment and Sunday Entertainment Licenses from NAI Entertainment Holdings LLC dba Showcase Cinema de Lux Hanover Crossing, 1775 Washington Street, Suite 420, Hanover, MA 02339 .

DLI informed the Board that the change of hours requested would only apply to the Entertainment and Sunday Entertainment Licenses and would not change the approved hours of Liquor Service on their Liquor License.

Sean Judge and Howie Sandler remained before the Board to speak on the application. Mr. Judge spoke on the application informing the Board that the change of hours requested would allow flexibility to start a show at 11pm and still meet the tenets of operating hours.

The Board discussed the application.

The Chair requested any questions or comments, seeing none.

The Board voted to approve the Application for a Change of Hours on Entertainment and Sunday Entertainment Licenses from NAI Entertainment Holdings LLC dba Showcase Cinema de Lux Hanover Crossing, 1775 Washington Street, Suite 420, Hanover, MA 02339.

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

Appointments

Tammy Murray - Delegate to the Old Colony Elderly Services Advisory Board

The Chair requested any questions or comments on the appointment, seeing none.

The Board voted to appoint Tammy Murray as Hanover's Delegate to the Old Colony Elderly Services Advisory Board.

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

Presentations

South Shore Regional Recycling Cooperative presentation of the concept of a Regional Hazardous Waste Depot at Hanover Transfer Station

Claire Galkowski, Executive Director of the South Shore Recycling Cooperative and Todd Kepp Local Municipal Assistance Coordinator for District 3 of Mass DEP appeared before the Board. Ms. Galkowski presented the Regional Household Hazardous Waste Depot at the Hanover Transfer Station Presentation, attached, to the Board.. The Board discussed the proposal with Ms. Galkowski. Director of Public Works Victor Diniak appeared before the Board and the Board discussed the proposal with Mr. Diniak as well. Ms. Galkowski requested a letter of interest, support and potentially providing a location if all criteria are met, for the grant application.

The Chair requested any comments or questions, seeing none.

The Board voted to prepare a letter of support from the Town of Hanover indicating we are prepared to support a regional household hazardous waste depot via monetary support and or consider being a host site for that depot.

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

The Chair requested that this topic be added to a future agenda for a discussion of the location of the proposed depot.

Ms. Galkowski stated she will send the draft letter of support to TM on Monday. TM agreed to

get the necessary signatures.

Town Manager Forum

TM spoke with the Board about upcoming Spring Events, noting that the Memorial Day Parade preparations are underway with Ray Miller, Tammy Murray and TM, and the Board will be provided their marching orders. TM also mentioned that the State of the Town Breakfast will take place on Tuesday, June 6th at 7:30am, and invitations will be going out shortly.

TM mentioned that the Hanover High School Graduation is coming up and also the Pride Event will take place on June 10th.

TM took the opportunity to welcome Student Intern Luke Hoyes back for his second year of interning in the Town Manager's Office, and informed the Board Members that they will meet two new interns will at the next Select Board Meeting.

TM confirmed that there will be no gathering at Forge Pond Park following the Memorial Day Parade this year.

Select Board Forum

Chair O'Connor again thanked Vice Chair Nyman and Selectman Louko for the rolls they played on the Board last year and for jumping right back in again this year.

Selectman Delaney thanked and congratulated the candidates for volunteer positions in the recent election, congratulated the winners and thanked those that gave it their best shot, encouraging them to try again.

Vice Chair Nyman provided an update on the Bill to change the name of the Board from Board of Selectmen to Select Board, noting that she had spoken with Chair of the Committee the Bill sits in, Carole Fiola, and Senator Keenan at the State House. They informed the Vice Chair that the Bill is in its third reading and is moving along.

Selectman Tuzik took a moment to acknowledge and thank Ruth Lynch for her service to the Town of Hanover during her several terms on the School Committee. The Chair also echoed the thanks to Ruth.

Selectman Louko stated his hopes that all the Mom's had a Happy Mother's Day yesterday and all are enjoying the beautiful weather. Selectman Louko questioned the curbing approved at the Rail Trail Project's parking lot, as it was different from the approved curbing. DPW Deputy Superintendent Kurt Kelley appeared before the Board, and spoke with the Board and TM about the choice of curbing, noting that the approved type had a very long wait and he had made the choice to install the different curbing in order to spend the grant money before the grant deadline. Mr. Kelley noted that the curbing can be changed in the future if that is the way the Town would like to go. Selectman Louko expressed a desire to go to DCR on this matter because the type of curbing installed does not last as long as the slope granite approved for the project. Mr. Kelley agreed to keep that on the table and explore that as funds approved at Town Meeting become available for use on that.

TM agreed to speak with DCR on whether their approval is necessary for this change.

Selectman Tuzik noted that the project looks very nice. Selectman Louko agreed but expressed a concern that the curbing installed doesn't age as well.

Selectman Louko also inquired about the land donation. TM informed all that there is a meeting scheduled this week with Deb Kelliher. The Chair asked that this be added to future agenda once we receive more details on that project, and also for TM to reach out to DCR and see if there are negative impacts or follow up items required in terms of the choice of curbing.

Executive Session

At 8:37pm, 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 and Fire Fighter's Union 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: Selectman Louko, aye, Selectman Delaney, aye, Vice Chair Nyman, aye, Chair O'Connor, aye, Selectman Tuzik, aye.

The Board moved into Executive Session at 8:37pm.

Adjourn

The meeting ended and adjourned at 9:08pm.