

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, June 5th, 2023 @ 6:30 pm.

Call meeting to order and Pledge of Allegiance

At 6:30pm the Chair called the meeting to order.

Present at Town Hall were Chair Vanessa O'Connor, Vice Chair Rhonda Nyman, and Selectmen John Tuzik and Selectman 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 Student Interns Luke Hoyes, Vanessa Bulman and Sean Dever.

Select Board Goal Setting

The Chair stated that the Goal setting portion of the meeting is to gather a list of items that the Board would like to accomplish over the course of the year. The Select Board Members went down the line, each listing off items they wished to add to the goals list.

The following goals are listed in the order in which they were mentioned:

- Complete funded projects including the West Hanover Rail Trail connection to Ellis Field and the Bridge viewing/ fishing platform on the Drinkwater River
- Pursuing full occupancy of the Sylvester School Building
- Locating a less costly water source to provide for all of the Town's needs
- PFAS free water

Selectman Delaney joined the meeting.

- Complete the cleanup and remediation of the Fireworks Site
- Fleshing out solar and other opportunities for spaces in the town that cannot be used for anything else
- Addressing the need for sidewalk and or new sidewalks and formulating a sidewalk plan
- Hiring a Grant Writer
- Formulating a funding plan, for both the Town and School Department, for when ARPA funding is no longer available

The Chair expressed an interest to meet with the School Department earlier on in the budgeting process in order to look at that topic.

- Pursuing a Municipal Aggregation Contract to completion
- Working with the Town Clerk to put together a handbook for newly elected or appointed Officials and Board and Committee volunteers
- Expanding communication to residents
- Restarting the March Town Manager Evaluation Process
- Planning for Hanover 300
- Addressing budgeting concerns for FY25 in conjunction with the Advisory and School Committees
- Looking at ways to bring in new revenue including hiring experienced personnel in the Assessor's Office

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- Improving the basketball courts at Sylvester

The Chair noted it may be helpful to speak with the Everett Hall Master Planning Committee. Selectman Delaney offered to consult on the project as he had performed research on the potential project.

The Chair proposed a fundraising basketball tournament to help with the expense.

- Route 139 improvements

The Chair commented that it would be helpful to get an update on the traffic monitoring that has been ongoing and also to hear how the State will help us.

- Master Plan use

At 6:50pm the Board took a 10-minute recess.

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

Public Comment

TM introduced this Summer's Student Interns, Luke Hoyes a student from the University of Vermont who is back for his second-year interning in the Town Manager's Office, Vanessa Bulman a Providence College student, and Sean Dever, a Salve Regina student. The Board welcomed all the student interns.

The Chair spoke on the Public Comment portion of the Select Board meetings noting that offering the opportunity to make public comments is important. Furthermore, in the interest of making expectations clear and transparent the Chair announced that going forward there will be a 3-minute limit per person during the public comment portion of the meeting. The Chair informed all that the public comments section of the meeting will not be a forum for back and forth debate with the Board but more an opportunity to present topics to the Board.

The Chair requested any public comments seeing none.

Meeting Minutes

The Chair asked for any questions or comments on the Meeting Minutes of May 1, 2023 and or May 15th, 2023, seeing none.

The Board voted to accept the Meeting Minutes of May 1st, 2023 and May 15th, 2023.

Donations

Accept \$5,000 Donation from the Hanover VNA Community Foundation

TM provided the Board with the background on the annual campership donation from the VNA Community Foundation. The Chair asked for any questions or comments, seeing none.

The Board Voted to accept the Donation.

Public Hearing - Liquor Licensing

The Chair read the [Public Hearing Notice](#) into the record, attached.

Shannon Burke, owner of the Fermentary appeared before the Board and discussed the application from The Fermentary LLC, dba The Fermentary for a Section 12 On-Premise Restaurant Wines and Malt Beverages License. The Board discussed the application with Ms. Burke and DPA. The Chair requested any questions or comments, seeing none. The Board voted to approve the Section 12 On Premise Restaurant Wines and Malt Beverages License Application from The Fermentary LLC, dba the Fermentary located at 200 Webster Street, Unit 2, Hanover, MA 02339.

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Finance

Presentation and Discussion of Fiscal Year 2024 Ambulance Rates

Fire Chief Jason Cavallaro appeared before the Board and presented the “Fire Department Ambulance Fee Presentation – Hanover Select Board June 5, 2023” presentation, [attached](#).

The Board discussed the presentation and the recommended rates with Chief Cavallaro.

The Chair requested any further questions or comments, seeing none. The Chair requested that this topic be added to the Select Board’s next agenda for a vote prior to July 1, 2023.

Presentation and Discussion of Fiscal Year 2024 Water Rates

Finance Director Chelsea Stevens and Director of Public Works Victor Diniak appeared before the Board and presented the “Water Rates Proposal Presentation”, [attached](#). The Board discussed the presentation with the Finance Director and Director of Public Works. The Chair requested any further comments or questions, seeing none.

The Chair informed all that this topic will be back on the Select Board’s next meeting agenda for a vote on the water rates.

Municipal Electricity Aggregation

TM began the continuation of the discussion of the selection of a Consultant Broker for Municipal Aggregation with the Board and handed the conversation over to Student Intern Luke Hoyes who presented his “Memo on Municipal Aggregation – Consultant/Broker Recommendation”, [attached](#). The Board discussed the topic with Luke and TM and requested that the Representatives of Mass Power Choice be invited to the June 20th Select Board Meeting to present and discuss their services with the Board.

Appointments

Select Board Liaison Appointment Reorganization

The Board voted to accept the appointment reorganization, [attached](#), with no changes from last year.

Select Board – Board and Committee Reappointments

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

The Board voted to approve the Select Board Reappointment list as presented, [attached](#).

Ratification of Town Manager’s reappointments to the Conservation Commission

TM informed the Board that two of his reappointments need to be ratified by the Select Board.

The Chair requested any questions or comments, seeing none.

The Board voted to ratify the [Town Manager’s reappointments](#) of Brian McLoone and David Sawin to the Conservation Commission.

The Board thanked all the appointees for all the work they do on behalf of the Town.

Dangerous Dog Appeal Hearing - Postponed

At the request of Kevin and Shana Burke's Attorney, the Second Appeal Hearing regarding the Dog Order issued on "Loki" Burke November 10, 2022 has been postponed to the Select Board's June 20, 2023 meeting.

Update on B. Everett Hall Park Master Planning [2022 Annual Town Meeting]

TM provided the Board with an update on the B. Everett Hall Park Master Planning project, informing all that the town has a contract with the Conway School of Landscape, Architecture and Design, and the students, who had submitted a 10-minute video on the project this evening which will be posted online and blasted out on all mechanisms tonight and tomorrow, will be at the Forge Pond Park Food Truck Night to present the plan and receive feedback.

Town Manager Report

TM spoke on all the Town events coming up, noting that the Hanover High School and South Shore Vo Tech Graduations were this past weekend, the State of the Town Breakfast is tomorrow at 7:30am at the Laura Center for the Arts, the Don't Hide the Pride Event will take place on Saturday and Hanover Day is coming up at the end of the month

TM informed all that paving work is ongoing around town, and the waterline project at the Middle School is prepared to start once school is out for Summer. TM further mentioned that work on the Turf Field and Cedar School Security projects will be beginning soon.

TM spoke on the Internship Program, noting that there were a lot of good applicants this year. He informed all that the interns will be attending all of the Select Board Meetings as well as a few meetings of other Boards and Committees. Each intern will have a project to focus on as part of the internship learning component. Luke Hoyes will focus on the Municipal Aggregation Project, Vanessa Bulman will work on developing updated welcome packets for new residents and Sean Dever's project has yet to be determined.

Select Board Forum

Selectman Tuzik took a moment to thank Victor Diniak and Kurt Kelley and their DPW Team for all the work they put into Hanover High School's Graduation, as well as the Memorial Day Events.

Vice Chair Nyman thanked Ray Miller and Former Secretary of Veterans Affairs Coleman Nee and everyone involved in the Memorial Day Parade. She also mentioned that she was very proud of all the Hanover students graduating this year.

Selectman Delaney announced that all are welcome to come and be yourselves at the Don't Hide the Pride Event, noting that beer and wine will be served and thanking Myette's for providing and selling the beverages responsibly.

He also gave a shout out to Ava Sullivan and David Quinlan who graduated from Hanover High.

Selectman Louko congratulated the Class of 2023, and also thanked the staff and volunteers who keep up the Town's islands and properties noting that everything looks beautiful. Selectman

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Louko also thanked TM and Kurt Kelley for following up with DCR on the Parking Lot in West Hanover.

The Chair thanked Mr. McGarry's Social Studies Class and Mr. McGarry himself for all the research and work they put into their projects on projects they are interested in having the Town work on.

Update Select Board Meeting Schedule for 2023-2024

The Chair noted that she did her best to accommodate everyone with the updated version of the 2023-2024 Select Board Schedule, based on suggestions from the last meeting.

The Board voted to approved the updated meeting schedule for 2023 – 2024, [attached](#).

Executive Session

At 8:43pm, in accordance with MGL Chapter 30A, §21(a)3, the Chair requested a roll call vote 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 be detrimental to 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, Chair O'Connor, aye, Vice Chair Nyman, aye, Selectman Tuzik, aye.

At 8:43pm the Select Board moved into Executive Session.

Adjourn

At 9:14pm, the meeting ended and adjourned.

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