

Meeting Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Hanover Selectboard held in a hybrid format via teleconference as well as in person in the First Floor Hearing Room of Hanover Town Hall on Monday, July 19, 2021 @ 5:30 PM.

Executive Session

At 5:30 p.m., in accordance with MGL Chapter 30A Sections 21(a)2 and 21(a)3, the Chair requested a roll call vote to enter into Executive Session to conduct a strategy session related to the ongoing negotiations being conducted between the Town Manager, Assistant Town Manager and Finance Director who are representing the Town of Hanover/Board of Selectmen in the collective bargaining agreement negotiations with the Police Union, to discuss strategy with respect to the contract negotiations with non-union personnel, namely the Community Services Director, to discuss strategy with respect to Collective Bargaining Agreement(s) with the Hanover Municipal Employees League (H MEL), and also, to discuss litigation strategy with respect to the 7-11 Appeal of the non-renewal of the 7-11 Off Premise Beer and Wine License. The Chair announced that the Board will be returning to Open Session.

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

At 7:07p.m. The Board Returned to Open Session and the Chair arranged for remote participants to join the meeting.

Present at Town Hall were Chairman David Delaney, Vice Chair Rhonda Nyman, Selectwoman Vanessa O'Connor and Selectmen John Tuzik and Steve Louko.

Also present at Town Hall, Town Manager Joe Colangelo (TM), Executive Assistant Janet Tierney, and Intern Joe Clinton.

Public Comments

The Chair asked for any Public Comments regarding items not on this evening's agenda.

Resident and Vice President of the Hanover Food Pantry Libby Corbo raised her virtual hand and announced that the Food Pantry will be moving to it's new home at the Sylvester School. The Food Pantry, which is celebrating it's 30th year, has tentatively set the date of the ribbon cutting ceremony on September 18th, 2021, and green bag collections should be starting up in October. Ms. Corbo discussed the Food Pantry with the Board and thanked TM, DPW Director Victor Diniak and Facilities Engineering Manager Bob Murray for all their help with the move.

Minutes

The Board voted to approve the meeting minutes of June 21st, 2021.

Appointment

The Board welcomed resident Lorraine Gaysunas to the meeting. Ms. Gaysunas provided the Board with her background information and expressed her interest in serving on the Council on Aging Advisory Board. The Board voted to appoint Lorraine Gaysunas to the Council on Aging Advisory Board.

Approved
8/4/2021

Discussions

A member of the incoming 9th Grade Class of South Shore Vocational Technical High School, Corrine Crissinger, appeared before the Board and discussed the merits of her proposal to change the name of the Board of Selectmen to a more inclusive, gender neutral name. The Board thanked Corrine for coming and speaking with them and further discussed the topic with TM who described the process for making the name change both unofficially and officially. The Town Moderator sent a chat to the Board agreeing with TM's summation and restating for an unofficial change, the Board can vote to refer to themselves as the Selectboard, and that Town Meeting and ballot votes will be required to change the name officially.

The Board voted, effective July 19th, 2021 and moving forward to refer to themselves as the Selectboard and to commit to getting an article regarding an official name change on the Town Meeting Warrant.

TM provided the Board with a brief overview of the traffic concerns in the Walnut Hill area. Deputy Superintendent of the DPW and Traffic Safety Committee Member Kurt Kelley appeared before the Board and discussed a list of road improvements planned for the area in the late summer/early fall. The Board discussed the planned road improvements as well as other proposed traffic calming measures in the Walnut Hill area with TM, Police Chief Sweeney, Police Sergeant and Traffic Safety Committee Member Tim Kane, DPW Director Victor Diniak, Town Moderator Doug Thomson, and area residents Mike Cianciola, Vanessa Sullivan, Dagnia Usalis, Laura Rappaport, and via Zoom Ryan Hall.

The Board also fielded questions via chat from residents Lisa Mutchler and Janet Mancini. The Board agreed to review all of the information they received this evening and discuss this topic further at an upcoming meeting.

Finance Director Chelsea Stevens (FD) appeared before the Board and presented the Review of Year End Fiscal Year 2021 Financials, [attached](#). FD informed the Board that the Town will most likely have a higher amount of free cash this year than last year.

DPW Director Victor Diniak appeared before the Board and provided an update on the results of the PFOA & PFOS (Perfluorooctanoic Acid) testing on Hanover's Water Treatment Facilities. He informed the Board of, and made recommendations for measures the Town can take to reduce the numbers, and informed the Board that the Fireworks Site is not contributing to the test numbers. Mr. Diniak agreed to keep the Board informed as this situation moves forward.

The Board agreed to forego tonight's agenda items 15 and 16.

At 9:49 p.m., in accordance with MGL Chapter 30A Sections 21(a)2 and 21(a)3, the Chair requested a roll call vote to re-enter into Executive Session to conduct a strategy session related to the ongoing negotiations being conducted between the Town Manager, Assistant Town Manager and Finance Director who are representing the Town of Hanover/Board of Selectmen in the collective bargaining agreement negotiations with the Police Union, to discuss strategy with respect to the contract negotiations with non-union personnel, namely the Community Services

Director, and to discuss strategy with respect to Collective Bargaining Agreement(s) with the Hanover Municipal Employees League (H MEL).

The Chair announced that the Board may be returning to Open Session.

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

The meeting ended and adjourned at 10:30 p.m.