

**Meeting Minutes of the Hanover Select Board Special 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, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022 @ 7:00 pm.**

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**Call meeting to order and Pledge of Allegiance**

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

Present at Town Hall were Chair Nyman, Vice Chair O'Connor, Selectman Delaney, Selectman Tuzik and Selectman Louko.

Also present at Town Hall were Town Manager Joe Colangelo (TM) and Director of Public Affairs, Licensing and Insurances Janet Tierney (DPA).

All rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Comment**

The Chair asked for any public comments noting that some residents were here to discuss the proposed new fire station.

The Board and TM discussed the proposed new fire house with the resident's present, informing them that the Town's Fire House Project Manager had not sent the surveyors observed in the Webster Street area, and providing a brief background summary on the project. The Residents briefly discussed their concerns regarding the location of the proposed fire house with the Board. The Board agreed to add this topic as a standalone item on the next Select Board Agenda so that the Select Board could dedicate more time to the discussion of this topic and arrangements could be made to have the appropriate town staff present to answer their questions and concerns. The email addresses of attendees were collected and TM offered to contact all tomorrow, or if they preferred they could reach out directly to him. Vice Chair O'Connor who was a Member of the Fire Station Planning Committee also offered to speak with anyone who wished to contact her directly. TM informed those present that as the project progresses, during the normal course of things, the Town will be sending out more communications, both general and targeted to keep residents informed on the projects progress.

**Minutes**

The Chair asked for any questions or comments on the Meeting Minutes, seeing none.

The Board voted to approve the Meeting Minutes of August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

**Presentation**

Becky Malamut of the North-South River Watershed Association appeared before the Board and presented the [Indian Head River Restoration Presentation](#). She asked that the Board appoint someone to the Indian Head River Restoration Steering Committee. Resident Steven Kmito appeared before the Board and discussed his interest in serving on the Steering Committee. TM noted that the Town has not yet taken a position on whether or not the dam should be removed but the Town is in support of the study.

The Board voted to appoint Steve Kmito to the Indian Head River Restoration Steering Committee.

### **Public Hearing - Licensing**

At 7:10pm the Chair opened the Public Hearing on the application from S&J Hanover Inc. dba Mamma Mia's of Hanover located at 333 Columbia Road, Hanover, MA 02339, Public Hearing Notice [attached](#), for an Alteration of Licensed Premise on their Section 12- On Premise Restaurant – All Alcoholic Beverages License. DPA discussed the application with the Board. The Board voted to approve the application

### **Appointment**

The Board agreed to take the Appointment Agenda Item out of order as Mr. Hoyes was in attendance. Mr. Hoyes appeared before the Board and discussed his interest in serving on the MBTA Advisory Board. The Chair asked for any questions or comments, seeing none. The Board voted to appoint James Hoyes as Hanover's Representative to the MBTA Advisory Board.

### **Licensing & Permitting**

At the request of the applicant, consideration of the request from Mr. David DeGhetto for a permit to move the house currently located at 733 Main Street, Hanover, MA 02339 on a public way was continued to a future meeting.

DPA discussed the [RMS Promotions November 24, 2022 Road Race Application](#) with the Board, informing them that this race is an annual event which was formerly known as the Hanover High School Sports Boosters Turkey Trot Road Race, and that the organizer has taken preliminary steps to set up the required Police details. The Board voted to approve the November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022 RMS Promotions Road Race Application.

### **Traffic Safety**

**Consider voting to opt-in Town-wide to Section 17C of MGL Chapter 90, thereby establishing a speed limit of 25 miles per hour on any roadway inside a thickly settled or business district in Hanover on any way that is not a State Highway and does not have an existing special speed regulation in place.**

Police Chief Kane appeared before the Board and spoke with Board regarding opting in on MGL Chapter 90 §17C. Residents Lisa Mutchler, David Setterland and Karla Usalis joined the conversation and spoke with the Board on this topic. The Chief informed the Board that should they opt in, there would be a lengthy education period during which no tickets would be issued. The Chair asked for any questions or concerns, seeing none. The Board voted to opt in on MGL Chapter 90, §17C.

**Consider endorsing a [letter from the Route 139 Action Committee](#) to Mass DOT advocating for reduced speed limits along Route 139 in Hanover.**

The Route 139 Action Committee Secretary Viola Ryerson and Committee Member David Setterland appeared in person before the Board as well as Committee Chair David Sawin via Zoom and spoke with the Board regarding endorsing a letter to Mass DOT advocating for reduced speed limits along Route 139 in Hanover, as it is a State owned and controlled road. They explained that this letter would be sent in order to engage the State and ask for State involvement in attaining a speed reduction.

The Board voted to endorse the letter to Mass DOT.

## **Budgeting & Finance**

### **FY2024 + 5 Year Capital Budget**

TM discussed the FY2024 + 5 Year Capital Budget with the Board, informing those in attendance that there is information available to all on the website regarding this topic and running through the attached [ARPA Memo](#). The Board requested that as TM and the Board go through this process, items that are being considered as not going beyond the availability of ARPA funds be noted as such to show future Boards the mindset of this Board as they look to what stays and what goes in the future. The Chair requested that the Dog Park proposed by the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade civics class students be added to the first draft of the Capital Plan. The Board discussed the Dog Park with TM and TM agreed to have it on the first draft of the FY2024 + 5 Year Capital Budget.

Resident Mike Cianciola expressed concern about the Board and TM discussing specific security concerns in Open Session. TM agreed that some of the conversations regarding security issues would not be suitable for Open Session.

### **Review of FY2022 Budget Close-Out**

Finance Director Chelsea Stevens (FD) appeared before the Board and presented the attached [FY2022 Budget Close-Out](#) with the Board. The Board discussed the presentation with FD. FD informed the Board that additional information is available on the website.

### **Discussion of Budgeting for Community Events**

TM discussed the concept of adding a standalone Article to the Town Meeting Warrant to fund events such as Hanover Day and possibly others such as Winterfest and proposed that it is a good time for the Board to discuss funding expectations for Hanover Day with the Cultural Council. Cultural Council Chair Chris Haraden appeared before the Board and the Board discussed this topic further with Mr. Haraden and TM. Mr. Haraden agreed to come back for further discussion with the Board.

### **Appointments**

The Board discussed the letter received from the North River Commission regarding a Hanover Alternate Representative vacancy on the Commission, [attached](#). The Board requested that a social media post go out highlighting the current Board and Committee openings.

### **Town Manager's Report**

TM requested a moment to remember resident Don White who had recently passed away, and send his best to Don's family. TM stated that he very much enjoyed his time with Don and time they spent going over budgets together.

**Select Board Forum**

Selectman Tuzik commended the Hanover Fire Department for their quick response and handling of a large deer stuck in a soccer net at a friend's house. They freed the large Buck and it returned to the woods. Selectman Tuzik wished to recognize that the Hanover Fire Department does a lot of great work.

Selectman Delaney cautioned that a ride share driver had recently purchased alcohol for underage kids in Town. He suggested that if any parents have kids using ride share services they should be aware that this is going on, and hopefully be able to head off any problems before they occur.

**Executive Session**

At 9:19 pm, in accordance with MGL Chapter 30A, §21(a)2, the Chair requested a roll call vote to enter into Executive Session to conduct a strategy session in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel, namely Police Lieutenant.

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

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

At 9:19 pm the Board moved into Executive Session.

The meeting ended and adjourned at 9:37 pm.