

Meeting Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Hanover Board of Selectmen held via conference call on Monday, August 10, 2020 @ 6:00 PM.

Present at Town Hall, Chairman David Delaney. Present via Zoom video conference were Vice Chair Rhonda Nyman, Selectmen John Tuzik and John Barry, and Selectwoman Vanessa O'Connor. Also present, Town Manager (TM) Joe Colangelo and Executive Assistant Janet Tierney.

Call Meeting to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and noted that there were people who would like to speak during the open session portion of the meeting. Resident Jeanne Cianciola raised her virtual hand and discussed her concerns with the Board regarding the current Town Manager verbal policy directive to staff regarding allowing only the United States flag, the State of Massachusetts flag, the Town of Hanover flag and the Military flags to be flown on Town owned property, and her desire to have a memorial flag for Sergeant Chesna hung on Town owned land as the flag makes its way through Hanover on a tour around the state. TM informed all listening that the President of the Fireman's Association had reached out to him this afternoon to request Hanover's participation in the memorial flag tour and TM had granted that request. TM stated that if the Board should choose to implement a policy regarding flags, he would defer to their policy, and expressed that all thoughts and prayers go to Sergeant Chesna and the Chesna family.

Meeting Minutes

The Board voted to approve the Meeting Minutes of July 15th, 2020.

The Board voted to approve the Meeting Minutes of July 20th, 2020.

The Board voted to approve the Meeting Minutes of July 28th, 2020.

Policies

The Board voted to ratify Board of Selectmen Policy 5-1a - Town of Hanover Travel Order Policy for Employee Personnel.

Primary Election

The Board voted to approve the Warrant for the September 1, 2020 Primary Election as Presented by the Town Clerk.

The Board returned to open session to hear from Mrs. Cindy Chesna who had raised her virtual hand, but had been having technical difficulties during the previous open session portion of the meeting. Mrs. Chesna expressed that she is grateful for all of the support the Town has given her family and clarified that she is not requesting anything of the Town. Mrs. Chesna expressed her concerns with the current aforementioned verbal policy directive regarding the hanging flags on Town owned land. The Board agreed to honor the memory of Sergeant Chesna, to adjust the flag policy to accommodate the memorial if need be, and assured Mrs. Chesna that the memory of Sgt. Chesna will never be forgotten in the Town of Hanover. Resident Joseph Sgambato raised his virtual hand and further expressed his concerns with the aforementioned verbal policy directive. The Chair reiterated that the policy will be changed if need be in order to accommodate Sergeant Chesna's memorial. All agreed to move on as all were on the same page with regards to honoring Sergeant Chesna.

Approved
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Executive Session

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 HMEL, AFSCME, Fire and Police Unions as the Chair had determined that a discussion in open session would have a detrimental effect on the negotiations. The Board will not return to open session.

Roll Call Vote: Vice Chair Nyman, aye, Selectman Barry, aye, Selectman Tuzik, aye, Selectwoman O'Connor, aye, Chairman Delaney, aye. At 6:57 p.m. the Board moved into Executive Session.

The meeting ended and adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

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