

**Meeting Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Hanover Board of Selectmen held via conference call on Monday, September 14, 2020 @ 6:00 PM.**

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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, Acting Town Manager (ATM) Ann Lee and Executive Assistant Janet Tierney.

**Call Meeting to Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:05pm and opened the meeting up for public commentary seeing none.

The Board addressed inquiries received regarding the closing of the basketball courts in Town stating that the closure was not tied to the trash not being picked up but to the fact that many surrounding towns have closed their basketball courts which has led to many kids from other towns coming to Hanover to play. The increase in trash was representative of that situation. Furthermore, the Police had stopped by the courts several times to speak with the kids and inform them on social distancing and how best to remain safe while playing and unfortunately that was not working out. The Chair expressed that the closure was in the interest of safety and the Town is working to safely open them again.

The Board discussed receiving complaints regarding signs which seem to be up in violation of the Town Bylaw. The Board agreed to gain more clarification on the topic and go from there.

**Meeting Minutes**

The Board voted to approve the meeting minutes of August 10, 2020.

**Licenses**

The Board opened the continued July 20<sup>th</sup> Public Hearing on the application for a Class I Automobile License for AMH Holdings – MH, LLC dba Mercedes- Benz of Hanover located at 572 Washington Street, Hanover, MA 02339. The Board accepted the applicant's withdrawal of the application and closed the Hearing.

The Board voted to set the deadline for the submission of December 31<sup>st</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup> license renewal applications at 12:00 Noon on Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

**New Business**

Selectwoman O'Connor read the following proposed Board of Selectmen Statement on Community Inclusiveness:

The Hanover Board of Selectmen clearly and unequivocally denounces racism, discrimination, and hate in all forms. We are living through a time of unprecedented challenges brought by the COVID-19 pandemic and all-too-familiar calls to address injustices, discrimination, and racism in our communities. In addressing these challenges, we have all been forced to reexamine and question our norms, history, and relationships with one another. Let us reframe these challenges as an opportunity to come together and recognize that Hanoverians experience racism and

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prejudice while engaging in a meaningful dialogue that recognizes and values diversity and inclusivity in our town.

As your local elected leaders, we pledge to promote positive, necessary change and we will deliver on that responsibility. We have a duty to ourselves, our residents, employees, visitors, and businesses to ensure that everyone who enters our community is treated with respect and dignity. Hanover has rich traditions of town spirit, community involvement, and kindness. As a community, we strive to welcome people of every race, ethnic background, national origin, religion, ability, gender identity, and sexual orientation. In this light, we encourage residents to actively seek common ground while working to nurture an inclusive, anti-racist, and welcoming community. Hanover is great but we can be even better. Join us in making tomorrow better than today.

The Board voted to approved the Statement on Community Inclusiveness as provided by Selectwoman O'Connor.

The Board voted to approve Board of Selectmen Policy 2-4 Flags and Signs on Town Property.

#### **COVID-19 Emergency Management Update**

The following members of the EMA Team presented the Board with a COVID-19 Management Update: Fire Chief Blanchard (EMA Director), Municipal Inspection Manager/Building Commissioner Joe Stack (CDMI Update and Board of Health Update), Fire Captain Fred Freeman (Mobile Integrated Health Update), Deputy Fire Chief Jason Cavallaro (Fire Department Update), Police Lieutenant Greg Nihan (Police Department Update), DPW Director Victor Diniak (DPW Update), Superintendent Matthew Ferron (School Update), Interim IT Director Tom Nee (IT Update), Director of Community Services Tammy Murray (Community Services Update), Finance Director Lincoln Heineman (Finance Department Update), and Library Director Virginia Johnson (Library Update). The Board thanked the EMA Team for all their hard work.

The Board took a moment to acknowledge the passing of Howie Tripp, a member of the Town of Hanover Custodial Staff, describing him as an incredible man who took pride in his work and looked after the kids, and noting that he will be missed.

#### **Budget**

Finance Director Lincoln Heineman discussed preparations for the FY2022 Budget and the 5-year Capital Plan. He requested ideas from the Board of Selectmen on what they think should be included in the FY2022 Budget and Capital Improvement plan prior to having a more final plan in the Second week of October.

The Board voted to Authorize the Town Manager to request and receive Federal CARES Act funding from Plymouth County on behalf of the Town of Hanover.

The Board agreed to coordinate with Lincoln Heineman in order to set up a meeting of the CARES Act Committee.

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### **Appointments**

The Board voted to appoint Susan Setterland to the Council on Aging Advisory Board

The Board voted to appoint Kim Notarangelo to the Board of Registrars, Selectman Tuzik, aye, Selectwoman O'Connor, aye, Selectman Barry, aye, Chairman Delaney, aye. Vice Chair Nyman abstained from the vote.

The Board voted to appoint both David Traggorth and Anthony Cavallaro as Associate Members of the Planning Board.

The Board postponed the reorganization of the Board of Selectmen Liaison appointments to a future meeting.

The Board accepted John Goldthwait's resignation from the Hanover Historical Commission.

The Board voted to appoint Judith Grecco to the Hanover Historical Commission.

### **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 announced that they will be returning to open session.

Roll Call Vote: Vice Chair Nyman, aye, Selectman Tuzik, aye, Selectwoman O'Connor, aye, Selectmen Barry, aye, and Chairman Delaney, aye. At 7:51 p.m. the Board moved into Executive Session.

At 9:19 p.m. the Board returned to open session.

The Chair announced that there will be no vote this evening. He further stated that a meeting has been scheduled for 8:15 a.m. Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, to finalize the discussion from tonight's executive session.

The meeting ended and adjourned at 9:23 p.m.