

**Meeting Minutes of Regular Meeting of Hanover Board of Selectmen held at Town Hall on Monday, March 5, 2012 @ 7:00 PM.**

Present were Chairman Susan M. Setterland, Vice Chairman Joseph O'Brien, Daniel A. Pallotta, Joseph Salvucci, and John S. Barry. Also present: Town Manager Stephen S. Rollins and Senior Administrative Assistant Ann Lee.

At 7:00 PM Chairman Setterland opened the meeting with a moment of silence for John Goslin.

The Board voted to approve the meeting minutes of 02/17/12, 02/21/12 (as amended), 02/22/12 and 02/27/12 (as amended).

Selectman Pallotta extended an apology to the Town Manager regarding the motion below. Selectman Pallotta made a motion to rescind the policy voted at the February 27<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Board voted to rescind the policy below;

During the time-frame in which the Board is negotiating with finalists for appointment to the position of Town Manager, until the new Town Manager assumes office, no unscheduled wage or benefit increases shall be granted, no employment agreements shall be amended or revised, no new contracts with new vendors or outside contractors shall be executed and no positions shall be filled or created, except with the approval of the Board of Selectmen.

Selectman O'Brien read the motion, with the changes noted below, to revise the policy, Selectman Barry seconded the motion; the motion did not carry.

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The Board voted to approve the Town Manager Job Description as amended (attached).

The Board discussed the Town Manager Search and voted to offer the position to Troy Clarkson subject to the successful completion of a credit check, physical and psychological exams, a criminal background check and contract negotiations.

At 7:22 PM the Board recessed to call the three finalists, the Board reconvened at 7:34 PM.

The Board voted to open the Special Town Meeting Warrant at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> and to close the Warrant at 12:00 noon on Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup>.

The Board received a letter dated February 28<sup>th</sup> from Levin and Levin regarding a land donation on Winter Street (Map76, Lot 18). The TM informed the Board there is an Article on the Warrant regarding this land; however, the Board can accept the land without Town Meeting approval. Maps of the area were provided to the Board (attached). Conservation Agent, Patrick Gallivan noted the land is good for walking purposes only. Selectman Pallotta inquired if Mr. Gallivan would recommend accepting the donation. Mr. Gallivan noted prior to accepting the land he would recommend obtaining a legal review noting its location to the Fireworks Site. Selectman Pallotta will make an inquiry with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and report back to the Board.

Steve Avitabile met with the Board regarding the addition of a 10k race to the Chamber of Commerce Annual 5k Road Race. The Board voted to approve the Chamber of Commerce Annual 5k and 10k Road Race on Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup> subject to a favorable Public Safety review; Selectman Salvucci recused himself from the vote noting the required Police and Fire Details for the event.

Selectman O'Brien reported he attended the meeting on March 1<sup>st</sup> at the South Shore Vo-Tech for the purpose of electing a collective bargaining representative to the South Shore Regional School Committee.

**Town Manager Report:**

The primary election on March 6<sup>th</sup> will be the first time voting will take place at the new High School. There has been a media release notifying the public of the proper building entrance and proper areas for parking, there will also be signage posted at the site.

Legislative Issues – it appears local aid will not be reduced this year due to State Lottery money being diverted as directed from the Governor.

Municipal Electric Company – There is a luncheon on March 6<sup>th</sup> the speaker will be Patrick Mehr, Chairman of the Town of Lexington's committee to investigate the process of converting from a private utility provider to a municipal utility provider this would cut down on local outages lasting for days.

At 8:05 PM Selectman Pallotta made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining and contract negotiations with non-union personnel. Selectman Barry seconded the motion. Chairman Setterland requested a Roll Call Vote of the Board to go into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining and contract negotiations with non-union personnel. Chairman Setterland noted an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or negotiating position of the body and the Board will not reconvene in Open Session. Roll Call Vote: D. Pallotta, aye; J. Salvucci, aye; J. O'Brien, aye; J. Barry, aye and Chairman S. Setterland, aye. Town Manager Stephen S. Rollins and Senior Administrative Assistant Ann Lee were also present. Any discussion relative to Police or Fire Selectman Salvucci will recuse himself.

Meeting ended and adjourned at 8:33 PM.