

**Meeting Minutes of the Hanover Select Board Regular Meeting held in a Hybrid Format with both in person attendees in the First Floor Hearing Room of Hanover Town Hall as well as remote attendees via Zoom videoconference, on Monday, December 4, 2023 @ 6:30pm.**

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

At 6:30pm the Chair called the meeting to order.

Present at Town Hall were Chair Vanessa O'Connor, Vice Chair Rhonda Nyman, Selectman David Delaney, Selectman John Tuzik and Selectman Steve 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 Comments**

In accordance with Select Board Policy 2-6, the Chair requested any public comments. Resident Lauren Nauman appeared before the Board via Zoom and expressed concern for the budget shortfall across both the Town and the School Department and the possibility of taking away services. Ms. Nauman inquired about any alternatives being offered and whether any town owned properties had been considered for sale. TM informed all that the Town had not identified any properties for sale this year. The Chair invited Ms. Nauman to stay online and take part in the budget conversation later in the Agenda.

The Chair stated that she will taking the Agenda Items out of order this evening and move on to Agenda Item 18 next.

**Presentation of Check in the Amount of \$396,192.21 from the Plymouth County Commissioners for the Hanover Public Schools Literacy Program**

Superintendent of School Matthew Ferron appeared before the Board and spoke on the Second Year of the Hanover Schools Literacy Program and thanked the Plymouth County Representatives for coming and bringing the check this evening. Chairman of the Plymouth County Commissioners Jared Valanzola and Senator Keenan appeared before the Board and presented a check for \$396,192.21 for the Hanover Public Schools Literacy Program. All stood and took a photo of the presentation of the check. The Chair thanked Senator Keenan, Commissioner Valanzola and Superintendent Ferron.

**Licensing and Permitting**

The Chair announced that all of tonight's licensing renewal approvals shall be subject to the establishment being in full compliance with all State and Town regulations as applicable, all required licensing renewal documents submitted to the Town, and all taxes and fees due being current.

**Renewal - All Alcoholic Beverage Licenses - On Premise - Restaurant**

DPA informed the Board that the licensing renewals are in order, with just a few having some paperwork pending, however those applicants have committed to submitting the paperwork and in accordance with the statement read by the Chair, the licenses will be held, and once the paperwork

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is received, the licenses will be released to those applicants.

The Chair requested any questions or comments on the On-Premise Restaurant All Alcoholic Beverages License Renewals. Selectman Louko expressed a desire to receive confirmation from the Conservation Agent next year, prior to approving licensing renewals, that the applicants are in full compliance with WPA and WHPA. Selectman Louko also expressed an interest in confirming that all the applicant's taxes and fees are paid. The Chair informed all that in accordance with the statement read by the Chair regarding the conditions under which the licenses are approved, licenses of those with taxes and fees due will held until such applicant's taxes and fees are brought current. The Chair requested any questions or comments from the public, seeing none.

The Board voted to approve the renewal of the following All Alcoholic Beverage Licenses - On Premise – Restaurant, in accordance with Select Board Policy 9-9 – Licensing Process, subject to the establishment being in full compliance with all State and Town regulations as applicable, all required licensing renewal documents submitted to the Town, and all taxes and fees due being current:

- A. 118 Restaurant, Inc. dba Imperial Garden, 811 Washington Street
- B. Tsang's Village, Inc. dba Tsang's Village Café, 644 Washington Street, Suite A101
- C. Quan's Kitchen of Hanover, Inc. dba Quan's Kitchen, 871 Washington Street
- D. Players' Lounge, LLC dba Rec Room, 637 Washington Street
- E. Blazin Wings, Inc. dba Buffalo Wild Wings, 1799 Washington Street
- F. Brothers B & G, Inc. dba Brothers Grill, 778 Washington Street
- G. Boston Bowl Hanover, Inc. dba Boston Bowl, 58 Rockland Street
- H. Alba on 53 Inc. dba Alba on 53, 2053 Washington Street
- I. S&J Hanover Inc. dba Mamma Mia of Hanover, 333 Columbia Road
- J. Another Fork in the Road, LLC dba The Square Café Hanover, 283 Columbia Road, Ste 4
- K. XG Hanover, LLC dba XGolf Hanover, 1207 Washington Street, Suite 30
- L. Sage & Salt, LLC dba Sage & Salt, 1202 Washington Street
- M. PBW Hanover, LLC dba Previte's Steakhouse, 283 Columbia Road, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

**Renewal – Site-Specific Hanover Crossing Shopping District – 1775 Washington Street – All Alcoholic Beverage Licenses - On Premise - Restaurant**

The Chair confirmed with DPA that there was nothing further to add with respect to the following license renewals and requested any questions or comments from the Board or the public regarding the renewal of the following licenses, seeing none.

The Board voted to approve the renewal of the following Site-Specific Hanover Shopping District – 1775 Washington Street - All Alcoholic Beverage Licenses - On Premise – Restaurant, in accordance with Select Board Policy 9-9 – Licensing Process, subject to the establishment being in full compliance with all State and Town regulations as applicable, all required licensing renewal documents submitted to the Town, and all taxes and fees due being current:

- A. Ryan Family Amusements, Inc. dba Ryan's, Unit 400
- B. Sullivan's Castle Island at Hanover Crossing, LLC dba Sullivan's Castle Island, Unit 410
- C. 110 Grill HC Hanover, LLC dba 110 Grill, Unit 500
- D. Evviva Hanover, LLC dba Evviva Trattoria, Unit 700
- E. NAI Entertainment Holdings, LLC dba Showcase Cinema De Lux Hanover Crossing, Unit 420

**Renewal - Wines & Malt Beverage Licenses - On Premise - Restaurant**

The Chair confirmed with DPA that there was nothing further to add with respect to the following license renewals and requested any questions or comments from the Board or the public regarding the renewal of the following licenses, seeing none.

The Board voted to approve the renewal of the following Wines & Malt Beverage Licenses - On Premise – Restaurant, in accordance with Select Board Policy 9-9 – Licensing Process, subject to the establishment being in full compliance with all State and Town regulations as applicable, all required licensing renewal documents submitted to the Town, and all taxes and fees due being current:

- A. Hanover House of Pizza, LLC dba Hanover House of Pizza, 272 Columbia Road
- B. Thai Jasmine Corporation dba Siam Cuisine, 370 Columbia Road
- C. Pickles NE, LLC, 357 Columbia Road
- D. The Fermentary LLC, dba The Fermentary, 200 Webster Street, Suite 3

**Renewal - All Alcoholic Beverage Licenses - Off Premise - Packaged Goods Store**

The Chair confirmed with DPA that there was nothing further to add with respect to the following license renewals and requested any questions or comments from the Board or the public regarding the renewal of the following licenses, seeing none.

The Board voted to approve the renewal of the following All Alcoholic Beverages Licenses - Off Premise – Packaged Goods Store, in accordance with Select Board Policy 9-9 – Licensing Process, subject to the establishment being in full compliance with all State and Town regulations as applicable, all required licensing renewal documents submitted to the Town, and all taxes and fees due being current:

- A. Mahi Corp, dba Home Spirits, 227 Columbia Road
- B. AR Package, Inc. dba Hanover Liquors, 15 Pleasant Street
- C. Kanudo, LLC dba Vintage Wine & Spirits, 849 Washington Street

**Renewal - Wine & Malt Beverage Licenses - Off Premise - Packaged Goods Store**

The Chair confirmed with DPA that there was nothing further to add with respect to the following license renewals and requested any questions or comments from the Board or the public regarding the renewal of the following licenses, seeing none.

The Board voted to approve the renewal of the following Wines & Malt Beverages Licenses - Off Premise – Packaged Goods Store, in accordance with Select Board Policy 9-9 – Licensing Process, subject to the establishment being in full compliance with all State and Town regulations as applicable, all required licensing renewal documents submitted to the Town, and all taxes and fees due being current:

- A. AGT, Inc dba Queen Ann Wine and Beer, 283 Columbia Rd, Unit 2
- B. Mycost Inc dba Myette's Country Store, 1143 Broadway
- C. MB Spirits dba MB Fine Wines, 1775 Washington Street
- D. HSK Corp dba Twin's Convenience Store, 124 Rockland St.
- E. On The Way General Store Inc. dba Lindy's General Store, 971 Webster St.
- F. Janet I. Eaton dba Grampy's General Store and Coffee Shop, Site Specific - 148 King Street

### **Renewal - Veteran's Club On Premise - All Alcoholic Beverage License**

The Chair confirmed with DPA that there was nothing further to add with respect to the following license renewal and requested any questions or comments from the Board or the public regarding the renewal of the following license, seeing none.

The Board voted to approve the renewal of the following Veteran's Club On Premise All Alcoholic Beverages Licenses, in accordance with Select Board Policy 9-9 – Licensing Process, subject to the establishment being in full compliance with all State and Town regulations as applicable, all required licensing renewal documents submitted to the Town, and all taxes and fees due being current:

A. Josselyn-Cummings Post dba American Legion Post 149, 104 King Street

Selectman Delaney recused himself from Agenda Items 10, 11, 12, and 13 as he is in the automobile business.

### **Renewal - Automobile Class I Agent or Seller's License**

The Chair confirmed with DPA that there was nothing further to add with respect to the following license renewals and requested any questions or comments from the Board or the public regarding the renewal of the following licenses, seeing none.

The Board voted to approve the renewal of the following Automobile Class I Agent or Seller's Licenses, in accordance with Select Board Policy 9-9 – Licensing Process, subject to the establishment being in full compliance with all State and Town regulations as applicable, all required licensing renewal documents submitted to the Town, and all taxes and fees due being current:

A. GPI MA-GM, Inc., dba IRA Buick GMC Hanover, 1845 Washington Street

B. GPI MA-DM, Inc., dba Mercedes-Benz of Hanover/Sprinter of Hanover, 1877 Washington Street

C. Jannell Motors, Inc., LLC, dba Janell Ford, 2000 Washington Street

D. McGee Motorcars, Inc., dba McGee Toyota, McGee Scion, 860 Washington St.

E. Planet Subaru, Inc., 596 Washington Street

F. T.R. Motors Inc., dba Coastal Volkswagen, 1 Saturn Drive

G. Cappel Management XLVII, LLC dba Ocean Honda of Hanover, 2060 Washington Street

Selectman Louko, aye, Chair O'Connor, aye, Vice Chair Nyman, aye, Selectman Tuzik, aye.

### **Renewal - Automobile Class II - Used Car Dealer's Licenses**

The Chair confirmed with DPA that there was nothing further to add with respect to the following license renewals and requested any questions or comments from the Board or the public regarding the renewal of the following licenses, seeing none.

The Board voted to approve the renewal of the following Automobile Class II Used Car Dealer's Licenses, in accordance with Select Board Policy 9-9 – Licensing Process, subject to the establishment being in full compliance with all State and Town regulations as applicable, all required licensing renewal documents submitted to the Town, and all taxes and fees due being current:

A. Colonial Auto Body, Inc., 5-7 Rawson Road

B. Hanover Auto Body, 703 Washington Street

C. The Auto Mart Corporation, 755 Washington Street

D. C.J.E. Corp., 697 Washington Street

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- E. Hilltop Appliance, Inc., dba Hilltop Auto, 1102 Hanover Street
  - F. Dave Delaney's Columbia Motors, LLC, 775-785 Washington
  - G. Derek Rent & John Goncalves, dba The Auto Hospital, 912 Webster Street
  - H. Mortland Motors, LLC, 1102 Hanover Street, Unit 1
  - I. Hanover Auto Service & Sales, LLC, 1004 Washington Street
  - J. Northeastern Petroleum Services & Supply, 51 B Street, Bay 2
- Selectman Louko, aye, Chair O'Connor, aye, Vice Chair Nyman, aye, Selectman Tuzik, aye.

### **Renewal - Automobile Class III – Motor Vehicles - Junk Licenses**

The Chair confirmed with DPA that there was nothing further to add with respect to the following license renewals and requested any questions or comments from the Board or the public regarding the renewal of the following license renewals, seeing none.

The Board voted to approve the renewal of the following Automobile Class III Agent Motor Vehicles – Junk Licenses, in accordance with Select Board Policy 9-9 – Licensing Process, subject to the establishment being in full compliance with all State and Town regulations as applicable, all required licensing renewal documents submitted to the Town, and all taxes and fees due being current:

- A. ACS Racing, Inc., 74 Industrial Way
- B. Jeff's Removal and Recycling Co., 175 Winter Street

Selectman Louko, aye, Chair O'Connor, aye, Vice Chair Nyman, aye, Selectman Tuzik, aye.

### **Renewal – Automobile Lease or Rental Licenses**

The Chair confirmed with DPA that there was nothing further to add with respect to the following licensing renewals and requested any questions or comments from the Board or the public regarding the renewal of the following licenses, seeing none.

The Board voted to approve the renewal of the following Automobile Lease or Rental Licenses, in accordance with Select Board Policy 9-9 – Licensing Process, subject to the establishment being in full compliance with all State and Town regulations as applicable, all required licensing renewal documents submitted to the Town, and all taxes and fees due being current:

- A. McGee Motorcars, Inc. dba McGee Toyota, McGee Scion, 860 Washington St
- B. U-Haul Company of Southern Massachusetts and Cape Cod dba U-Haul Center of North Hanover, 49 Franks Lane.
- C. Capeway, Inc., dba Capeway Sunoco, 218 Columbia Road
- D. Enterprise Rent-A-Car of Boston, LLC, 685 Washington Street
- E. Planet Subaru, Inc., 596 Washington Street
- F. T.R. Motors, Inc., dba Coastal Volkswagen, 1 Saturn Drive
- G. The Hertz Corporation, 644 Washington Street
- H. Avis Budget Car Rental, LLC, 775-785 Washington Street

Selectman Louko, aye, Chair O'Connor, aye, Vice Chair Nyman, aye, Selectman Tuzik, aye.

Selectman Delaney returned to the meeting.

### **Renewal - Automatic Amusement Licenses**

The Chair confirmed with DPA that there was nothing further to add with respect to the following licensing renewals and requested any questions or comments from the Board or the public regarding the renewal of the following licenses, seeing none.

The Board voted to approve the renewal of the following Automatic Amusement Licenses, in

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accordance with Select Board Policy 9-9 – Licensing Process, subject to the establishment being in full compliance with all State and Town regulations as applicable, all required licensing renewal documents submitted to the Town, and all taxes and fees due being current:

- A. Boston Bowl Hanover, Inc., dba Boston Bowl, 58 Rockland Street
- B. Starland Partners, LLC, dba The University Sports Complex at Starland, 637 Washington Street
- C. Blazin Wings, LLC, dba Buffalo Wild Wings #652, 1799 Washington Street
- D. Ryan Family Amusements Inc., dba Ryan's, 1775 Washington Street, Unit 400

### **Renewal - Entertainment Licenses**

The Chair confirmed with DPA that there was nothing further to add with respect to the following licensing renewals and requested any questions or comments from the Board or the public regarding the renewal of the following licenses, seeing none.

The Board voted to approve the renewal of the following Entertainment Licenses, in accordance with Select Board Policy 9-9 – Licensing Process, subject to the establishment being in full compliance with all State and Town regulations as applicable, all required licensing renewal documents submitted to the Town, and all taxes and fees due being current:

- A. Josselyn-Cummings Post dba American Legion Post 149, 104 King Street
- B. Tsang's Village, Inc., dba Tsang's Village Café, 644 Washington Street, Unit A101
- C. Starland Partners, LLC, dba The University Sports Complex at Starland, 637 Washington Street
- D. Quan's Kitchen of Hanover, Inc., dba Quan's Kitchen, 871 Washington Street
- E. 118 Restaurant, Inc., dba Imperial Garden, 811 Washington Street
- F. Blazin Wings, Inc. dba Buffalo Wild Wings #652, 1799 Washington Street
- G. Players Lounge, LLC, dba The Rec Room, 637 Washington Street
- H. B & G, Inc., dba Brothers Grill, 778 Washington Street
- I. Sullivan's Castle Island at Hanover Crossing, LLC dba Sullivan's Castle Island, 1775 Washington Street, Unit 410
- J. NAI Entertainment Holdings, LLC dba Showcase Cinema De Lux Hanover Crossing, 1775 Washington Street, Unit 420
- K. Ryan Family Amusements Inc., dba Ryan's, 1775 Washington Street, Unit 400
- L. The Fermentary, LLC, dba The Fermentary, 200 Webster Street, Suite 3
- M. XG Hanover, LLC, dba XGolf Hanover, 1207 Washington Street, Suite 30
- N. Sage & Salt, LLC, dba Sage & Salt, 1202 Washington Street

### **Renewal - Sunday Entertainment Licenses**

The Chair confirmed with DPA that there was nothing further to add with respect to the following licensing renewals and requested any questions or comments from the Board or the public regarding the renewal of the following licenses, seeing none.

The Board voted to approve the renewal of the following Sunday Entertainment Licenses, in accordance with Select Board Policy 9-9 – Licensing Process, subject to the establishment being in full compliance with all State and Town regulations as applicable, all required licensing renewal documents submitted to the Town, and all taxes and fees due being current:

- A. Starland Partners, LLC, dba The University Sports Complex at Starland, 637 Washington Street
- B. Quan's Kitchen of Hanover, Inc., dba Quan's Kitchen, 871 Washington Street

- C. Blazin Wings, LLC dba Buffalo Wild Wings #652, 1799 Washington Street
- D. NAI Entertainment Holdings, LLC dba Showcase Cinema De Lux Hanover Crossing, 1775 Washington Street, Unit 420
- E. Ryan Family Amusements, Inc. dba Ryan's, 1775 Washington Street, Unit 400
- F. Sullivan's Castle Island at Hanover Crossing dba Sullivan's Castle Island, 1775 Washington Street, Unit 410
- G. XG Hanover, LLC, dba XGolf Hanover, 1207 Washington Street, Suite 30
- H. Sage & Salt, LLC, dba Sage & Salt, 1202 Washington Street
- I. The Fermentary, LLC, dba The Fermentary, 200 Webster Street, Suite 3

### **Renewal - General Licenses**

The Chair confirmed with DPA that there was nothing further to add with respect to the following licensing renewals and requested any questions or comments from the Board or the public regarding the renewal of the following licenses, seeing none.

The Board voted to approve the renewal of the following General Licenses, in accordance with Select Board Policy 9-9 – Licensing Process, subject to the establishment being in full compliance with all State and Town regulations as applicable, all required licensing renewal documents submitted to the Town, and all taxes and fees due being current:

- A. Starland Partners, LLC, dba The University Sports Complex at Starland, 637 Washington Street
- B. Ryan Family Amusements, Inc. dba Ryan's, 1775 Washington Street, Unit 400
- C. XG Hanover, LLC dba XGolf Hanover, 1207 Washington Street, Suite 30

The Chair noted that the Board had already heard Agenda Item 18 this evening so the Board would be moving on to Agenda Item 19 at this point.

### **Budgeting and Finance**

#### **Discussion of the FY2025 Hanover Public Schools Operating Budget from the School Superintendent and Director of School Finance and Operations**

Superintendent of Schools Matthew Ferron, SSI, and Director of School Finance and Operations Michael Oates, SFO, appeared before the Board and presented the FY2025 Hanover Public Schools Operating Budget presentation to the Board, [attached](#). The Board discussed the presentation with SSI and SFO.

Resident Heather Freeman appeared before the Board, and expressed her concern with full day kindergarten becoming mandatory noting that is onerous on those who would not want to put their child in a full day kindergarten as well as the taxpayers, and that with free full day kindergarten the school would eliminate the \$500,000 revenue currently being generated by full day kindergarten. Ms. Freedman inquired about Grants and if there is a person handling them for the Schools. SSI and SFO informed all that yes there is someone who handles the Grants and the Schools are very grant active. Ms. Freedman inquired about the North River Collaborative and if there is a reduction in transportation if we are a Member. SSI stated that Hanover gets the Member rate. When asked, SSI informed all that at the moment the North River programs do not align with our needs but there is a high likelihood that that given the desire for it, behavioral and mental health programming will be a line of business North River will be looking to expand.

### **Continued Discussion of the Fiscal Year 2025 Operating Budget**

TM presented the Fiscal Year 2025 Initial Budget Presentation dated December 4, 2024, attached, noting that all of the information presented tonight builds upon information already presented and is available on the Town website for all to view. TM noted that the budgeting development schedule began two months earlier this year, in November as opposed to January, to get this process moving earlier knowing that the decisions before the Board and the voters will be more consequential than those in the past. TM stated that as we move forward into January it won't be a Draft Budget but two complete budgets presented and then on January 29<sup>th</sup> the final two budgets will be presented and submitted to the Board.. TM noted that at this point no formal budget has been proposed and the budgets presented this evening are examples and are different from the budgets that will be submitted on January 29<sup>th</sup> but are a good start of showing what the differences would be between a Levy Limit Budget and an Override Budget. TM informed all that TM and the School Superintendent will be finalizing the details on when and where the budget workshop will be held on December 13<sup>th</sup> which will allow for residents to provide feedback and ask questions of TM and the Superintendent of Schools. When asked TM informed all that if the Select Board does not vote 4 to 1 to put the override question on the ballot then there will be not be an override. Resident Heather Freeman appeared before the Board and asked about options for the voters if they do not wish to increase the levy limit as much as is stated in the Warrant Article. TM informed all that as they do every year, participants of Town Meeting will have the opportunity to make modifications on Town Meeting floor, however once the Select Board votes 4 to 1 to set the ballot question, the ballot question will not be able to be changed. TM stated that more information will be coming on the language of the ballot question. TM informed all that at Town Meeting the Town Moderator will decide which motions are in or out of order. Resident and School Committee Member Elizabeth Corbo appeared before the Board and stated that she hasn't heard one person say that the Town does not need this override, noting that she has heard that people do not want more taxes and she sympathizes with that however without the override AP Classes, High School Electives, certain Middle School subject matters that are not part of the core curriculum, field trips and lower-class sizes would all go away as well as full day kindergarten and it would be detrimental to the education budget. Ms. Corbo stated that she hopes that going forward we will have constructive discussions.

Andrea Hurley appeared before the Board via zoom and asked how much the override would affect businesses as opposed to residents. TM stated that it is hard to give an average due to the different sizes of the businesses as opposed to residences but could for the next meeting have some examples of say a big box store or a deli. Ms. Hurley asked if Hanover was going to tax businesses a little heavier than residents. The Chair informed all that the Board had their annual tax classification hearing and the Board voted down a proposal to split the tax rate to 1.1 which would have business paying a higher portion, but voted to move the tax rate from a flat rate where both residents and businesses paid the same amount to 1.04 which does increase the proportionate share of taxes that businesses pay. Ms. Hurley asked if that is enough if we are going into an override. The Chair stated that the number does not have anything to do with whether or not there is a need for an override, further noting that there is a set amount the Town needs to get and the split rate determines what percentage of that number goes to residences and what percentage goes to businesses.

Ms. Hurley stated she feels it is quite an increase to ask the taxpayers to bear. The Chair thanked

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Ms. Hurley and noted the importance of hearing her perspective and input.

### **Continued Discussion of the Fiscal Year 2025 +5 Year Capital Plan**

TM commented that they will still need to go through the Fiscal Year 2025 + 5 Year Capital Plan, attached, and make some cuts to the FY25 Capital requests, but a lot of that will hinge on how we move forward with the Levy Limit and Override Budget Proposals, how much Free Cash needs to be applied to the Operating Budget and how much Certified Free Cash FD will have at the beginning of 2024. TM recommended that the Board not vote to adopt this plan yet and instead adopt it sometime in mid-January when a few more pieces of the puzzle come together and we have a better idea of what can reasonably be afforded in capital expenditures with support of Free Cash. TM recommended that the Board and TM continue to look at this and make some hard decisions in the beginning of January. Selectman Louko asked if the \$2 Million Dollars for the King Street Water Main Replacement would fall off since the work is currently ongoing. TM agreed to check with the DPW Director on that for the Board.

### **Annual and Special Town Meeting**

#### **Review Updated DRAFT Annual Town Meeting Warrant**

TM ran through the Draft Annual Town Meeting Warrant, attached, with the Board and informed all that it will be available to view on the Town website.

#### **Open the 2024 Annual and Special Town Meeting Warrants**

The Chair asked for any questions or comments on opening the warrants and the timelines on those, seeing none.

In accordance with Select Board Policy 2-2, the Board Voted to open the 2024 Annual Town Meeting Warrant and accept articles until Thursday, January 25, 2024 at 12:00 Noon, and to open the 2024 Special Town Meeting Warrant and accept articles until Thursday, February 22, 2024 at 12:00 Noon.

### **Town Manager Report**

TM informed all that he has signed onto an agreement with a consortium of 7 or 8 other Towns each contributing \$10,000, (Hanover is using ARPA funds for this as are all of the other Towns), for a formal study mainly being handled by Hingham on bringing an MWRA water line down to the South Shore. This is the first step of what will probably be a 10 to 20 year outward looking project.

TM also stated that the Town had received the first draft of documents back from the Municipal Aggregation Plan Consultants, so they will be coming in, possibly in January to make a formal presentation of the program and kick off the 30-day comment period on the plan.

TM informed all that a date has been confirmed for the large public meeting with the EPA. The meeting will be held on January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 7pm in the Hanover High School Auditorium, with the EPA, DEP, the Mass AG's Office and the Town of Hanover presenting information with the focus of the meeting being on the potential listing of the former National Fireworks Site as a Superfund Site. TM further noted that the meeting will be held in person as well as via Zoom so that as many people as possible can participate.

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**Select Board Forum**

The Chair congratulated Hanover High School's Football Team for making it to the Division Superbowl at Gillette Stadium, noting that all are very proud of them and expressed an interest in inviting them to come to a future meeting to be congratulated in person. The Chair also thanked all those that worked to put on the Four Corners Winter Festival which was a really fun event in the Community.

Selectman Delaney thanked the folks that come out tonight to participate in the meeting and in particular for doing their homework and asking good questions.

Vice Chair Nyman informed all that all the Select Board Members have Town email addresses and encouraged everyone to reach out to the Board Members with any questions or concerns.

Selectman Louko congratulated the Girls' Soccer Team for going to the State Championships and expressed an interest in having them come in to be congratulated in person as well.

The Chair agreed and noted that the teams should come on separate nights so that each gets the attention they deserve.

**Adjourn**

The meeting ended and adjourned at 9:11pm.

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