

Meeting Minutes of Regular Meeting of Hanover Board of Selectmen held at Town Hall on Monday, February 1, 2016 @ 7:00 PM.

Present were Chairman Brian Barthelmes, Selectmen: Joseph R. Salvucci, Robert S. O'Rourke and David R. Delaney. Also present: Town Manager Troy B.G. Clarkson and Executive Assistant Ann Lee. Vice-Chairman Susan Setterland was unable to attend.

At 7:00 PM Chairman Barthelmes opened the meeting and asked if any member of the audience had any comment or discussion item for the Open Forum portion of the meeting; no response.

Chairman Barthelmes asked for a moment of silence to recognize the passing of Louis Avitabile. Selectmen O'Rourke recognized Mr. Avitabile's many years of service to the Town.

The Board met with Richard Deluca, Bernie Campbell, Kenneth Blanchard and Meaghan Neville-Dunne members of the Planning Board regarding the appointment of Jeffrey Puleo. Mr. Deluca noted Mr. Puleo's absence and offered to speak on his behalf. Mr. Deluca informed the Board Mr. Puleo previously served on the Planning Board and supports this appointment. Chairman Barthelmes asked for a Roll Call vote from the Selectmen and Planning Board members to appoint Jeffrey Puleo to the Planning Board; term to expire upon the next Town Election which is scheduled to be held on May 7, 2016, David Delaney, yes; Joseph Salvucci, yes; Robert O'Rourke, yes; Richard Deluca, yes; Bernie Campbell, yes; Kenneth Blanchard, yes; Meaghan Neville-Dunne, yes.

The Board met with Town Planner Peter Matchak; David Akin, Planning Office of Urban Affairs and Tom Burke, Affordable Housing Trust regarding local funding to the Kennedy Building. Mr. Akin informed the Board that due to Federal funding cuts approximately \$260,000 in additional funding is needed for the Kennedy Building project. Mr. Burke noted there are set resources in the Affordable Housing Trust (AHT), the AHT members are in favor of the project but are concerned with depleting the Trusts' assets, the AHT will take the request under advisement after the Zoning Board of Appeals finalizes their decision.

The Board voted to approve the State Warrant for the Presidential Primary as recommended by the Town Clerk (attached).

The Board met with Abbey Jeffers & Peter Frazier from First Southwest regarding refunding and a debt update. Mr. Frazier informed the Board if the savings are unacceptable to the Board, the Board does not have to sign the Bonds. The Board voted, in order to save interest costs, the Treasurer is authorized to provide for the sale and issuance of bonds under G.L. c. 44, Section 21A, to refund all or any portion of the remaining principal of and redemption premium and interest on the Town's General Obligation Bonds dated June 15, 2004, May 15, 2008 and May 15, 2009 and that for this purpose the Treasurer is authorized to provide for the preparation and distribution of a Preliminary Official Statement; provided, however, that no bonds shall be issued under this vote unless and until the final interest rates and other terms of the refunding bonds are approved by the Board.

Town Manager Report:

- Weekly update(s) are in the Board's binders.
- The TM met with Town Counsel regarding final negotiations with the surety for the wind turbine. Town Counsel will attend a future meeting to update the Board with regards to closing out the project.
- There were four vacancies on the Police Department due to two officers moving to the State Police; and one resignation. One candidate was previously employed by Northeastern Police and has been through the Police Academy and will join the Town on February 8th. The three others have secured appointments at the Police Academy for early April. Because of the vacancies the budget is being monitored closely and the Selectmen and Advisory Committee are kept informed through the monthly budget updates. A transfer will likely be required from the reserve fund.
- The TM will follow-up with Aeronautica regarding the operation of the Wind Turbine. Once the Town takes ownership of the Turbine we will follow-up with the State regarding the Grant. To date there has been no correspondence from the State informing the Town that the Grant is no longer available.
- The Town is waiting on the results of soil testing done on Rt. 53 by the State.

Chairman Barthelmes announced the Board is looking for people to serve on the School Building Committee.

Chairman Barthelmes noted the Board's next meeting will be held on February 16th.

The TM presented a PowerPoint presentation (attached) and reviewed the FY 17 Budget with the Board, Advisory Committee members and Department Heads. The Budget is on the Town's website for public access.

Chairman Barthelmes asked if any member of the audience had any comment or item for discussion for the Open Forum portion of the meeting; no response.

Meeting ended and adjourned at 8:35 PM.