

**Meeting Minutes of Regular Meeting of Hanover Board of Selectmen held at Town Hall on Wednesday, March 19, 2014 @ 6:00 PM.**

Present were Chairman Joseph R. Salvucci, Vice Chairman Susan M. Setterland, Harold L. Dunn and Brian E. Barthelmes. Also present: Town Manager Troy B.G. Clarkson and Executive Assistant Ann Lee. Selectman John S. Barry was unable to attend.

At 6:00 PM Chairman Salvucci opened the meeting and recognized the accomplishments of the Hanover High School Hockey Team and Coach Jonathan Abban.

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

Chairman Salvucci recognized the Boy Scouts who were in the audience.

At 6:15 p.m. Chairman Salvucci read the Public Hearing Notice published in the Patriot Ledger on March 11, 2014 (attached). The Board met with Sonny Ma and Ka-yung Wong (Mr. Ma's attorney) regarding the transfer of an All Alcohol Restaurant License from the current license holder to 118 Restaurant, Inc. dba Imperial Garden. Mr. Wong noted the all the officers are present and Mr. Ma currently works for Jade Pacifica as the Manager and has over ten years of experience as a Manager and each of the other officers have at least ten years of experience. Chairman Salvucci noted the importance of identification being checked when serving customers alcoholic beverages and requested the applicants meet with the Police Department to avoid any issues down the road. Mr. Wong noted that it is the policy of the company that all ID's are checked. Chairman Salvucci also inquired if all of the employees are TIPS certified; and inquired if Mr. Ma will be on site full time as the manager on site; Mr. Wong noted employees are TIPS certified and Mr. Ma will be on site during hours of operation. The hours of operation will be Sunday thru Saturday until 1:00 a.m. The Board inquired on the hours requested on the Entertainment License and the type of entertainment, Mr. Wong noted the Entertainment License is for Monday – Saturday 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. and the license is to have Karaoke, it is their intention to apply for the Entertainment on Sunday License shortly. Selectman Setterland made a motion to approve the transfer of an All Alcohol Restaurant License to 118 Restaurant, Inc. dba Imperial Garden, 811 Washington Street, Sonny Ma as Manager Selectman Barthelmes seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously. Selectman Setterland made a motion to approve an Entertainment License to 118 Restaurant, Inc. dba Imperial Garden, Monday thru Saturday 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m., Selectman Barthelmes seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously. Chairman Salvucci closed the Hearing at 6:23 p.m.

The Board voted to open the 2014 Annual Town Meeting Warrant; Selectman Dunn discussed submitting a non-binding Article regarding the privatization of the Transfer Station which would allow residents of the Town to vote on the privatization of the Transfer Station. Selectman Setterland inquired if the Article contains sufficient information the TM read the Article "To see if the Town will offer a non-binding opinion on the efficacy of the privatization of the Town's Transfer Station, on request of the Board of Selectmen". This Article will allow the Board to gauge

the resident's sentiment on the issue. The Board requested a Public Forum be scheduled on this topic prior to Town Meeting. The Board voted to submit the following Article to the Annual Town Meeting Warrant "To see if the Town will offer a non-binding opinion on the efficacy of the privatization of the Town's Transfer Station, on request of the Board of Selectmen" Selectman Setterland seconded the motion adding that the Board hold a Public Meeting prior to Town Meeting, the motion carried unanimously. The Board voted to close the 2014 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

The Board voted to approve the 2014 Special Town Meeting Warrant.

The Board voted to ratify the Police Lieutenants contracts and upon execution of the contracts directed the Town Manager to post the executed contracts on the website, within 30 days. Chairman Salvucci abstained from the vote.

The Board voted to ratify the Deputy Fire Chief contract and upon execution of the contract directed the Town Manager to post the executed contract on the website, within 30 days. Chairman Salvucci abstained from the vote.

The Board agreed to table the Town Manager contract discussion; until a full Board is present.

Chairman Salvucci noted that the Town has not adopted the State Statute which allows the Town to appoint five Registrars. The TM noted the Town Clerk researched this matter and the Town has not adopted the Statute which would increase the Registrar's from three to four (plus the Town Clerk). Town Counsel has provided an opinion noting the Statute has to be approved at Town Meeting; the current number of appointees is one more than we should have. The Board agreed appointing Ms. Ferguson would make her the fifth Registrar and until this matter is resolved, it is not appropriate to appoint her and the matter should be tabled.

The Board voted to approve the Hanover Chamber of Commerce/Cultural Council, 5K Road Race on Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 a.m. consistent with the Board's Policy; Chairman Salvucci abstained from the vote.

The Board received correspondence from Rocco's on Broadway (1143 Broadway) requesting a refund of the liquor license fee which both owners paid (prior and current). The Board requested a letter be prepared for both parties to sign for clarification on who should be refunded the fee.

The TM reported the VHB road study regarding the potential addition of a turning lane on Rt. 53 related to the University Complex was emailed to the Board today.

At 6:45 PM Chairman Salvucci requested a Roll Call Vote of the Board to go into Executive Session Executive Session in accordance with MGL 30A, Section 21, Subsection 3 to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation and Subsection 5, to investigate charges of criminal misconduct or to consider the filing of criminal complaints. The Board will reconvene in Open Session. Roll Call Vote: H. Dunn, aye; Chairman J. Salvucci, aye; S. Setterland, aye; and B. Barthelmes, aye. Town Manager Troy B.G. Clarkson and Executive Assistant Ann Lee were also present. Any discussion relative to Police or Fire Chairman Salvucci will recuse himself. Selectman Barry was unable to attend.

At 7:17 PM the Board returned to Open Session.

The Board met with Advisory Committee members to review the FY 15 Budget; Matt Ferron, Schools Superintendent and School Committee Members William Marriner and John Geary were also present to review the FY15 School Budget. The Department Heads were also present. Superintendent Ferron provided a handout (attached) noting the School Committee voted a \$25,323,796.17 budget on March 18<sup>th</sup> noting the budget in the Town Managers FY15 budget is \$24,027,579.00. The School Department will rely on "circuit breaker funding" of \$400,000 and a Town Meeting Article for Special Ed of \$500,000 to close the gap. One hundred students have been signed up for full day kindergarten which is supported by a self-sustaining fund. Chairman Salvucci noted the additional staff for the full time kindergarten will require health insurance, payroll taxes and retirement costs which will get absorbed by the Town. The TM noted the budget submitted is a balanced budget to close the \$86,000 gap in the schools budget would require cuts from other department budgets which he is not in favor of; he further noted Chapter 70 aide could be \$65,000 this will not be known prior to Town Meeting; we can convene after July 1<sup>st</sup> and have a Special Town Meeting to increase the school department budget. Chairman Salvucci noted to avoid the extra cost of having a Special Town Meeting in September the monies could be voted at the May 2015 Special Town Meeting.

Chairman Salvucci 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 10:06 PM.