

Meeting Minutes of Regular Meeting of Hanover Board of Selectmen held at Town Hall on Monday, May 15, 2017 @ 7:00 PM.

Present were Chairman Brian Barthelmes, Selectmen, John C. Tuzik, Jocelyn R. Keegan, and Emmanuel Dockter. Also present: Town Manager Troy B.G. Clarkson and Assistant Janet Tierney, (Agenda attached).

At 7:05 PM Chairman Barthelmes opened the meeting and acknowledged former Selectmen Robert O'Rourke who had served on the Board for the past three years, thanked him for his service to the Board and to the Town of Hanover and wished him luck as he continues in his service to the Town. Chairman Barthelmes acknowledged the two new members of the Board of Selectmen, Jocelyn Keegan and Emmanuel Dockter, congratulated them on their election win and welcomed them to the Board.

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

Conservation Commission Applicant James Vaille introduced himself to the Board, and the Board voted to ratify the Town Manager's appointment of James Vaille to the Conservation Commission, (Talent Bank Application attached).

Director of Community Services, Tony Marino presented the Board with an overview of the Press box installation project at the High School, (construction information sheets attached). The Board posed questions on the funding of the project. Mr. Marino explained that the project is fully funded by donations from HYAA and the Hanover High School Boosters.

The TM informed the Board that an opportunity exists for the Board to create a separate gift fund for the donated funds to ensure that they are used for their specific and intended purpose.

Chairman of the Board of Directors of HYAA Tom Burke spoke on the need for the press box and the \$30,000.00 HYAA donation.

The Board accepted the motion to accept with gratitude and in accordance with the Board's policy and MGL Ch. 44 Section 53A, a donation in the amount \$10,000 from the Hanover High Sports Boosters, and a donation in the amount of \$30,000 from the Hanover Youth Athletic Association, both of which shall be placed in a gift account and used solely for the purpose of constructing a Press Box at the Hanover High School's Harry Gerrish Memorial Field, (a copy of Hanover's Sponsorship/Donation Policy, Hanover High School donation letter and HYAA donation letter attached).

For informational purposes only Director of Community Services, Tony Marino gave an update on holding the Parks and Rec summer programs at the Middle School this summer while the Veterans Memorial Garden is under construction (Park & Recreation Summer Program letter attached).

Erica Lussier and Frank Biron of Melanson and Heath presented a review of the FY16 Audit.

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They ran through their cover letter, financial statements, the management letter and the single audit report, (attached). As in the past, Hanover was given a clean opinion which is the best opinion attainable. Frank Biron noted Hanover as being very consistent from year to year, very good operations. They cautioned that due to new accounting standards set by GASB 75, there will be a jump in liability in 2018 due to a new requirement to report unfunded healthcare for retirees. The 13 items in the management letter have all been resolved or partially resolved.

Plymouth County Treasurer Tom O'Brien, Plymouth County Administrator Frank Basler and Plymouth County Register of Deeds John Buckley appeared before the Board on behalf of the Plymouth County Commissioners and provided the attached information regarding the Plymouth County Operating Budget. They spoke on the Plymouth County Operating Budget, and different regionalized programs and opportunities, and requested that the Board to allow the Representative of the Board of Selectmen to attend the meeting on the Plymouth County Budget on June 15th in the Kingston Selectmen's Room at 7:00p.m. and vote unfettered on the proposed budget. Due to the fact that Selectmen Delaney, the current Representative to the Plymouth County Advisory Board, was not present and the Board's reorganization had not yet occurred, the Board decided to table their decision to the next Board of Selectmen's meeting.

Michele Anderson of Rockwell Amusements and Melinda Bertoni Chairperson of Hanover Day appeared before the Board to request approval of the Hanover Day Carnival Permit. A correction was made to the application changing the closing time on Saturday from 10:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. and the Board approved a motion to approve the Hanover Day Carnival Permit, with the change subject to compliance with the attached plan, including the number of rides and dimensions thereof, and all public safety and other town approvals as required, (attached).

The Board voted to Proclaim June 11th, 2017 to be Race Amity Day and urge all citizens of the Town to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance, (proclamation attached).

TM gave an update on the proposed TIF - Tax Increment Financing Agreement (attached). The Selectmen posed questions of what the Town will receive versus what the Town will give up with and without the TIF Agreement. TM informed the Board that he would reach out to the Prep people for more information.

The Chairman directed TM to give a quick review of the FY17 goals for the benefit of the new Selectmen. TM began to run through bullet points of the FY17 goals, (attached), which he explained were mostly important topics and focus areas with more tangible goals and objectives at the end. He asked that as the Board moves forward in the 2018 goal setting session, they have objectives tied with their goals so that it is more measurable and gives the ability to gage where we are at in fulfilling the Board's goals. Selectman Dockter asked that more detail be given for each bullet point. In the interest of time the Board directed TM to draft a written narrative of the FY17 goals and make it available for the Board.

The Board agreed that the FY18 goals should be streamlined down to a smaller, more focused, obtainable and measurable list.

The Board discussed scheduling the goal setting meeting, having a facilitator for a workshop to help in goal setting. TM has reached out to Town's Employee Assistance Program on this and is waiting to hear back from them. Selectwoman Keegan offered to assist in facilitating.

The Board received and reviewed the Special Town Meeting Warrant and changes page, (attached), and discussed a possible Dog Park article.

The Chairman tabled the reorganization to the next meeting because Selectman Delaney was not present. He gave a brief explanation of the assignments of Board members to committees and boards and requested a copy of the current list of Board member appointments. He noted that for the next meeting the Board will receive written input from TM and set dates for FY18 goal setting and Warrant.

Selectmen Keegan suggested sending out a town calendar to the Board members on Outlook as a way to subscribe to meetings.

TM gave an explanation of the Town Manager's weekly report.

Selectman Tuzik acknowledged and congratulated TM for having just received his Master's Degree from Bridgewater State University and also for being honored along with his wife as Volunteers of the Year for Falmouth Community TV.

At 9:46 p.m. Chairman Barthelmes requested a Roll Call Vote of the Board to go into Executive Session in accordance with MGL 30A, Section 21, Subsection 3 to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or negotiating position of the body (Police, Fire, AFSCME & HMEL Contracts and pending Police Litigation). The Board **WILL NOT** return to Open Session. The Board will not reconvene in Open Session. Roll Call Vote: Chairman Brian Barthelmes, aye; John Tuzik, aye. Jocelyn Keegan, aye; Emmanuel Dockter, aye; Town Manager Troy B.G. Clarkson and Assistant Janet Tierney were also present.

Meeting ended and adjourned at 10:52 p.m.