

Meeting Minutes of Regular Meeting of Hanover Board of Selectmen held at Town Hall on Monday, October 2, 2017 @ 7:00 PM.

Present were Chairman David R. Delaney, Selectmen: Brian Barthelmes, Jocelyn Keegan and Emmanuel Dockter. Also present: Town Manager Troy B.G. Clarkson and Executive Assistant Ann Lee. Vice-Chair John C. Tuzik was unable to attend.

At 7:00 p.m. Chairman Delaney 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.

The Board recognized Special Officer, ECC Emergency Dispatcher Jonathan License for coming to the aid of the Southeast Expressway shooting victims.

The Board met with Mary Dunn from the Open Space Committee regarding the Conservation Office staffing. The TM explained the FY18 budget as approved by the Advisory Committee is budgeted for 1½ people staffing the office; the plan for the revising the office staff did not go forward and the Advisory Committee did not restore the budget. The FY19 budget will restore the staff. To date there have not been any concerns that the office is not functioning. Ms. Dunn informed the Board that in the past the Conservation Agent would attend the Open Space Committee meetings on a quarterly basis; the TM will address Ms. Dunn's concerns with the current Agent.

The Board met with Robert Murray, Facilities Manager regarding the Streetlight Costs/Savings with a conversion to LED lighting. Mr. Murray provided and reviewed the attached PowerPoint presentation with the Board.

The Board met with Patrik Jonsson, Mass Organic Therapy, Inc. for an update on Medical Marijuana Dispensary/Mass Organic Therapy, Inc. Mr. Jonsson informed the Board Mass Organic Therapy, Inc. is in the process of changing their name to Curaleaf and will have to update the Community Benefit Agreement (CBA) and also meet with the Planning Board for approval. The TM noted the Board can approve the CBA prior to Planning Board approval. The Board voted to direct the TM to make any name change to the CBA after Planning Board approval.

The TM presented the GFOA Budget Award to Chairman Delaney.

The Board voted to approve a One-Day Wine & Malt License to Stephen T. Corcoran on Thursday, October 19th from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Prime Motor Group, 1877 Washington Street for an Oktoberfest Customer Appreciation Party; subject to public safety approval and the Board's policy.

The TM reviewed the current process on the Town's towing contracts with the Board; Gene Hann from Capeway Towing was present for the discussion and provided feedback on the process used by surrounding towns; where they utilize two towing companies which provides better coverage with a one week on/one week off schedule. The TM noted the Police Chief supports Mr. Hann's proposal. The Board noted their support with having two companies and the Board setting a policy with minimum requirements. The TM will implement the change and will provide a policy for the Board at a future meeting.

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The TM provided an update on Finance Director search; the Search Committee has reviewed the 47 resumes received and selected the candidates to be interviewed there should be a final candidate by the Board's first meeting in November.

The TM provided the Board with a draft of Veterans District Agreement noting the document is for review/discussion, and for vote at a future meeting. The document requires the assent of both the Hanover and Hanson Boards of Selectmen. The TM noted to date there have not been any concerns raised with the services currently being provided.

The Board discussed the current Conservation Agent position being "acting" or permanent. The TM noted the position has a probation period which she is in now and if all goes well she will continue in the position. The current Acting Agent has been in the office for 16 years and was recommended for the position by the Director of Community Services. The Board requested more clarity going forward and more notification to the Board noting positions should be posted internally for others to apply.

The Board noted they are still waiting for an update on the proposed Town Manager Notification Policy from Labor Counsel. The TM noted the policy is not consistent with the Town Manager Act further noting years ago Town Counsel provided an opinion to a previous Board on the same topic.

Town Manager Report: Follow up on weekly correspondence

- The TM provided the Board with an update on an accident on Broadway where a truck hit a tree. Broadway was closed most of today and crews are still on scene to remove the truck; fuel was released and DEP was notified. The TM noted prior to this accident a Safety Committee had been created for residents to meet with Town officials to listen to and resolve concerns.
- Selectman Dockter is working with the office staff on Board policies.
- The TM and Town Planner met with the staff at Cardinal Cushing regarding curb cuts.
- The TM and Town Planner made a site visit to Sconset Landing noting notice will be provided to the abutters as the project progresses.
- The Board inquired if there was a cost analysis done on mileage re-imbusement vs. the community services pool car? The TM noted there hasn't but one can be provided to the Board.
- The Board inquired on the vehicle at the Fire Department was it a grant or donation; the TM noted the Fire Chief determined the value was less than \$5,000 it was a surplus Army vehicle.
- The TM noted the PREP plan for the Mall has not changed, they are making progress on the design on the property. They may submit a plan to Planning early in 2018; the TM will schedule a meeting for the Board and PREP for a progress update. The Commonwealth approved the TIF agreement; the TM has met with the Assistant Town Manager and the Acting Finance Director regarding the FY19 budget noting money will have to go into the overlay to pay the rebate to avoid a large transfer in 2020/2021.
- The TM will schedule a meeting with the Multi-Use Recreational Facilities Committee to discuss construction and the project. The land for the project is under control of the Parks & Recreation Committee but the Board has a Donation Policy which will require Board approval.

- The Board inquired on the Union contracts; the TM noted a final review will be done in the next couple of days.
- Selectman Dockter noted a policy list of 54 policies; 22 are from the former form of government which needs to be updated. Then put on the website to be “user friendly”.

At 9:03 p.m. Chairman Delaney requested a Roll Call Vote of the Board to go into Executive Session in accordance with MGL 30A, Section 21, Subsection 2, to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with non-union personnel; Town Manager; 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; Town Manager. The Board will not reconvene in Open Session. Roll Call Vote: Chairman Delaney, aye; Selectman Barthelmes, aye; Selectman Dockter, aye and Selectman Keegan, aye. Town Manager Troy B.G. Clarkson and Executive Assistant Ann Lee were also present. Vice Chairman Tuzik was not able to attend.

Meeting ended and adjourned at 10:25 PM.