

**Meeting Minutes of Regular Meeting of Hanover Board of Selectmen held at Town Hall on Monday, October 17, 2016 @ 7:00 PM.**

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

At 7:00 PM Vice-Chairman Setterland 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 voted to approve the meeting minutes of 9-6-16 and 9-19-16 including Executive Session.

The Board met with Fire Chief Jeffrey Blanchard and Deputy Chief Jason Cavallaro who provided a PowerPoint presentation (attached) on the Town's Fire Stations including current use and need, an update on when station(s) would be available for sale and/or requirements for stations to be surplus. Chief Blanchard informed the Board the market analysis on the Fire Stations is not complete but is expected soon. The Board received a draft Ambulance Billing & Collection Policy for consideration. Resident Harry Hammerquest noted his concerns for the time it takes an ambulance to get to his home and asked the Board to support the Chief.

At 7:28 p.m. Selectman Tuzik read the following notice to open the Classification Hearing which was published in the Patriot Ledger on October 1, 2016. Selectman Delaney joined the Board of Assessors as a member of that Board. Board of Assessors Frank Grecco and David Delaney and Robert Cole, Principle Assessor was also present.

“In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 56, as amended, notice is hereby given that the Board of Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing at 7:15 p.m. on Monday, October 17, 2016 at Hanover Town Hall, 550 Hanover Street, Hanover, MA 02339 to discuss the taxing of real and personal property according to its classifications or use. Citizens are invited to comment as to whether or not the Board of Selectmen should authorize the Board of Assessors to set one or more tax rates for Fiscal Year 2017, pursuant to this statute.”

Mr. Cole provided a PowerPoint presentation (attached). Vice-Chairman Setterland asked for questions from the audience; Derek Schipper inquired about Proposition 2½; Mr. Cole noted that Proposition 2½ does not affect the value of a property just the levy limit of which the Town can borrow off of. Mr. Delaney on behalf of the Board of Assessors recommended that a selected Residential factor of 1.04 be adopted for the FY17 tax rate computation; that no discount be granted to Open Space for FY17; that no residential exemption be adopted for FY17 and that no Small Business exemption be granted for FY17. The Board voted that a selected Residential factor of 1.04 be adopted for the FY17 tax rate computation; that no discount be granted to Open Space for FY17; that no residential exemption be adopted for FY17 and that no Small Business exemption be granted for FY17. The Hearing closed at 7:39 p.m.

The Board met with Derek Schipper regarding his interest in serving on the Cultural Council; the Board voted to appoint Derek Schipper to the Cultural Council; term to expire June 30, 2018.

The Board received the draft HYAA MOU.

**Town Manager Report:**

- Follow up on weekly correspondence
- Hunting season opened today and ends on October 26<sup>th</sup>, bow hunting only. Signs have been posted in the areas that allow hunting.
- Sylvester School Re-Use Committee would like to expand the charge of the Committee to include the Salmond School.
- There is a Grant Ceremony planned for Friday at the Fire Station for the acceptance of a Grant for a ladder truck.
- Veterans' Honor Garden approval and funding has been obtained.
- There is a request for a Holiday Celebration on December 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Four Corners section of Town.
- Ken Horne of The Catered Affair, a State Licensed 12C Caterer, will cater a private event on Friday, October 21, 2016 at the University Sports Complex at Starland. Police Chief Sweeney will have Detail Officers on site; because this is a State Licensed 12C Caterer a one-day license is not required.

Vice-Chairman Setterland asked if any member of the audience had any comment or item for discussion for the Open Forum portion of the meeting; Gerry Ahern inquired on medical marijuana and if the Selectmen have voted on this; Assistant Town Manager Tony Marino noted the Selectmen have not voted on this but it will require a vote of the Board.

At 7:52 p.m. Vice-Chairman Setterland 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 and 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. The Board will not reconvene in Open Session. Roll Call Vote: Vice Chairman Setterland, aye; Robert O'Rourke, aye; David Delaney, aye; and John Tuzik, aye. Assistant Town Manager Tony Marino and Executive Assistant Ann Lee were also present. Chairman Barthelmes and Town Manager Troy B.G. Clarkson were unable to attend.

Meeting ended and adjourned at 8:27 PM.