

Meeting Minutes of Regular Meeting of Hanover Board of Selectmen held at Town Hall on Monday, October 19, 2015 @ 7:00 PM.

Present were Vice-Chairman Susan Setterland, Selectmen: Joseph Salvucci, and David Delaney. Also present: Town Manager Troy B.G. Clarkson and Executive Assistant Ann Lee. Chairman Brian Barthelmes and Selectman Robert S. O'Rourke 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; resident Alice Boyle thanked the Board for the speedy response provided by the Town on her request to have lighting installed at the intersection of West and Pleasant Streets due to the number of accidents in the area. Resident Kevin Zygodlo reported a service problem within the Water Department; he received a bill 10x's what it normally is; when he contacted the Department someone came out and inspected the water meter and suggested the meter be replaced; he has followed up with the Department for eight months with no results. The Board noted they will follow up on this and provide a response.

The Board voted to approve the meeting minutes of 10-5-15 including executive session.

State Representative David DeCoste met with the Board and provided a Legislative update:

- The Representative continues to meet with Governor Baker once a month regarding the Fireworks Site and reported the Attorney General and Department of Environment Protection approved the scope of the Fireworks Site clean-up; the clean-up will begin next spring. The TM added the field work is ongoing and a Public Meeting with the AG and DEP will take place after the first of the New Year.
- The three Town Clerks in his district have raised concerns with the turn-around time from the State Medical Examiner's Office; which is causing a delay with "a cause of death" which appears on death certificates. This causes a delay with death certificates being issued and delays life insurance payments he is working with the Lt. Governor on this issue.
- Hanover's Town Clerk has requested an adjustment to the August 2016 State Primary. The current date will cause complications with the Labor Day holiday; the request is to move the Primary to the first Tuesday in August. He will co-sponsor the Bill to support the request.
- The Representative continues to hold office hours in Town Hall from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on the second and last Friday of each month and at the Senior Center on the first and third Friday of every month.

At 7:19 p.m. Vice-Chairman Setterland read the following notice to open the Classification Hearing which was published in the Patriot Ledger on October 5, 2015. Board of Assessor's member Frank Grecco and Robert Cole, Principle Assessor were 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 7:10 p.m. on Monday, October 19, 2015 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 2016, pursuant to this statute."

Mr. Cole provided a PowerPoint presentation (attached). Vice-Chairman Setterland asked for questions from the audience; Maureen Elliott spoke regarding residents renovating their homes without the proper permitting/inspections therefore the homes are not being assessed properly. Anthony Losordo suggested the Commercial and Industrial be increased and the Residential be kept the same. Syd Elliott noted a house assessed ten years ago is not a valid assessment today. Mr. Grecco on behalf of the Board of Assessors recommended that a selected Residential factor of 1.05 be adopted for the FY16 tax rate computation; that no discount be granted to Open Space for FY16; that no residential exemption be adopted for FY16 and that no Small Business exemption be granted for FY16. The Board voted that a selected Residential factor of 1.05 be adopted for the FY16 tax rate computation; that no discount be granted to Open Space for FY16; that no residential exemption be adopted for FY16 and that no Small Business exemption be granted for FY16. The Hearing closed at 7:44 p.m.

The Board met with Dory Huard and Alex Bartholomew from Bartholomew & Company for the 2015 Annual Review of Investments; Ms. Huard and Mr. Bartholomew provided and reviewed a hand-out with the Board (attached).

The Board met with Town Planner Peter Matchak and Planning Board Chairman Richard DeLuca and Board members Anthony Losordo and Kenneth Blanchard for a Town-wide update.

- The Planning Board held 18 meetings in FY 2015. The Board issued nine Special Permits, four Limited Site Plan Approvals and six Site Plan Approvals.
- Approved two (2) subdivisions; a three lot private subdivision off Main Street, a fourteen lot subdivision off King Street named Wood Hollow Way and two new residential lots were created through the Approval Not Required (ANR) process.
- The Board transferred the permits for the previously approved 130-unit condo/townhouse development along Route 53 to Five Mark Properties, there will be a Ribbon Cutting ceremony on November 5th which the Selectmen are invited to attend. Phase I & II are scheduled to be completed within 36 months; with phase III to follow.
- The Planning Board proposed a successful Zoning Article at the 2015 Town Meeting that recommended the addition of Medical Uses in the Business Districts as an allowable use. This Article amended the Zoning Bylaw to allow uses such as medical outpatient clinics, health care facilities and medical offices within Business District.
- An Economic Development Guide was developed to showcase the Town's attributes and sent to a number of local and national businesses.
- There was a pre-construction meeting today for a new business at the former Pool & Patio site; there will be two anchor stores one being a gym and the second is to be determined.
- The Planning Board approved the University Sports Complex request for a minor modification to allow exhibitions with conditions. The Town continues to work with MassHighway to resolve the traffic issue in that area.
- The rumors regarding the Mall being converted to condos are not true. We continue to look for new businesses for that area.
- While Buffalo Wild Wings was being re-modeled there were some failures with the roof. The project is back on track and should be opened by February.

Mr. DeLuca noted there is a gas station interested in selling cars. The final approval would have to come before the Selectmen; the Planning Board is preparing strict guidelines to follow for future requests. The TM noted the Selectmen can address concerns through a policy. The Selectmen directed the TM to draft a policy for consideration at the next meeting. Selectman Salvucci inquired about an additional restaurant being added at the University Sports Complex; Mr. DeLuca noted parking would be a consideration prior to granting a permit.

The Board recognized the passing of the former Veteran's Agent Robert Lyons.

The Board met with Maureen Elliott, Ray Miller, William Flynn, and Donald Triner from the Veterans' Memorial Committee regarding the Veterans' Memorial Site. Mr. Miller provided pictures of two proposed sites for the Memorial. The Committee is seeking permission from the Town to move forward with a location; site 1 is next to the driveway entrance to B. Everett Hall Field; site 2 is set further back from the road closer to the ballfield. The TM noted site 2 may be on land partly controlled by the Schools and may be on the school septic system. Site 1 may be the best, the ownership and future use of site 1 is not questioned. The Board voted to give the Veterans Memorial Committee permission to go ahead with plans to establish a location on the B. Everett Hall Field located on Hanover Street for their memorial.

Selectman Salvucci made a motion to approve the Moderators re-appointment of Michael Tivnan and April Manupelli to the Parks & Recreation Committee. Selectman Delaney requested to table this item to the next meeting. Selectman Salvucci withdrew his motion.

Selectman Salvucci read the attached Proclamation for Pancreatic Cancer Day. The Board voted to approve November 13th as Pancreatic Cancer Day.

The Board discussed not voting the water rate increase until the full Board is present. The TM noted that by not voting the rate change will delay the tax rate being set. The Board voted that the water rates be increased for FY 16 to reflect the new rates proposed by the Director of Public Works on the sheet entitled Proposed Water Rate Structure (FY 16 Forward) 10/5/2015 (attached), effective for all water commitments after October 19, 2015.

The Board recognized Hanover High School's Girls Field Hockey Coach Judy Schneider who on Friday, October 9th attained her 500th career win over Pembroke. The Board recognized Eagle Scouts Anthony Salvucci and Brendan Willett.

Town Manager Report:

- There will be a Ribbon Cutting ceremony on November 6th at the Cardinal Cushing Centers
- A business has shown interest in the Medical Marijuana zone created at Town Meeting. The next step is a letter of non-opposition.
- The Employee Recognition/Community Cookout was a success, there was a good turn-out of residents and employees; it was a very positive day.

Meeting ended and adjourned at 8:59 PM.