

Meeting Minutes
Board of Selectmen's Meeting
January 6, 2014
Town Hall

Present: Troy Clarkson, Joseph Salvucci, Susan Setterland, John Barry, Harold Dunn, Brian Barthelmes, Superintendent of Schools, Matthew Ferron, Police Chief, Walter Sweeney, Administrative Assistant, Audrey Barresi, others

Board of Selectmen Chairman, Joseph Salvucci, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Large First Floor Hearing Room.

Annual Town Meeting: John Barry made a motion to open the warrant for the May 2014 Annual Town Meeting and to accept articles until Thursday, January 30 at 2:00 p.m. Brian Barthelmes seconded the motion, and it was so voted.

Special Town Meeting: John Barry made a motion to open the warrant for the May 2014 Special Town Meeting and to accept articles until Monday, March 3, at 12:00 pm.

Town Manager Update: Town Manager Troy Clarkson provided highlights from his weekly Town Manager reports. He will be including updates on contracts and collective bargaining agreements in his weekly reports. Bids were opened today for the Scoreboards for Forge Pond Park. The HMEL Contract is up for review. A discussion about the Fireworks District took place. The Town Manager continues to request meetings with the Department of Environmental Protection. The Board suggested reaching out to Senator Keating, Representative Nyman, etc. to hold another public meeting on this topic. The Board requested that Town Counsel attend the next Board of Selectmen's meeting to discuss the Town's Wind Turbine. Troy also provided an update on last week's Snow storm. Residents were reminded to shovel out their fire hydrants.

Junk Dealer Violation Hearing Hanover Coin & Jewelry: At 7:10 p.m., Joe Salvucci opened the violation hearing for Hanover Coin & Jewelry, 803 Washington Street, under Section 6-3 Junk Dealers, Section 4. Mrs. Jean Winn Sherlock was asked to come forward to speak to the Board. Police Chief Walter Sweeney stated that Detective Owens responded to Hanover Coin and Jewelry to investigate the possibility that items stolen during a housebreak in the town of Lakeville had been sold there. Detective Owens learned from Mrs. Sherlock that the items which had been held for less than 30 days as required had already been sold to another dealer to be melted.

Mrs. Jean Winn Sherlock stated that she had been in business for 34 year. She confirmed that she had sold the goods before the 30 day waiting period.

Joe Salvucci closed the hearing.

A Roll call vote was taken as to whether a violation had taken place:

Brian Barthelmes – Yes
John Barry – Yes
Joseph Salvucci - Yes
Susan Setterland - Yes

Chief Sweeney was asked if this was the first violation at Hanover Coin and Jewelry since the new bylaw had gone into effect. Chief Sweeney was not aware of any previous issues at this location. He confirmed that audit sheets have been received for this location.

Brian Barthlemes asked if the Police Department has been receiving audit sheets from junk dealer businesses. Chief Sweeney said yes.

Joseph Salvucci mentioned the possibility of a suspension for Hanover Coin & Jewelry.

Chief Sweeney mentioned that the bylaw calls for a 30 day hold on items that are brought in, and that a suspension was in order. A 30 day license suspension was recommended.

The owner also has another business. She would be able to keep her business open but not be able to buy gold or silver or precious metals during the suspension period. She could still sell her coins and jewelry.

Susan made motion to recommend a 30 day suspension period. John Barry seconded the motion, and it was so voted. All others were in favor.

It was discussed that the business owner will contact Troy about when they want to start the thirty day suspension period. In the issuance of the letter there will be a set date and time for the suspension period. The decision can be appealed to the Superior Court.

Hanover Day: The Board discussed the letter they had received from the Hanover Cultural Council requesting to hold Hanover Day on Saturday, June 21, 2014. The request from a resident to hold Hanover Day on July 3 or July 4 was discussed. Chief Sweeney mentioned that it would be hard to get support from surrounding Towns on July 4, due to other events in the area, and that staffing from his department would be an issue on July 3 and July 4.

A resident, Will Mariner, mentioned that it could be more expensive to contract someone to run the Fireworks display on a holiday.

Susan Setterland made a motion to accept the request of the Hanover Cultural Council to hold Hanover Day from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 21. John Barry seconded the motion. Brian Barthlemes and Joseph Salvucci voted in support, Harry Dunn was opposed, and so it was voted.

FY15 Budget Update:

Troy Clarkson and Finance Director Janine Smith presented Budget Highlights for FY15. The Board received a copy of the PowerPoint presentation.

Technology update: Superintendent of Schools, Matthew Ferron provided a technology update. He mentioned that the School Department has hired Brian Ciccolo to oversee the IT function. A network administrator has also been hired, and will be starting next week.

Town Manager Budget Presentation: The Town Manager will be making a presentation on the FY2015 budget to the Board of Selectmen and Advisory Committee on February 3, 2014.

A reorganization of the Assessors department is being proposed. More details on this reorganization will be presented by the Finance Director at a future Board of Selectmen's meeting.

At 8:20 p.m. Susan Setterland made the following motion to go into executive session: “I make a motion 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 nonunion personnel and MGL 30A, Section 21, Subsection 3 to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation. A regular meeting will not be resumed after this session.”

A Roll Call Vote Was Taken:

Brian Barthelmes – Yes

John Barry Yes

Susan Setterland – Yes

Harold Dunn – Yes

Joe Salvucci – Yes

Following this, the Board went into Executive Session at 8:20 p.m.