

Meeting Minutes of Regular Meeting of Hanover Board of Selectmen held at Town Hall on Monday, October 21, 2019 @ 7:00 PM.

Present were Chairman John C. Tuzik, Vice-Chair, Emmanuel Dockter, Selectwoman Jocelyn Keegan and Selectman John Barry. Also present: Acting Town Manager (ATM) Ann Lee and Administrative Assistant Janet Tierney. Selectman David Delaney was unable to attend.

At 7:00 p.m. Chairman Tuzik opened the meeting and thanked the Police Department, Fire Department and Department of Public Works for all their hard work during the recent storm.

The Chair asked if any member of the audience had a comment or discussion item for the Open Forum portion of the meeting; resident Mark Barry expressed his concerns with National Grid's level of service during the recent storm and suggested that any service level agreements be looked at. The Board agreed to look into it.

Meeting Minutes:

The Board voted to approve the Board's meeting minutes from October 7, 2019.

Fire Department Update

Fire Chief Blanchard and Deputy Fire Chief Cavallaro presented the Fire Department update, [attached](#). The Chief gave positive feedback on the additional dedicated staff person in the EOC handling communications response. With regards to ambulance fees, the Board requested a breakdown of how much of the burden is being forgiven for people in need versus how much additional calls are coming in where there is an increase in the amount charged per ambulance call.

Police Department Update

Police Chief Sweeney presented the Police Department Update, [attached](#). The Police Department's response to the recent storm was also discussed. The Board and the Police Chief gave a reminder to the public that when traffic light is out, the intersection should be treated as a four way stop. Chief Sweeney will let the Board know when the Project Outreach Report is released. The Chief updated the Board on the administrative details of the Resource Officer position. The Chief updated the Board on the four way stop on Cross Street. There was discussion regarding having one source of accurate information for residents with traffic calming concerns. The Chief recommended that the Traffic Safety Committee consider an advertised forum be held to address these concerns.

Acceptance of Surrendered Wong Enterprises Inc. dba Siam Cuisine Liquor License

Attorney Donald Kethro appeared on behalf of Thai Jasmine Corporation dba Siam Cuisine to discuss the surrender of Wong Enterprises Incorporated dba Siam Cuisine's Liquor License. The Board voted to accept the surrendered Liquor License from Wong Enterprises Incorporated dba Siam Cuisine.

Capital Budget and Five Year Capital Improvement Plan

The Fiscal Year 2021 Capital Budget and Five Year Capital Improvement Plan was presented by Finance Director, Lincoln Heineman, [attached](#). The Director informed the Board that last

week Representative DeCoste and Lincoln Heineman testified on behalf of the Town for special legislation for OPEB funding. The bill would set on a semi-permanent basis the Town's portion of the meals tax to the Town's OPEB Trust, hopefully improving the Town's credit rating and starting to address the liability in a more systematic fashion.

The Chair asked that the Board skip to Agenda Item 11 in order to accommodate residents who were present to discuss the topic.

Review Draft Policy for Sidewalk and Traffic Calming Improvements

Mike Cianciola and Vanessa Sullivan appeared before the Board to discuss their concerns regarding the time involved in having sidewalks installed in the Walnut Hill area. They asked for guidance in reducing the timeline. The possibility of a special town meeting was discussed. The Board instructed that the Town Manager's Office would be the best source of current, accurate information for those who have questions regarding the Walnut Hill area.

The Board advised Mr. Cianciola and Ms. Sullivan to reach out to neighbors and make sure they are buying in to the request and also to have the engineering study completed and formulate a concrete plan to bring to Town Meeting for approval. The Board informed them that the possibility of using MassWorks grants money, if awarded, to fund the engineering study is being explored. The Board emphasized the importance of the neighborhood organizing so that they can speak with one voice.

Reorganization as Initially Presented on October 7th, 2019.

The Board postponed the vote to the next meeting.

Fireworks Site Meeting from September 24, 2019 and Board of Selectmen Comments for the Public Comment Period.

Vice Chair Dockter recommended the addition of one sentence to the end of paragraph one of Special Counsel's Draft letter in order to make the Board's goal clear. The Board agreed.

Vice Chair Dockter read the following amended draft letter into the record.

The letter is addressed to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection.

The Hanover Board of Selectmen want to thank the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection ("DEP") and the Cooperating Parties for their work on the Fireworks Site. DEP's oversight of the work at the Site and the communications to Hanover have been excellent. Hanover looks forward to a productive and positive relationship with DEP as the Site moves into Phase III of the Massachusetts Contingency Plan ("MCP") and remediation. The Board of Selectmen have confidence that DEP will continue to carry out its excellent oversight work as it evaluates the Phase III and the remedy selection under the MCP's regulatory requirements. Hanover expects that the remedy selected for the Site will be protective of human health and the environment for the future uses so that the public, particularly the residents of Hanover, may enjoy and benefit from the Site in the years to come. Hanover further expects that the site will be cleaned up to the greatest extent current science and technology allows.

Hanover also looks forward to working with DEP on appropriate ingress and egress to the Site. Hanover's duty is to ensure that truck traffic does not present any type of nuisance to its residents and is working on long term access for the Site. Hanover expects that DEP will cooperate with it in these efforts. Signed Sincerely, the Board individually.

The Board approved the letter as read into the record and encouraged the public to submit their comments.

Amend Board of Selectmen Licensing Process Pursuant to the Reorganization Proposed Above in Action Item # 7 (Board of Selectmen Policy 9-9)

The Board moved this item to a future meeting's Agenda

Review Draft Policy for Hanover Based Non-Profit(s) Insurance Minimums for Use of Town Facilities

The Board will review the draft and place it on a future meeting's agenda.

Town Manager's Report

Acting Town Manager Ann Lee presented the Town Manager's report.

The Board of Health is holding a public hearing on Monday, November 4th at 6:00 p.m. on vaping. The Board is also holding a meeting on that night.

The Board's meeting will be posted as beginning at 6:00 p.m. so that all members of the Board may be present.

Myette's intersection has been completed and is moving smoothly.

The Build the Boards tree removal is complete, and the goal is to have the drainage work and concrete pad installed before any frost sets in.

The Hanover Crossing Police Services Agreement has been signed and will be up on the website shortly.

The Board approved holding a public hearing on the new Siam Cuisine Liquor License application on November 4th or November 18th.

The Chair asked if anyone in the audience had any further questions or comments.

Lisa Mutchler came forward and discussed her concerns with not having a Fire Station in North Hanover, and the fact that the Fire Department cannot respond to calls in North Hanover within the National Fire Protection Agency's recommended 6 minutes response time.

The Board expressed that they are aware of the recommended 6 minute response time and are trying to get there.

Selectman Barry suggested that a representative of National Grid come to a future meeting and present the numbers regarding the amount of crews deployed and time it took to restore the power during the latest storm, and also to discuss their tree policies. The Board agreed and would like them on a future agenda.

Meeting ended and adjourned at 9:23 p.m.