

Board of Selectmen
March 10, 2016
7:03-Regular Session

Present: Mr. Paul Healey; Chairman; Mr. Paul Gannon; Ms. Mary Power; and Mr. Tom Mayo; Assistant Town Administrator

Mr. Healey welcomed the Boys Scouts from Troop #4 who were in attendance and working towards their Boy Scouts of America Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge.

Approval of Minutes

Voted- To approve the minutes dated January 28, 2016. A unanimous vote.

Interview Candidates for Police Patrolman

The following Candidates were interviewed and asked a series of questions by the Board of Selectmen. Chief Glenn Olsson and Deputy Chief David Jones were also in attendance and will provide their recommendations subsequent to the interviews.

- **Mr. Jay T. Galinauskas** grew up in Hingham and is a 2010 graduate of Hingham High School in addition to being a Citizen Police Academy graduate. He is also a College graduate with a degree in Criminal Justice. He feels the most important quality for Community Policing is integrity and the community having trust in the Police. As a volunteer with the Hingham Police Department, he was influenced by the many Police Officers he met who enjoy serving the community.
- **Ms. Jaclyn M. Giacchetti** grew up in Hingham and is a 2005 Graduate of Hingham High School. She is a certified EMT and has a varied work experience that includes working with the public and children. She feels the most important aspect in Community Policing is getting to know the residents in the community and developing trust with them. Her friends describe her as personable, hardworking, compassionate, and always willing to help someone in need.
- **Mr. Albert Jake Minivitz** grew up in Hingham and is a graduate of Hingham High School. He graduated from Mass Maritime and completed internships with both the Mass Port Police and the Mass State Police. He feels the most important quality for Community Policing is being involved in positive times and developing personal relationships. Three words he would use to describe himself are level headed, fair and honest.
- **Mr. Jonathan Veno** is an eight year Navy Veteran who came back to this region in May of 2014. He's a single father to a young daughter. Since his return home he has been eager to be more involved in the community. He went right back to work at Milton Hospital as a Security Officer in the Emergency Department. He feels the most important aspect of Community Policing is developing relationships in both positive and negative times. He was the Command Fitness Leader while in the military which included training people to pass their bi-annual fitness test.

Votes:

Voted- To nominate Leslie Badger as the Inspector of Animals for the Town of Hingham. A unanimous vote.

Voted- To approve the issuance of a Special (One Day) wine and malt beverage license to Sonya Fairhurst on behalf of Hingham Community Center, Thursday, March 31, 2016 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. A unanimous vote.

Voted- To approve the issuance of a Special (One Day) wine and malt beverage license to Eleanor Willis for a Ladies Luncheon at the Hingham Community Center on Sunday, May 1, 2016 from 12:00 pm to 3:00 p.m. A unanimous vote.

Warrant Articles:

Ms. Betty Foley reviewed Article D and Article E.

ARTICLE D- Personnel Board Report- *To hear the report of the Personnel Board appointed under the Classification and Salary Plan, or act on anything relating thereto. (Inserted by the Board of Selectmen).*

COMMENT: *This article provides funds to pay for as yet undetermined financial obligations of the Town relating to salary increases, fringe benefit changes, and job reclassifications for non-School Department employees who either are not in a collective bargaining unit or who are covered by a collective bargaining agreement not yet concluded.*

RECOMMENDED: *That the report of the Personnel Board, a copy of which is on file in the Town Clerk's Office, be accepted; that the amendments of the Personnel By-Law, including the Classification and Salary Plan, and any agreements reached by the Personnel Board in collective bargaining, which may be embodied or referred to in said report, be approved and adopted in their entirety, such approval and adoption to become effective July 1, 2016 or as otherwise specified in said report or agreements; that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$269,577.00 for the purpose of this vote; and that the Town Accountant is hereby authorized and instructed to allocate said sum to and among the several Personnel Services and Expense Accounts in such amounts, respectively, as are proper and required to meet such amendments and to comply with such collective bargaining agreements as may be entered into by the Board of Selectmen on behalf of the Town.*

Voted- To recommend favorable action on Article D. A unanimous vote.

ARTICLE E -Salaries of Certain Town Officers- *Will the Town fix the salaries of the following Town Officers, viz:*

1. Selectmen
2. Assessors
3. Town Clerk

4. Municipal Light Board;

Or act on anything relating thereto?

(Inserted by the Board of Selectmen)

RECOMMENDED: *That, subject to the proviso below the salary from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 for each of the following officers shall be at the rates below stated or provided after the name of the office.*

Town Clerk¹ *in accordance with the compensation rates established in Grade 15 of the Town of Hingham Classification and Salary Plan of the Personnel By-Law.*

Selectmen: *at the annual rate of \$2,000 each, except that the Chair shall receive an annual rate of \$2,500 for the period of incumbency.*

Assessors: *at the annual rate of \$1,800 each, except that the Chair for the period of incumbency shall receive an annual rate of \$2,000.*

Municipal Light Board: *at the annual rate of \$214 each (to be paid from the receipts of the Electric Light Department).*

Provided: *that the salary of each such officer except Selectman, Assessor and Municipal Light Board Member shall be reduced by all retirement allowances and pensions received by such officer from the Town of Hingham.*

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- 1 **Town Clerk, when serving as a member of the Board of Registrars of Voters, shall be paid for such duties in accordance with Section 19G of Chapter 41 of the General Laws.**

Voted- To recommend favorable action on Article E. A unanimous vote.

Article II-Safety Improvements at North Street, Main Street and Fearing Road- *Will the Town raise and appropriate, borrow, or transfer from available funds a sum of money for engineering, permitting, submissions and construction of safety improvements at the intersection of North Street, Main Street and Fearing Road or act on anything relating thereto? (Inserted at the request of Deborah Edmundson).*

Mr. Healey explained that after reviewing the Traffic Engineer's report he is requesting that the Traffic Committee examine this issue further and to come up with some alternatives other than a four way stop at this intersection.

Ms. Power stated based on the Traffic Report, she does not feel confident in moving in the direction of a four way stop at this time. She recommended that the public report all accidents in this area to ensure that they are added to the traffic statistics going forward.

Mr. Gannon agreed to look at other options other than a four-way stop and to continue working with the Traffic Committee on this issue for potential improvements to this intersection.

Voted- To recommend no action on Article II at this time. A unanimous vote.

Article LL-Solar Panels Solar Panels at the Landfill- *Will the Town authorize, but not require, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 40, § 15A and all other applicable laws, the Board of Selectmen to enter into an agreement to transfer, in part, the care, custody, management and control, from the Board of Selectmen to the Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant of a portion of a parcel of land consisting of the surface of the capped landfill being located on Town of Hingham Assessor's Map 106-0-7, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary to effect said partial transfer of said parcel of land, on such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deems in the best interest of the town, for the limited purpose of allowing the Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant to enter into a License, Lease and/or other Agreement with a third party for the construction, operation and maintenance of a solar generating facility on said parcel of land to generate electricity for distribution by the Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant, or act on anything relating thereto? (Inserted at the request of the Hingham Municipal Light Plant).*

Mr. Paul Heanue, Hingham Municipal Light Plant Manager and Ms. Deidre Prescott, Hingham Municipal Light Plant Counsel reviewed Article LL.

Ms. Prescott explained they received some changes today in the Article that they do not have issue with except for item two on the second page. "In its negotiation of a lease or other agreement, the Selectmen shall address concerns related to safety, security and liability, as well as avoidance of interruption of the Town's operation of the transfer station and adverse impact on abutting properties." Ms. Prescott is requesting that the final sentence "and adverse impacts on abutting properties" be deleted from the Article.

Mr. Healey stated there will be a layered site plan review and all concerns of resident that live near this site would have the opportunity to be heard during the review process. He stated because of that fact, he is in agreement with removing the requested portion of the Article language.

Ms. Power agreed with Mr. Healey and reiterated the portion of the Article that states "The RFP require the successful developer to provide visual simulations of the proposed facility from abutter's properties and also address proposed mitigation as part of the Town's permitting process."

Mr. Gannon is not comfortable voting for the changed because the public has not had enough time to review the changes.

A copy of the changes to Article LL is available in the Selectmen's Office.

Voted- To recommend favorable action Article LL. The motion passed 2-1. Ms. Power and Mr. Healey voted-yes. Mr. Gannon voted-no.

Article VV Community Preservation- Lehner Property - Will the Town: (i) appropriate the sum of Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000) to be used by the Hingham Conservation Commission under M.G.L. c. 40, § 8C to purchase the parcels of land located at 32, 56 and 72 South Pleasant Street, Map 137 Lots 18, 1 and 23; and to meet such appropriation (a) expend Two Hundred Eleven Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty One (\$211,861) Dollars from the Community Preservation Open Space Reserve and Two Hundred Eighty Eight Thousand One Hundred Thirty Nine Dollars (\$288,139) from the Community Preservation General Reserve and (b) authorize the Town Treasurer; with approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow up to Four Million Five Hundred Thousand (\$4,500,000), together with costs of the borrowing, under the provisions of MGL Chapters 44, and 44B and any other enabling authority upon such terms as the Town Treasurer and Board of Selectmen shall determine, provided that the source of repayment of such principal indebtedness and interest accrued thereon shall be the Hingham Community Preservation Fund established and maintained pursuant to the provisions of MGL, Chapter 44B; (ii) authorize, but not require, the Conservation Commission with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to grant a conservation restriction that meets the requirements of sections 31 to 33, inclusive, of MGL chapter 184 as required pursuant to section 12 of the Community Preservation Act (MGL chapter 44B) to a nonprofit organization; and (iii) to authorize the Conservation Commission to seek reimbursement under the LAND program, (formerly known as the Self-Help Program), Chapter 132 A §11 and enter contracts therefor; or (iv) act on anything related thereto? (Inserted at the request of the Community Preservation Committee)

Mr. Robert Curley and Ms. Carol Pyles appeared before the Board. Changes were made to the Article VV that included some technical corrections to the Article's language. Mr. Curley explained that the changes have been reviewed and approved by the CPC and voted unanimously by the CPC. The Article and the comment have been reviewed and approved by Town Counsel.

Voted- To recommend favorable action on Article VV. A unanimous vote.

Selectmen/ Town Administrators Report

Mr. Gannon discussed the upcoming SNAP Pizza Palooza event on March 18th. The Hingham Business Council is inviting everyone to enjoy as much pizza as desired and to vote for their favorite slices. All the proceeds go towards SNAP - The Special Needs Athletic Program which is a Hingham based athletic program that matches athletics to children with special needs. Mr. Gannon encouraged everyone to attend.

Ms. Power congratulated numerous Hingham Sports Teams that are having a great winter season. Ms. Power commended everyone for their hard work and wished the teams that are still competing in the finals the best of luck.

Ms. Power advised that the Board received notice that on Wednesday on March 23, 2016 The Pilgrim Coalition Decommissioning Forum will be holding a Forum that is open to the public at The Plymouth Public Library from 7:00-9:30 p.m.

Mr. Healey welcomed home Soldier Curtis Leonard. Mr. Healey was privileged to present a flag to Mr. and Mrs. Leonard and was happy to witness the arrival of their son coming home.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20

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Documents: (A complete meeting packet of supporting documentation is on file and available for public review in the Board of Selectmen's Office).

1. Patrol Officer Interview questions.
2. Article LL: Solar Panels at the Landfill and changes to the Article.
3. Notice of Approval of Special Licenses for Hingham Community Center and Sonia Fairhurst for March 31, 2016 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm.
4. Notice of Approval of Special Licenses for Hingham Community Center and Eleanor Willis for May 21, 2016 from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm.
5. Nomination Form for Inspector of Animals for Animal Control Officer Leslie Badger.
6. Open Positions for Appointed Committee Commission Positions as of March 1, 2016
7. Correspondence for weeks ending March 4, 2016 and March 11, 2016.