

Board of Selectmen

November 17, 2016
Regular Session 7:06pm

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

Approval of Minutes

Voted – A motion was made by Paul Gannon to approve the minutes of November 10, 2016 as written. Mary Power seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Questions from the Public Regarding Items not on the Agenda

- Caitlin Stanton, requested that she be placed on the December 1 agenda regarding her request for previous building permit fees paid be credited towards current building permit on property that was vandalized.
- It was decided that Ms. Stanton would meet with Tom Mayo and Mike Clancy to determine a path forward.

Tax Classification Hearing

Present were: Richard Nowlan, Director of Assessing, Greg Hall, Chairman of the Board of Assessors. Mr. Nowlan explained purpose of the Classification Hearing as follows: “A classification hearing is held to decide whether to shift the tax burden between the property classes per Mass General Law 40-56.”

Voted – a motion was made by Mary Power to continue to tax all classes of properties at a single rate. Seconded by Paul Gannon. All were in favor, 3-0.

96 Central Street – Gas Service

Present were: John Kent, Construction Project Manager, Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety & Security Military Division, Colonel Tim Mullen, State Quartermaster Commonwealth of Massachusetts Military Division, Harry Sylvester, Town of Hingham, spoke about boiler replacement/gas service upgrade. Seeking street opening permit submitted by National Grid which has been denied due to the street excavation moratorium.

Voted – a motion was made by Paul Gannon to grant a waiver to the “Town of Hingham’s Rules and Specifications Governing Street Excavations”, adopted by the Board of Selectmen in 1986 as it relates to work to be completed at 96 Central Street per requirements provided in the letter dated November 10, 2016 from the Department of Public Works. Paul Healey seconded. Two were in favor, 2-0. Mary Power abstained.

Disability Awareness

Jamey Breen, Recreation Department employee, author, motivational speaker, and local community advocate for inclusion and acceptance of all people. Mr. Breen spoke about his book, “Keep it Rollin”, which was written in an effort to being a voice for all those who cannot speak for themselves. Mr. Breen would like to organize a local support group for those with disabilities and has asked others to assist. He may be reached at: jmbreen55@gmail.com.

VOTES:

Voted – a motion was made by Mary Power to approve the request of the Hingham Downtown Association to close Main Street between Elm and North Streets and South Street between Central and North Streets and to use the sidewalks for Christmas in the Square on Friday, December 2, 2016 from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. Seconded by Paul Gannon. All were in favor, 3-0.

Voted – a motion was made by Paul Gannon to approve the issuance of a Special (One Day) wine and malt beverages license to the Hingham Maritime Center for a Holiday Social to be held on Thursday, December 8, 2016 from 7:30pm to 10:00pm at the Ames Chapel. Mary Power seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Selectmen/Town Administrator Reports

Mr. Alexiades announced that budget packages will be available to the Board on Friday or Monday. At the December 1 meeting, an overview of the FY2018 budget will be provided.

Mary Power – wished the best for the girl’s soccer team playing at 11:00 on Saturday in Lynn – congratulations to the coach and the athletes – best of luck on Saturday.

Paul Gannon – Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and safe travels.

Paul Healey – extended his appreciation to all of those, in particular the Veterans Service Officer and staff, for the Veterans Day celebration that we recently participated in and enjoyed immensely.

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Approved November 29, 2016

Sally Sinclair

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

1. Tax Classification Hearing
2. 96 Central Street, Gas Service
3. Disability Awareness
4. Christmas in the Square Request
5. HMC One Day License