

Board of Selectmen

February 5, 2019
Regular Session 6:00pm

Present: Mr. Paul Healey, Ms. Mary Power, Ms. Karen Johnson, Mr. Tom Mayo, Town Administrator, Ms. Michelle Monsegur, Assistant Town Administrator.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Healey made a motion to approve the minutes dated January 10, 2019. Ms. Johnson seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Mr. Healey made a motion to approve the minutes dated January 31, 2019, Ms. Johnson seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Public Comment

None.

Reserve Fund Transfer Request: South Shore Country Club

Kevin Whalen, Executive Director, South Shore Country Club, and Christine Smith, Country Club Management Committee member, presented.

Mr. Whalen explained the need for unforeseen expense which is emergency work needed to repair foundation which is causing water loss in pool. This work is required in order for pool to open for the upcoming summer season.

There were questions and comments from the Board.

Ms. Power made a motion to recommend a transfer from the Reserve Fund to the South Shore Country Club - R&M Pools Account in the amount of \$37,500.00. Ms. Johnson seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Warrant Articles:

Article H: Transfer from Meals Tax Stabilization Fund

No vote was taken to recommend favorable action of Article H. Decision was made to hold off until next meeting, February 7, 2019.

Article II: Home Rule Petition: Establish a Hingham Means-Tested Property Tax Exemption
Ms. Johnson provided a definition of Article II.

There were questions from the Board regarding Circuit Breaker Tax Credit. Sue Nickerson addressed accordingly.

Ms. Johnson noted that if this Article passes, it still has to go through legislation (additional round). This tax exemption would be effective 2021 and would include 543 households.

Ms. Johnson thanked Barbara Farnsworth, Sue Nickerson, Jean Montgomery, Rick Nowlan, Kathy Glenzel, and Keith Jermyn for their work.

Ms. Johnson made a motion to recommend favorable action of Article II. Ms. Power seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Police Sergeant Interviews

Chief Glenn Olsson and Deputy Chief David Jones provided an overview of the Sergeant promotional process.

Police candidates were interviewed by the Board in the following order:

- John P. Marquardt
- Jeffrey Patrick Kilroy
- Nicholas Smith
- Lisa M. McCracken
- Jeremiah Sullivan (Mr. Healey disclosed that Officer Sullivan is his nephew)

8:25pm: Joint Session with the Advisory Committee and School Committee - School Budget Presentation

Mr. Healey presented Superintendent Dr. Dot Galo with a Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of the Board. There was a standing ovation for Dr. Galo.

Statement of Interest for MSBA/Foster School

John Ferris, Director of Business and Support Services, Hingham Public Schools, present.

Vote: Ms. Power made a motion: Resolved: Having convened in an open meeting on February 5, 2019, prior to the closing date, the Hingham Board of Selectmen of Hingham, MA in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest Form on or before April 12, 2019 for the Foster Elementary School located at 55 Downer Avenue, Hingham (Map ID 38/0/01), which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority category(s) for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future for replacement of or addition to obsolete buildings in order to provide for a full range of programs consistent with state and approved local requirements. The building was built in 1951 and does not meet current code and significantly lacks environmental quality for natural lighting, artificial lighting, fresh air ventilation, and evenly distributed heat and cooling temperatures to enhance the educational environment. Classroom configuration does not allow for uninterrupted instruction, several classrooms have no natural light, the building envelope and windows systems are inefficient, and the steam heating distribution system and electrical systems are failing due to deterioration; and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest Form, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the Town of Hingham to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority. Ms. Johnson seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

John Ferris presented: "Hingham Public Schools Budget Overview for FY20".

There were questions and comments from the Board.

John Ferris provided overview for the following Warrant Articles:

Article Z: Foster School Article to Amend Feasibility Study Vote

Comments and questions were directed to Mr. Ferris and the Board and addressed by School Committee members:

Ray Estes, Vice Chair, School Building Committee
Liza O'Reilly, Vice Chair
Carolos Da Silva

No vote was taken to recommend favorable action of Article Z.

Article AA: Foster School Extraordinary Maintenance Capital

Ms. Power made a motion to recommend favorable action of Article AA. Ms. Johnson seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Article BB: Funding for the High School Clerestory Window Project

Ms. Johnson made a motion to recommend favorable action of Article BB. Ms. Johnson seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Article CC: Authorize Five-Year Lease for School Transportation Vehicles
Ms. Power made a motion to recommend favorable action of Article CC. Ms. Johnson seconded.
All were in favor, 3-0.

Vote:

Mr. Healey made a motion to appoint Robert Mansfield as a Special Police Officer effective February 11, 2019. Ms. Johnson seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Today was Robert Mansfield's last day as Police Sergeant. He started as a Call fire fighter at age 16, and then worked at the Highway Department before joining the Hingham Police Department in September of 1980. Mr. Healey wished him all the best.

Appointments

No appointments this evening.

Selectmen/Town Administrator Reports

Ms. Monsegur – Nothing to report.

Mr. Mayo - Nothing to report.

Ms. Johnson – Nothing to report.

Ms. Power – Nothing to report.

Mr. Healey – Announced the passing of Edward Lewiecki. Mr. Lewiecki served several terms on both the Hingham School Committee and Board of Selectmen, including terms as member and Chair. Mr. Healey acknowledged his significant contribution to the Board and to the Town. He extended his thanks and sympathy to Mr. Lewiecki's family.

The next Board of Selectmen meeting will take place on February 7, 2019.

Meeting adjourned at: 10:45pm
Approved February 7, 2019

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.

