

Board of Selectmen

May 14, 2021

Remote meeting via telephone conference call

Present:

- Board of Selectmen: Ms. Mary Power (Chair), Mr. Joseph Fisher and Mr. Bill Ramsey (Mr. Ramsey was not present until the Board reconvened in Open Session. He was not present for nor did he participate in the Executive Session.)
- Mr. Tom Mayo, Town Administrator
- Ms. Michelle Monsegur, Assistant Town Administrator

9:00 am: Call to order

Ms. Power called the meeting to order and read the following statement:

“This meeting is being held remotely as an alternate means of public access pursuant to an Order issued by the Governor of Massachusetts dated March 12, 2020 Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law. You are hereby advised that this meeting and all communications during this meeting may be recorded by the Town of Hingham in accordance with the Open Meeting Law. If any participant wishes to record this meeting, please notify the chair at the start of the meeting in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A, § 20(f) so that the chair may inform all other participants of said recording. “

Ms. Power asked if any participants were recording the meeting. There were no responses.

Ms. Power also noted that the Board of Selectmen members who were participating remotely were herself, Mary Power, Chair and Joe Fisher. She announced that Selectman Bill Ramsey would join the meeting later on.

The Chair stated: The Board will enter into Executive Session:

(a) to discuss strategy with respect to litigation in the Plymouth County Superior Court case of Matthew Hersey v. Town of Hingham (Docket # 1883CV00583) under the provisions of M.G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(3) because discussion in an Open Session may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the town;

(b) to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel and/or to conduct contract negotiations with nonunion personnel (Town Administrator Tom Mayo) under the provisions of M.G.L. c. 30A, Section 21(a)(2); and

(c) for review, approval and potential release of prior executive session minutes pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, § 22 and § 21(a)(7). The Board will reconvene in Open Session

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Fisher: yes

Ms. Power: yes

Mr. Ramsey was not present for this vote.

9:31am: The Board reconvened in Open Session. Mr. Ramsey joined the meeting remotely at this time.

Settlement and Release Agreement with Argonaut Insurance Company

Vote: Ms. Power made a motion to approve the Settlement and Release Agreement between Argonaut Insurance Company and the Town of Hingham regarding an insurance coverage dispute and to authorize the Town Administrator to sign said document in the form attached hereto on behalf of the Select Board. Mr. Fisher seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Fisher: yes

Ms. Power: yes

Mr. Ramsey: abstain

Approval of employment agreement with Town Administrator Tom Mayo

Vote: Mr. Fisher made a motion to sign the employment agreement with Town Administrator Tom Mayo. Mr. Ramsey seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Fisher: yes

Ms. Power: yes

Mr. Ramsey: yes

Vote: Mr. Fisher made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Ramsey seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Fisher: yes

Ms. Power: yes

Mr. Ramsey: yes

The meeting adjourned at 9:32 PM.

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