

Board of Selectmen

May 21, 2019
Regular Session 7:00pm

Present: Ms. Karen Johnson, Ms. Mary Power, Mr. Joe Fisher, Ms. Michelle Monsegur, Assistant Town Administrator. Mr. Mayo, Town Administrator, absent.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Fisher made a motion to approve the minutes, as amended, dated May 7, 2019. Ms. Power seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Harbor

Harbormaster Ken Corson present.

Mr. Corson provided a definition of the MOA between the United States Coast Guard and the Town of Hingham regarding the enforcement of maritime safety and security zones. Mr. Corson also addressed questions and comments from the Board.

Ms. Power made a motion to authorize the Chair of the Board of Selectmen to sign the Memorandum of Agreement between the United States Coast Guard and the Town of Hingham regarding the enforcement of maritime safety and security zones. Mr. Fisher seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Assistant Harbormaster reappointments

Mr. Fisher made a motion to reappoint Joe Driscoll as Head Assistant Harbormaster for a three-year term ending June 30, 2022 subject to the successful completion of a CORI review. Ms. Power seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Mr. Fisher made a motion to reappoint the following Assistant Harbormasters for a three-year term ending June 30, 2022 subject to the successful completion of CORI reviews: Michael McCue, Danny Sousa, Jake Handrahan, Connor Kennedy, Raymond Abreu, Daniel Goldstein, and Max Goldstein. Ms. Power seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Ms. Power expressed her appreciation to all of the staff for the work that they do in keeping the waters safe for all.

Selectmen Liaisons

Ms. Johnson read the 2019-2020 Liaison Assignments.

Mr. Fisher made a motion to accept the Selectmen liaison assignments as presented. Ms. Power seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Votes

Ms. Power made a motion to waive the building permit fee associated with the Harbor walk historical signage project. Mr. Fisher seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Department of Public Works Repurposing Request:

Ms. Monsegur provided background on this request. Steve Messenger, DPW, was seated in the audience and addressed comments and questions from the Board along with Ms. Monsegur.

Mr. Fisher made a motion to approve the request of the Department of Public Works to repurpose up to \$27,000 from the FY19 DPW Transfer Station operating budget to purchase the 2006 Kenworth tractor. Ms. Power seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Ms. Power made a motion to approve the issuance of a Special (One Day) Wine and Malt Beverages License to Edward O'Connor on behalf of Cambridge 5K for the First Annual Hingham Road Race to be held at 18 Shipyard Drive on Sunday, June 9, 2019 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Mr. Fisher seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Mr. Fisher made a motion to approve the issuance of a Special (One Day) Wine and Malt Beverages License to Jeff Leone on behalf of Hingham Little League for the Hingham Little League End of Year fundraiser to be held at Lynch Field on June 15, 2019 from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Ms. Power seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Ms. Power made a motion to approve the issuance of a Special (One Day) All Alcoholic Beverages License to Kelly Fleming on behalf of Wellspring Multi-Service Center for South Shores Got Talent to be held at South Shore Conservatory on June 7, 2019 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Mr. Fisher seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Appointments

None.

Selectmen/Town Administrator Reports

Ms. Monsegur - Provided a coyote progress update received from Tom Mayo. The Town Administrator met with The Police Chief and Animal Control Officer to discuss possible strategies to tackle the issue and next steps. We have since reached out to state agencies to review existing wildlife studies, we will review as soon as we receive them. We have also reached out to the Environmental Police to schedule a meeting to discuss evaluating existing legislation, new legislation and other strategies that might be helpful. The Police Department has put together a data collection tool that can be found at: <https://hpd.org/241/coyotes>. This data will help in further assessment. Animal Control Officer, Leslie Badger, is working with schools, neighborhood groups and individual families to schedule educational sessions about coyotes. Information and a coyote presentation are available on the Animal Control Officer website. Ms. Monsegur reminded all not to call 911 unless there is an immediate threat to humans. Information is available on the Town's Facebook page as well.

Ms. Power – The Town received an award two weeks ago. Hingham was named one of ten housing choice communities in the Commonwealth of MA for 2019. The target for available affordable housing units is 5% - Hingham reached 7.7%. A lot of people were instrumental in making this happen. Ms. Power acknowledged Emily Wentworth who was so critical in driving a lot of that work. She was in the Hingham contingency who went to receive the reward.

Ms. Power and Mr. Fisher attended an Affordable Housing Trust Forum where they announced current progress and attended a brainstorming session with residents. Ms. Power thanked Tim White of the Affordable Housing Trust.

Compressor Station Air quality permit appeal took place last week. Hingham Legal Counsel was present for 2 of the days of testimonial. There is a hold on continuing and closing out the hearing.

Friday a.m., May 17th, there was a minor fire at the High School. Ms. Power thanked the Fire Department, High School staff, Accounting, Board of Selectmen's office, Police Department for their flexibility and patience. Serve Master Trucks were at the school all weekend along with Principal, Rick Swanson, his administrators and team. On Monday morning, there was an issue with gas being turned back on. 1,200 students were displaced for an hour while everything got sorted out. This was a fine example of community, students, and town employees working together at its best.

The annual Memorial Day Ceremony will take place in front of Town Hall on Monday, May 27th at 11:00a.m.

Mr. Fisher added that there will be a subsequent service at Linden Ponds at 1:00pm.

Mr. Fisher – Nothing to report.

Ms. Johnson – On May 11th, attended the 18th Annual Marine Corps Run at Carson Beach to honor Corporal Christopher J. Orlando. 1,500 people participated in the honor run. This was an incredible outing.

On May 15th, The Department of Veterans' Services presented the Police Department with a Memorial Wreath in honor of federal, state and local officers killed or disabled in the line of duty. It coincided with Peace Officers' Memorial Day celebrated in Washington, DC. This year, Officer Chesna was honored.

Taste of Hingham this weekend. Shout out to Cleaner Greener Hingham – estimated that we reduced our trash going to landfills by 40% this year! Lynn Barclay stated this was the most well attended year. Great to see the merchants out.

Sunday was the reenactment of the Battle of Grape Island run by Town Moderator, Mike Puzo. Well attended. Run by the Historical Society.

In participation of Memorial Day there is a changing and display of flags for every grave of Veterans in the Town of Hingham. It is an honor to see the care and pride that Hingham takes in honoring their Veterans.

Participated in the Selectmen's Cup yesterday. Great event that benefits the Fourth of July parade. Thanked Kevin Whalen and Chris Riley.

Mr. Fisher thanked Jim Murphy of the Fourth of July Committee for his efforts.

Meeting adjourned at: 7:38 pm
Approved June 4, 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.

