

Board of Selectmen

February 7, 2019
Regular Session 7:05pm

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

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes dated February 5, 2019. Ms. Power seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Public Comment

None.

51-55 South Street

Matthew Falconeiri, General Contractor, Falconeiri Construction present.

Mr. Healey made a motion that, pursuant to Hingham General Bylaws Article 10, Section 4, the Board consent to the request of RSL Realty LLC to:

1. extend the closure of the portion of the public sidewalk within the public ways of Main Street and South Street directly abutting RSL Realty's property at 51-55 South Street subject to the following conditions:

- a) Fencing shall be installed in accordance with Studio Meyers Architecture and Design Plan, Construction Logistics-Phase 1 (L01), dated June 16, 2017;
- b) Police details shall be required as determined by the Hingham Police Chief; and
- c) Signage directing pedestrians around the closed area, and informing pedestrians that local shops are open during construction, shall be maintained.

2. allow the use of the first two parking spaces on the west side of Main Street adjacent the Property for a dumpster, subject to the applicable provisions of the Board of Health dumpster regulations.

The foregoing consent shall expire on March 7, 2019 and the fencing, dumpster and any other obstructions to the public ways shall be removed by 5:00 p.m. on such date. Ms. Power seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Police Sergeant Appointments

Chief Glenn Olsson and Deputy Chief David Jones present.

Chief Olsson read a letter to the Board thanking them for their support in the Sergeant hiring process. He announced their (Police Department) recommendation to promote Detective John Marquardt and Officer Jeffrey Kilroy to the position of permanent full-time Police Sergeant. He also acknowledged the quality of the other candidates: Officer Smith, Officer McCracken and Officer Sullivan.

The Board echoed the Chief's comments, appreciated the support of the candidates not chosen who came to support those who were and offered their congratulations to Sergeant Marquardt and Sergeant Kilroy.

Mr. Healey made a motion to appoint John Marquardt and Jeffrey Kilroy as Permanent Full-Time Police Sergeants for the Town of Hingham. Ms. Johnson seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Warrant Articles:

Article V: Comprehensive Master Plan –

Gordon Carr, Chair, Planning Board, presented overview of Master Plan.

There were questions and comments from the Board.

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

Article QQ: Master Plan Committee

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

Article T: South Shore Park Chapter 43D Priority Development Site

Emily Wentworth, Land Use and Development, presented and indicated that this is a technical correction not a change.

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

Article FF: Hingham Library Renovation Project

David Mehegan, Chairman, Board of Trustees, and Linda Harper, Director, presented.

Public Comment:

Lucy Hancock, 15 Amber Road

After a lengthy dialogue between Mr. Mehegan, Ms. Harper and the Board, Ms. Power made a motion to recommend no action of Article FF. Ms. Johnson seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Article KK: Library Building Committee

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

Article LL: Library Building Project

Ms. Power made a motion to recommend no action of Article LL. Ms. Johnson seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Article X: Municipal Waterways Improvements and Maintenance Fund

Ken Corson, Harbor Master and Joe Driscoll, Head Assistant Harbor Master, present.

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

Article EE: Transfer Harbor Revenues to Municipal Waterways Improvement and Maintenance Fund

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

Article Y: Dredging of Hingham Harbor

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

Article DD: Home Rule Petition: Simplified Street Acceptance Process

Susan Murphy, Real Estate Counsel, present.

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

Article GG: Street Acceptance - Portion of Martins Lane

Ms. Power made a motion to declare the Board of Selectmen's intention to layout approximately 40 square feet adjacent to northwesterly line of Martins Lane as part of the public way, as shown on the plan entitled "Layout Plan, Martins Lane, Hingham, MA (Plymouth County)", **dated February 4, 2019**,

prepared by Beal & Thomas, Inc., and to refer the proposed layout to the Planning Board in accordance with applicable law. Ms. Johnson seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Article HH: Acquisition of Canterbury Street Cemetery

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

Public Comment:

Keith Jermyn, 104 Kilby Street

Article MM, NN, OO, PP Votes:

Ms. Power asked John Coughlin, Town Counsel, to provided definition on Articles MM, NN, OO, and PP.

Mr. Coughlin responded as follows:

MM – vote to acquire the water system and to authorize the borrowing of the funds for the system - authorize the Board of Selectmen to take all actions necessary to complete the purchase - 2/3 vote.

NN – vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to act as Board of Water Commissioners to manage & operate the water system – including the authority to hire a superintendent. Majority vote.

OO – vote to set up a Water System Enterprise Fund – Chapter 44, Section 53F ½ - accepts revenues from the water system and expenditures will be made directly out of that fund by the Board of Selectmen acting as the Board of Water Commissioners. Majority vote.

PP - vote on an Appropriation for transition costs related to engineering, legal, consulting, salaries, and other costs during the interim between the town meeting vote and the closing when the town acquires and begins to operate the water system. Majority vote.

Article MM: Water Company Acquisition

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

Article NN: Board of Water Commissioners

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

Article OO: Water System Enterprise Fund

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

Article PP: Water Company Acquisition-Transition Costs

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

Appointments

No appointments this evening.

Selectmen/Town Administrator Reports

Ms. Monsegur – Nothing this evening

Mr. Mayo - Nothing this evening

Ms. Johnson – She and Mary Power participated with almost 200 other folks, mostly in Hingham, in the Storm Trooper Challenge which involved walking/running 1 mile outside every day in January. She thanked organizers Joe Burns, Edith Kitchin, Kara Kennedy, Deneen Chippari (walk organizer), Claudia Dolphin (PR), Heidi Russell, Donna Driscoll, and Bee Raymond.

Ms. Power – This Saturday, will be attending the Hingham Historic Society Essay Contest (essays are devoted to any aspect of Hingham’s History occurring in or before 1945) from 10-1pm at the Heritage Museum. Many thanks to the Historical Society for sponsoring.

Mr. Mayo made note that the Lincoln Chair has been delivered to the Heritage Museum.

Mr. Healey – Noted that this is a very busy time of the year. Recognized the superb job that is being done by the Town Administrator, Tom Mayo, Assistant Town Administrator, Michelle Monsegur, Sally Sinclair, and Sharon Perfetti in keeping the ship afloat. Great group of men and women. Third meeting this week. Appreciates the support that they (the Board) get. Wished to publicly acknowledge the great work that the people in the Selectmen’s office are doing and the Town departments.

The next Board of Selectmen meeting will take place on February 12, 2019.

Meeting adjourned at: 9:22pm
Approved February 12, 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.

