

# Board of Selectmen

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February 26, 2019  
Executive Session 6:45pm

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

The Chair States: the purpose for tonight's executive session is to discuss potential litigation regarding the property at 100 Beal Street because holding this discussion in open session would have a detrimental effect on the litigation position of the Town. The Board will reconvene in open session at the conclusion of the executive session.

ROLL CALL VOTE: All were in favor.

## **Return to Open Session 7:00pm**

### **100 Beal Street**

Real Estate Counsel, Susan Murphy, provided background on Memorandum of Understanding pertaining to 100 Beal Street that was signed in 2001.

Ms. Johnson provided additional background concerning the obligation of the contract with the Housing Authority and stated that tax payers have paid for work that the Town performed at the site. The Town/Housing Authority have reached an impasse with this agreement.

Mr. Healey made a motion to file litigation regarding enforcement of agreement as to 100 Beal Street, Hingham, MA. Ms. Johnson seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Healey made a motion to approve the minutes dated February 12, 2019. Ms. Johnson seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

### **Public Comment**

None.

### **Warrant Article**

Article H: Transfer from Meals Tax Stabilization Fund – Mr. Mayo provided background of Article H and recommended that funds be used to defray cost of the harbor dredging project. There were questions and comments from the Board.

Public Comment:

Andy McElaney, 26 Myers Farm Road

Ms. Power made a motion to recommend favourable action on Article H. Ms. Johnson seconded. All were in favour, 3-0.

### **Martins Lane**

Public hearing on the intention of the Board of Selectmen to lay out 40 sf as part of Martins Lane.

Real Estate Counsel, Susan Murphy, provided background and stated that the Planning Board has recommended acceptance.

Mr. Healey made a motion that Notice of the intention to lay out as part of the public way known as Martins Lane an approximately 40 square foot parcel of land located to the west of the northwesterly terminus of the existing layout of Martins Lane, as shown on a plan entitled "Layout Plan, Martins Lane, Hingham, MA (Plymouth County)", dated February 4, 2019, prepared by Beal & Thomas, Inc., having been sent by first class mail to the owner of record and posted in a public place not less than seven days prior to the date of this public meeting in accordance Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 82, Section 22, the Board of Selectmen

hereby order the layout of said 40 square foot parcel as a part of Martins Lane. Ms. Johnson seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

### **Memorandum of Understanding with Hingham High School Rowing for Bare Cove Park**

Superintendent, Dr. Dot Galo, Jack Chapin, HHSRA Board President, Logan Greenlee, HHSRA Program Director, Jim Quatromoni, Athletic Director, present.

There were favorable comments from the Board.

Ms. Johnson made a motion that the Board of Selectmen, acting as the Board of Park Commissioners, approve and enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Hingham Public Schools to allow use of Bare Cove Park to access the Back River for the Hingham High School rowing program for the Spring 2019 season, subject to delivery to the Board of Selectmen of updated certificates of insurance prior to commencement of use, including staging, within the Park. Ms. Power seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

### **Temporary Location of Storage Racks for the Hingham High School Sailing Team at Hingham Harbor**

Jim Quatromoni, Athletic Director, and Joe Griffin, Head Sailing Coach, provided overview.

There were favorable comments from the Board.

Ms. Power made a motion that the Board of Selectmen, acting as the Board of Park Commissioners, approve the temporary location of storage racks for the Hingham High School Sailing Team at Hingham Harbor for the period ending on April 30, 2019 in the location shown on the aerial plan submitted to the Town Administrator on January 11, 2019. Ms. Johnson seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

### **Aquarion Water Main Replacement**

Public hearing on the petition of Aquarion to install and maintain approximately 1,350 feet of 8- inch ductile iron water main in Abington Street.

Present:

Harry Sylvester, Assistant Projects Engineer  
Lieutenant Christopher DiNapoli  
Stephen Olson, Director of Operations, Aquarion  
Walter Sullivan, Sullivan & Comerford, P.C.

Mr. Olson provided an overview of the request.

Ms. Power read a letter that was dated November 6, 2018 addressed to Town Administrator, Tom Mayo, from Walter Sullivan, Sullivan & Comerford pertaining to the arrangement of an easement that would result in no disturbance to the public way that is still on a moratorium.

There were comments and questions from the Board concerning why this request has come back to the Board (after original vote had been taken in November, 2018 to go forward with an easement). These questions and comments were addressed by Attorney Sullivan, Mr. Sylvester and Mr. Olson. It was determined after the letter was sent to Mr. Mayo that in order for Little Sprouts Day Care to gain access to water and for the Certificate of Occupancy to be issued, the 5 year moratorium on Abington Street would have to be lifted.

Public Comment:

Wendy Spannagel 31 Abington Street  
Marissa D'Isidoro, 11 Abington Street  
Superintendent Dr. Dot Galo  
Sandra Dearth, 36 Abington Street

Ms. Power made a motion to approve the request of Aquarion to install and maintain approximately 1,350 feet of 8-inch ductile iron water main in Abington Street. The new main will originate at the driveway of #75 Research Road (approximately #80 Abington Street) connecting into the existing 8-inch water main and continue under the paved surface of Abington Street to completion at approximately #48 in order to service the day care facility (Little Sprouts) located at #73 Abington Street. Also this project will include one (1) new hydrant. This approval is subject to the stipulation of the Department of Public Works as outlined in the letter dated February 11, 2019. Ms. Johnson seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

## **Historic Preservation Award Evaluation Committee Appointments**

Andrea Young, Historical Commission, provided overview of the Preservation Award Evaluation Committee. Ms. Young reminded all that the awards will be given on April 7, 2019.

The Board thanked Ms. Young for her work on this program and expressed their appreciation for all of the community involvement.

Mr. Healey made a motion to appoint Peter Bickford, Suzanne Buchanan, and Ben Wilcox to the Historic Preservation Award Evaluation Committee for a one-year term ending June 30, 2019. Ms. Power seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Mr. Healey made a motion to appoint Ben Burnham and Vcevy Strekalovsky to the Historic Preservation Award Evaluation Committee for a two-year term ending June 30, 2020. Ms. Johnson seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Mr. Healey made a motion to appoint Jack Hobbs and Jennifer Schwartz to the Historic Preservation Award Evaluation Committee for a two-year term ending June 30, 2021. Ms. Johnson seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

## **Warrant Article Z: Foster School Article to Amend Feasibility Study**

Michelle Ayer, Chairperson, Hingham School Committee announced that the School Committee has withdrawn Warrant Article Z.

## **Votes**

Ms. Power made a motion to approve the Water Company Enterprise Fund budget for Fiscal Year 2020. Ms. Johnson seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Mr. Healey made a motion to open the warrant to the 2019 Annual Town Meeting, remove Article KK: Library Building Committee and Article LL: Library Building Project, and close the warrant. Ms. Power seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Mr. Healey made a motion to approve the request of Discover Hingham for the Taste of Hingham to be held on Saturday, May 18, 2019 from 12:00 to 3:00 PM with a rain date of Sunday, May 19, 2019 from 12:00 to 3:00 PM. This event will be held on Main Street, between Elm Street and North Street as well as on the sidewalks. Ms. Johnson seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

## **Selectmen/Town Administrator Reports**

Ms. Monsegur – Nothing at this time.

Mr. Mayo – Nothing at this time.

Ms. Johnson – Congratulated the Hingham High School Girls Indoor Track team who won the Division 3 State Championship.

Attended Computer Science Expo at Foster School on Friday. Was very impressed by some of the computer science projects that the kids were involved with.

Hingham native, U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Daniel Kelliher, plans to ruck 830 miles across five states with 18 other Air Force Special Tactics teammates in honor of the 20 Air Force Special Tactics Airmen who have been killed in action since 9/11 and their Gold Star Families.

Ms. Power – Reflected on Lincoln Day and stated that she was glad to have participated. Enjoyed the day.

Mr. Healey – On behalf of the Board, thanked Tom Mayo and Michelle Monsegur for all of their hard work leading up to Town Meeting.

Echoed Ms. Power's comments about Lincoln Day.

Also commented on Ms. Johnson's statement concerning U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Daniel Kelliher. Very proud.

The next Board of Selectmen meeting will take place on February 28, 2019.

**Meeting adjourned at: 8:30pm**  
**Approved March 5, 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.

