

Board of Selectmen

May 7, 2019
Regular Session 7:00pm

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

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Power made a motion to approve the minutes dated April 30, 2019. Mr. Fisher seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Approve the Sale and Issuance of Bonds

Jean Montgomery, Treasurer, Sue Nickerson, Town Accountant, present.

There were comments and questions from the Board. All of which were addressed by Ms. Montgomery and Ms. Nickerson. Ms. Power stated that the 1.7% interest rate is a reflection of the Town's credit rating.

Mr. Fisher made a motion to approve the sale of a \$10,989,505 2.75 percent General Obligation Bond Anticipation Note (the "Notes") of the Town dated May 15, 2019, and payable May 15, 2020, to JP Morgan Securities at par and accrued interest plus a premium of \$117,807.49. Ms. Power seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Mr. Fisher made a motion that in connection with the marketing and sale of the Notes, the preparation and distribution of a Notice of Sale and Preliminary Official Statement dated April 24, 2019, and a final Official Statement dated May 7, 2019, each in such form as may be approved by the Town Treasurer, be and hereby are ratified, confirmed, approved and adopted. Ms. Power seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Mr. Fisher made a motion that the Town Treasurer and the Board of Selectmen be, and hereby are, authorized to execute and deliver a significant events disclosure undertaking in compliance with SEC Rule 15c2-12 in such form as may be approved by bond counsel to the Town, which undertaking shall be incorporated by reference in the Notes for the benefit of the holders of the Notes from time to time.

Further Voted: that we authorize and direct the Town Treasurer to establish post issuance federal tax compliance procedures and continuing disclosure procedures in such forms as the Town Treasurer and bond counsel deem sufficient, or if such procedures are currently in place, to review and update said procedures, in order to monitor and maintain the tax-exempt status of the Notes and to comply with relevant securities laws. Ms. Power seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Mr. Fisher made a motion that each member of the Board of Selectmen, the Town Clerk and the Town Treasurer be and hereby are, authorized to take any and all such actions, and execute and deliver such certificates, receipts or other documents as may be determined by them, or any of them, to be necessary or convenient to carry into effect the provisions of the foregoing votes. Ms. Power seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Coyote Awareness

Glenn Olsson, Police Chief and Leslie Badger, Animal Control Officer, present.

Ms. Badger provided an overview and update on the coyote population in Hingham, state regulations and helpful tips on how to address coyote confrontations. Ms. Badger and Chief Olsson stated that it is illegal in Massachusetts to kill, hunt, trap and/or relocate Coyotes.

There were comments and questions from the Board which were addressed by Ms. Badger and Chief Olsson.

The Board suggested that the following actions/research take place:

- Wildlife Study
- Publish Results of coyote activity
- Den Disruption
- Conversations with the State
- Known Attractions
- School Presentation

Ms. Power thanked Ms. Badger and Chief Olsson for their efforts.

There were comments from the audience:

Karen Lodigiani, Norwell
Lauren Gargan, 11 Golf View Drive
Mark Cullings, 44 Spring Street
Eileen Martin, 4 Franklin Rodgers Road
George Kay, 14 Golf View Drive
Carol Meyer, Hingham Anchor
Mark Tryder, 5 Golf View Drive
Bill Reardon, 9 Steamboat Lane
Alyssa Pedersen, 24 Whitcomb Ave
Adrienne Gerlach, 34 Baker Hill Drive

Hingham Farmers Market:

Mark Cullings present.

Coastal Vineyards' and Westport Rivers Vineyard & Winery's request for a License for Sale of Wine Produced by Farmer-Winery at the Farmer's Market.

There were questions and comments from the Board which Mr. Cullings and Chief Olsson (seated in audience) addressed.

Ms. Power made a motion to approve the application of David Neilson d/b/a Coastal Vineyards for a Chapter 138 Section 15F Special License for the sale of its wine products at the Hingham Farmer's Market on Saturday's beginning May 11, 2019 and ending November 23, 2019 as outlined in the Notice of Approval of License for Sale of Wine Produced by Farmer-Winery at a Farmer's Market and supporting documents. Ms. Power seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Mr. Fisher made a motion to approve the application of Westport Rivers Vineyard and Winery for a Chapter 138 Section 15F Special License for the sale of its wine products at the Hingham Farmer's Market on Saturday's beginning May 11, 2019 and ending November 23, 2019 as outlined in the Notice of Approval of License for Sale of Wine Produced by Farmer-Winery at a Farmer's Market and supporting documents. Ms. Power seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Hingham Harborwalk Historical Signage.

Bill Reardon, Chair, Harbor Development Committee, Bruce MacAloney, Harbor Development Committee, present.

Mr. Fisher made a motion to authorize the Harbor Development Committee to seek all necessary permits and install historic signage on parcels under the care and control of the Board of Selectmen consistent with the application to the Historic District Commission for a Certificate of Appropriateness dated March 25, 2019 provided that there shall be no external lighting or internal illumination of these signs. Ms. Power seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Water Commissioners

Discussion of organization, transition, and water-related construction projects.

Mr. Fisher made a motion that the Board of Selectmen organize as the Board of Water Commissioners to elect the Chair of the Board of Selectmen as the Chair of the Board of Water Commissioners. Ms. Power seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Mr. Mayo commented on the water company transition progress. The Transition and Evaluation Committee is being formed. Interviewing for those positions ASAP – anyone in the public interested in being a member of that committee, please get your Talent Bank applications into the Selectmen’s office as soon as possible.

We are working with Eversource towards a successful transition. Mr. Mayo shared a letter that was addressed to the Department of Public Utilities, from Eversource that stated Aquarion and the Town of Hingham, have a mutual goal of achieving a smooth and efficient transition. He just wanted the public to know that there is excellent communication and cooperation happening. We are working cooperatively with Aquarion and Eversource and we are hoping to meet with the DEP Commissioner at the end of May.

Ms. Power added that as this transition moves along, this will be an Agenda item at a lot of our meetings. We will continue to update on transitional activities to all interested parties.

Ms. Johnson added that the Board is committed to bringing the right expertise and talent to the table, involving citizen voice in the Transition and Evaluation Committee. This is an exciting project for the town. With the support of our regulatory partners at DEP and cooperation of Eversource and Aquarion leadership, we are moving forward to implement the vote that town meeting approved.

VOTE:

Mr. Fisher made a motion to approve the request of Discover Hingham to hire a youth rock band to play music from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM on the corner of Main Street and South Street as part of the annual Mother’s Day promotion. Ms. Power seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Ms. Johnson noted original agenda item, Town War Memorial Stones Relocation, Keith Jermyn will come back later.

Appointments

None.

Selectmen/Town Administrator Reports

Ms. Monsegur - Nothing to report.

Mr. Mayo – Nothing further to report.

Ms. Power - Expressed her appreciation to the Veterans’ Services Office, Veterans Council, and the Trustees of GAR Hall for the 10th Annual Sophomore History Field Day held at GAR Hall. Wonderful program. Thanked all who made that happen.

Wednesday, June 5th from 2-6pm, at the Middle School, the School Administration will be holding a public reception in honor of Dr. Galo’s retirement. This is an opportunity for members of the community to wish Dr. Galo well.

The Taste of Hingham is May 18th – a week from Saturday.

Mr. Fisher – Reiterated what the Town Administrator spoke about in terms of getting public involvement in the transition of the water company – very important – urges people with an interest to speak up as we will be moving promptly.

Ms. Johnson - On Monday evening, she went to the School Committee meeting. Voted to increase the minimum wage for food service workers.

Meeting adjourned at: 9:25pm
Approved May 21, 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.

