

Board of Selectmen

August 28, 2018
Regular Session 7:00pm

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

Mr. Tom Mayo was absent from the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Power made a motion to approve the Minutes of August 14, 2018. Ms. Johnson seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Public Comment

Al Chambers
Ruth Silman, Nixon Peabody Attorney representing Aquarion
Jim Ohare, 11 Heron Way

Public hearing on the application for a Section 12 Restaurant Common Victualler All Alcoholic Beverages License by Sapa Group Inc., 25 Shipyard Drive

Present: Michelle Scavone, Lesa Tu, Manager, present.

Ms. Power made a motion to approve the application for a Section 12 All Alcoholic Beverages license from the Sapa Group, Inc., 25 Shipyard Drive, Unit 18, Hingham, Lesa Tu, Manager, subject to the approval of all town boards and departments and the approval of the Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission. Ms. Johnson seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Public hearing on the request of Aquarion Water Company to install and maintain approximately 442 feet of 8-inch ductile iron water main in Canterbury Street.

Present: Steve Olson, Director of Operations, Aquarion, Harry Sylvester, Engineering.

Ms. Johnson made a motion to approve the request of Aquarion Water Company to install and maintain approximately 442 feet of 8-inch Ductile Iron water main in Canterbury Street. The new main will connect to the existing 8" Ductile Iron water main at approximately #59 and continue under the paved surface of Canterbury Street to completion at approximately #40 and connect to the existing 8" Cast Iron water main. This new main is being proposed to support a new residential development on Canterbury Street. This replacement will provide the connection between the two dead end water mains providing more reliable service to the area.

This approval is subject to the stipulation of the Department of Public Works as outlined in the letter dated August 16, 2018. Ms. Power seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Comments/Questions from the audience:

Greg Tucker, 55 Canterbury Street.

Discussion of Water Main Extension – Elmore & Hayes: Grant of Location hearings were held on March 27, 2018

Ms. Power reminded the board that in March, she requested information regarding the source of funding for this project and that, in a subsequent meeting, was told by Aquarion that the information was forthcoming. Ms. Power stated that she was not in a position to vote on the matter until she had received a response.

Mr. Healey asked about the status of the information.

John Walsh, Vice President of Operations for Aquarion, asked to be recognized. Mr. Walsh stated that it was inappropriate for the Board to ask this question and that it had been answered as part of the rate case proceedings.

After further discussion, Mr. Healey moved to the next agenda item.

Votes:

Mr. Healey made a motion to sign an Agreement with Schmidt Equipment Inc. for a 2018 Morbark M18R Chipper. Ms. Johnson seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Ms. Johnson made a motion to sign an Agreement with Schmidt Equipment Inc. for a 2018 John Deere 244K-II Loader. Ms. Johnson seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Ms. Johnson made a motion to sign an Agreement with Minuteman Trucks, Inc. for a 2019 International 7300 Dump Truck with Plow and Sander. Ms. Power seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Mr. (Harry) Sylvester was present and answered questions/comments from the Board.

Ms. Power made a motion to authorize the Chair to sign a lease agreement with Wells Fargo Equipment Finance, Inc. for the lease of a 2019 IC CE School Bus. Ms. Johnson seconded.

Dr. Galo was present and answered questions/comments from the Board.

Traffic Committee - Recommendation for No Parking Signs at the end of South Pleasant Street.
Chief Glenn Olsson and Harry Sylvester present.

Ms. Power made a motion to amend the Parking Rules and Regulations of the Town of Hingham adopted May 31, 1939, as heretofore amended, as follows:

Article V Parking, Standing, Stopping – Section 2 – Prohibited on certain streets

No Parking on South Pleasant Street from the gate at Wompatuck State Park and continuing for 300 feet westerly on both sides of the road. Ms. Johnson seconded. All were in favor: 3-0.

Water Company Acquisition Update

Present: Richard Tortora, President – Janet Morley, Vice President, Capital Markets Advisors, LLC.

Ms. Monsegur introduced Richard Tortora and Janet Morley, providing background on their long-standing relationship with the Town.

Mr. Tortora and Ms. Morley provide background on Hingham's Aaa bond rating, the Town's debt capacity, and financing considerations relative to the purchase of the water company. Mr. Tortora and Ms. Morley reminded the board that the rating agencies have been aware of the potential purchase since 2012.

There were questions and comments from the Board.

Questions from the public:

Ruth Silman, Nixon Peabody Attorney representing Aquarion

Jim Ohare, 11 Heron Way

Reappointments:

Ms. Johnson made a motion to reappoint Kathleen Amonte to the Affordable Housing Trust for a two-year term ending June 30, 2020. Ms. Power seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Ms. Johnson made a motion to reappoint Greg MacCune and Al Kearney to the Fire Station Building Committee for a three-year term ending June 30, 2021. Ms. Power seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Ms. Johnson made a motion to reappoint Michael Collard to the Historic Districts Commission for a three-year term ending June 30, 2021. Ms. Power seconded. All were in favor, 3-0. Noted for the record: Mr. Collard has a permanent architect seat with this reappointment.

Ms. Johnson made a motion to reappoint Francis Dolan to the Traffic Committee for a three-year term ending June 30, 2021. Ms. Power seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Ms. Power made a motion to reappoint James Ippolito to the Veterans Council for a three-year term ending June 30, 2021. Ms. Johnson seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Ms. Power made a motion to reappoint John Bailey to the Country Club Management Committee for a three-year term ending June 30, 2021. Ms. Johnson seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Appointments:

Ms. Power made a motion to appoint Gregory Waxman to the Affordable Housing Trust for a two-year term ending June 30, 2020. Ms. Johnson seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Ms. Power made a motion to appoint Leah Godfrey to the Bare Cove Park Committee to fill an unexpired term ending June 30, 2019. Ms. Johnson seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Ms. Power made a motion to appoint Susan Kiley to the Beautification Committee for a three-year term ending June 30, 2021. Ms. Johnson seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Ms. Power made a motion to appoint Eric Osterberg to the Cable TV Advisory Committee for a three-year term ending June 30, 2021. Ms. Johnson seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Ms. Johnson made a motion to appoint Jeff Cutler to the Cable TV Advisory Committee for a three-year term ending June 30, 2021. Ms. Power seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Ms. Power made a motion to appoint Debra Sullivan to the Council on Aging to fill an unexpired term ending June 30, 2020. Ms. Johnson seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Ms. Johnson made a motion to appoint Eleanor Letterie to the Council on Aging for a three-year term ending June 30, 2021. Ms. Power seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Ms. Johnson made a motion to appoint Christine Smith to the Country Club Management Committee for a three-year term ending June 30, 2021. Ms. Power seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Ms. Johnson made a motion to appoint Michael Fisher to the Development and Industrial Commission to fill an unexpired term ending June 30, 2020. Ms. Power seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Ms. Power made a motion to appoint Brett Rosenquest to the Development and Industrial Commission to fill an unexpired term ending June 30, 2020. Ms. Johnson seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Ms. Power made a motion to appoint Katie Duran Cutler to the Harbor Development Committee for a three-year term ending June 30, 2021. Ms. Johnson seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Ms. Johnson made a motion to appoint Lucy Hancock to the Hingham Public Library Board of Trustees for a two-year term ending June 30, 2020. Ms. Power seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Ms. Power made a motion to appoint Kelly Collins to the Veterans Council for a three-year term ending June 30, 2021. Ms. Johnson seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Ms. Power made a motion to appoint Kevin Ellis to the Fire Station Building Committee for a three-year term ending June 30, 2021. Ms. Johnson seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Votes

Ms. Power made a motion to grant permission to the Hingham Farmers Market to use the Station Street parking lot on September 22, 2018. Ms. Johnson seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Mr. Healey made a motion to approve the issuance of a Special (One Day) Wine and Malt Beverages license to Jay Tolman on behalf of the Muscular Dystrophy Association for the Tolman MDA Telethon to be held at Congregation Sha'aray Shalom on Sunday, September 3, 2018 from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm. Ms. Johnson 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 Sergio Pungitore for the Mary of Light Festival to be held on Oak Street on Sunday, September 2, 2018 from 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Ms. Johnson seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Ms. Johnson made a motion to approve the issuance of a Special (One Day) Wine and Malt Beverages license to Robert Lacy on behalf of House of Prayer Lutheran Church for Oktoberfest to be held at the House of Prayer Lutheran Church on Saturday, September 29, 2018 from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm. Mr. Healey seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Mr. Healey made a motion to approve the issuance of a Special (One Day) Wine and Malt Beverages license to Kelsey Strout on behalf of the McCourt Foundation for the Tour de South Shore Bike/Walk event to be held at Wompatuck State Park on Saturday, September 22, 2018 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Ms. Johnson 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 Geoffrey Pedder on behalf of Zelus Beer Company for the Weir River Farm Trail Run to be held at Weir River Farm on Sunday, September 16, 2018 from 8:00 am to Noon. Mr. Healey seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Ms. Johnson made a motion to approve the issuance of a Special (One Day) Wine and Malt Beverages license to Geoffrey Pedder on behalf of Zelus Beer Company for the Weir River Farm Fall Festival to be held at Weir River Farm on Saturday, September 22, 2018 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Ms. Power seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Mr. Healey made a motion to approve the issuance of a Special (One Day) All Alcoholic Beverages license to Laura Winters on behalf of the Hingham Maritime Center for the Hingham Harbor Feast to be held at Barnes Wharf on Friday, September 8, 2018 from 5:30 pm to 11:00 pm. Ms. Johnson 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 Mark Mignosa on behalf of the Fruit Center, Inc. for the Fall Wine Fest to be held at The Fruit Center Marketplace on Saturday, October 13, 2018 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Ms. Johnson seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Ms. Johnson made a motion to approve the issuance of a Special (One Day) All Alcoholic Beverages license to Deirdre Anderson on behalf of the Hingham Historical Society for Tavern Night to be held at Old Ordinary on Saturday, September 15, 2018 from 7:30 pm to 11:00 pm. Ms. Power seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Continued discussion of Water Main Extension – Elmore & Hayes: Grant of Location hearings were held on March 27, 2018

Mr. Healey revisited the grant of location request.

There were questions and comments from the Board.

Ms. Power stated her hope that communication and coordination with Aquarion will improve.

Mr. Healey made a motion to approve the request of Aquarion to install and maintain approximately 800 feet of new 8-inch diameter ductile iron water main in Elmore Road. The new main will originate at the intersection of Lyndon Road connecting into the existing 6-inch main and continue under the gravel road of Elmore Road around the entire loop to completion at the other intersection with Lyndon Road connecting into the existing 6-inch main. This new main replacement project will replace and upgrade an undersized 2-inch steel pipe. Also this project will include new water services and one (1) new fire hydrant as well.

This approval is subject to the stipulation of the Department of Public Works as outlined in the letter dated March 1, 2018. Ms. Johnson seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Mr. Healey made a motion to approve the request of Aquarion to install and maintain approximately 500 feet of new 8-inch diameter ductile iron water main in Hayes Road. The new main will originate at the intersection of Daley Road connecting into the existing 8-inch main and continue under the paved surface of Hayes Road for the entire length to completion at the intersection of Grove Ave connecting into the existing 8-inch main. This new main replacement project will replace and upgrade an undersized 2-inch galvanized pipe. Also this project will include new water services and one (1) new fire hydrant as well.

This approval is subject to the stipulation of the Department of Public Works as outlined in the letter dated March 1, 2018. Ms. Johnson seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Selectmen/Town Administrator Reports

Ms. Monsegur – Mr. Mayo sends his regards, wishes he could be here and hopes to be back in the office next week. We miss him!

Ms. Johnson – Attended the new teacher orientation at the High School with Ms. Power. Spoke with new faculty members and Dr. Galo. Dr. Galo had stressed that the draw for faculty to come to Hingham is based on the school department's partnership with the town and the community. Ms. Johnson stated that she was proud to be part of that.

Ms. Power – Next week, will be presenting the Board's long-term capital planning analysis to the School Committee and Council on Aging. She appreciates the invitation to go before both groups. She has shared the presentation with the Harbor Development Committee and appreciated the thoughtful questions and conversation.

Mr. Healey - Reminded all to check on elder citizens during this heat wave. Elder Services will remain open as a cooling center for the general public. Best to stay cool!

The next Board of Selectmen meeting will take place on September 11, 2018.

Meeting adjourned at: 9:05pm

Approved September 11, 2018

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.)

