

**Board of Selectmen
June 16, 2016
7:02 PM – Regular Session**

Present: Mr. Paul Healey, Chairman; Mr. Paul Gannon; Ms. Mary Power; and Mr. Tom Mayo, Assistant Town Administrator

Questions from the public regarding items no on the agenda

Mr. Kris Phillips, 67 Whitcomb Ave., sought to address the Board but due to the fact he is under indictment on a criminal matter with a pending trial date and an active pending personnel matter, the Board declined to speak with him without counsel present.

Approval of Minutes

Voted- To approve minutes date April 21, 2016 as amended. A unanimous vote.

2016 Shellfish Licenses and Fees

Mr. Ken Corson, Harbor Master appeared before the Board and explained for the past four years the shellfishing beds have not been open due to disease. In the past two weeks, The Division of Fisheries requested Hingham re-open the beds. Mr. Corson has requested we prorate the fees since it will only be a four month period. Traditionally, the fee was \$225.00 for a year for residents and \$350.00 for non- residents. Ms. Power questioned the harvest period time window. Mr. Corson stated the window for harvesting has not changed and there is no limit on the number of licenses issued. He explained that is why we have a set time period for harvesting. Mr. Corson explained he will reach out to the Master Diggers to let them know the licenses are now available. He explained this is only for commercial harvesting and there will not be digging at the Bathing Beach in the middle of the summer.

Voted- to support the reviving shellfish harvesting in Hingham Waterways consistent with our Shellfish Management Plan adopted on July 27, 2004 with the following two exceptions (1) Allow the Town Clerk to issue licenses during a three day period to be set by the Harbormaster and the Town Clerk and (2) Prorate the annual fee of \$225.00 for residents and \$350.00 for non-residents to \$75.00 for residents and \$117.00 for non-residents for harvesting which will occur from June through October 31, 2016. A unanimous vote.

Voted- to reappoint the following Assistant Harbormasters for the upcoming year: Joe Driscoll, Michael McCue, Michael Riley, Danny Souza, Jake Handrahan, Connor Kennedy, Raymond Abreu, Michael Nash, Daniel Goldstein, and Max Goldstein. A unanimous vote.

Replacing Military Equipment at Iron Horse Park, John Thomas

Mr. Thomas appeared before the Board and discussed replacing the guns at the Iron Horse. He explained after two years and numerous inquiries to various military locations, the correct source has been found at the Army's TACOM in Warren, Michigan. The requirements include a public hearing, signature of a town official and an agreement to accept responsibility. If the Board approves, the forms can be submitted which allows Hingham to be put on the waiting list. Mr. Thomas explained the record keeping is identical to the yearly requirement for the gun in front of the GAR Hall. Ms. Power stated she agreed to sign the paperwork, but not to a financial obligation at this time.

Voted- to authorize the appropriate signatory to apply and get in the queue with respect to the parameter as suggested by Mr. Thomas with TACOM. A unanimous vote.

Discussion of Community Preservation Committee Composition.

Mr. Bob Curley discussed the CPC work and how every year the projects get more complex. He explained a great deal of work is involved and qualified people are needed to be in place. Discussion revolved around appointing a Chair or Administrator to enhance leadership capabilities. He explained the demands of the time of Selectmen are heavy and past history reveals those demands have made it difficult for the Selectmen Representative to attend all CPC meetings. A citizen appointment of someone who has served previously as a project manager was discussed. The CPC voted unanimously the option of appointing a citizen with experience and leadership capability to serve as Chair of the CPC.

Voted- motion to adopt the recommendation advance by the CPC with respect to staffing. The motion passed 3-0.

Ms. Power thanked Mr. Curley for all of his hard work on the CPC and The Historical Commission. Mr. Curley encouraged residents to volunteer and stated it was a pleasure working with everyone. He also reported that Ms. Carol Pyle was voted as the new CPC Chair.

Barnes Wharf Extension

Mr. Healey recused himself from this discussion.

Voted- to extend the time to negotiate the lease for Barnes Wharf until Friday July 15, 2016.
The motion passed 2-0.

Votes:

Voted- to approve the issuance of a Special (One Day) Wine and Malt Beverages License to The Trust for Public Land c/o Pamela Gilfillan for "Leading the Conservation Moment" lecture and reception to be held at Ames Chapel on Sunday, June 26, 2016 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. A unanimous vote.

Discussion of Chairmanship

A general discussion was had regarding the Chairmanship.

The meeting adjourned at 8:58

Diane Picot

Approved: September 15, 2016.

Documents: (A complete packet of supporting documentation is on file and available for public review in the Board of Selectmen's Office).

1. Office of the Harbormaster notice regarding Shellfish Harvesting.
2. Office of the Harbormaster notice regarding 2016 Assistant Harbormaster Re-Appointments.
3. Notice of Approval of Special One Day Liquor License to Ames Chapel, Hingham Cemetery, for Sunday, June 26, 2016.
4. Information regarding replacing two artillery pieces at the Harbor.
5. Views on CPC composition-submitted by CPC.