

# Board of Selectmen

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January 19, 2017  
Regular Session 7:00pm

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

## **Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Mary Power to approve the Minutes of January 5, 2017. Paul Gannon Seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

A motion was made by Paul Gannon to approve the Minutes of January 12, 2017 as amended. Mary Power Seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

## **Questions from the Public Regarding Items not on the Agenda**

There were no questions from the public.

## **South Shore Lodge 1850 Sons of Italy in America**

- Change of Manager
- Change of Officers & Directors

A motion was made by Paul Gannon to approve the request of South Shore Lodge 1850 Sons of Italy in America for a change in Manager from George Dolan to Michael J. Argiro; subject to the approval of the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission. Mary Power Seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

A motion was made by Mary Power to approve the request of South Shore Lodge 1850 Sons of Italy in America for a Change of Officers as follows: James Reichardt, President/Chairman; John Argiro, Treasurer; Michael Argiro, Secretary/Clerk; Vincent Perri, Director; Sebastiano Alongi, Officer; Pasquale Delia, Officer; George Dolan, Officer; Jack Hagan, Officer; Vito Marcella, Officer; subject to the approval of the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission. Paul Gannon seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

## **Amended Wetlands Protection By-law Fee Schedule**

Overview presented by Loni Fournier

Questions and answers from the Board.

A motion was made by Mary Power to adopt the amended Wetlands Protection By-law Fee Schedule as presented. Paul Gannon seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

## **Library Construction Grant Application Review**

David Mehegan (Library Board of Trustees/Chairman) and Linda Harper (Director) presented.

Questions and comments from the Board. Mary Power stated she would not be supporting the request as a way to record concerns about this project when it comes up for future consideration.

A motion was made by Paul Gannon to authorize and sign the application for a Massachusetts Public Library Construction Program (MPLCP) Grant offered through the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC). Paul Gannon and Paul Healey in favor, 2-1.

## **Police Sergeant Interviews**

- Eric S. Chessler
- Philip P. Emmott
- Anthony A. Marcella
- Nicholas S. Smith

Questions from the Board were addressed to each candidate.

Chief Olsson and Deputy Chief Jones present. Chief Olsson recommended acting Sergeant Phillip Emmott for the permanent full time Police Sergeant with the Hingham Police Department.

Comments and compliments from the Board were extended supporting each candidate.

A motion was made by Mary Power that the Board of Selectmen, while acting in the capacity of Appointing Authority for the Town of Hingham, extends to Phillip Emmott a conditional offer of employment as a permanent police Sergeant for the Town of Hingham. This offer is contingent upon the successful passing of all required medical and psychological screening examinations and all other requirements related to, but not necessarily limited to the following:

- A. Successful passing of the required medical examination;
- B. Successful passing of the required physical abilities test (PAT);
- C. Successful passing of the required psychological screening process;
- D. Any and all other requirements as mandated by law or regulation.

Paul Gannon seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

### **Vote FY18 Non-School Budgets**

Ted Alexiades explained contents of the FY2018 Non Educational Budgets document. Mr. Alexiades stressed that the contents are the Department requests as recommended and approved by Mr. Alexiades (does not include additional requests).

Questions and answers provided by the Board.

A motion was made by Paul Gannon to approve the FY2018 Non-School Budgets as listed in Exhibit A. Mary Power seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

### **Warrant Articles**

- Article A Hannah Lincoln Whiting Fund
- Article B Assume Liability for DCR
- Article C Committee Reports
- Article E Salaries of Town Officers
- Article G Transfer from Stabilization Fund
- Article H Transfer from the Meals Tax Stabilization Fund
- Article I Disbursement of Electric Light Department Receipts
- Article J Building Department Revolving Fund
- Article K Department of Elder Services Revolving Fund

#### Article A: Hannah Lincoln Whiting Fund

A motion was made by Paul Gannon to recommend Karen Sadlon, 33 South Pleasant Street, be elected a member of the Committee to have charge of the income of the Hannah Lincoln Whiting Fund for a three year term. Mary Power seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

#### Article B: Assume Liability for DCR

A motion was made by Mary Power to recommend favorable action of Article B. Paul Gannon seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

#### Article C: Reports of Various Town Committees

A motion was made by Paul Gannon to recommend favorable action of Article C. Mary Power seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

#### Article E: Salaries of Certain Town Officers

A motion was made by Paul Gannon to recommend favorable action of Article E. Mary Power seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

#### Article G: Transfer from the Stabilization Fund

A motion was made by Mary Power to recommend the town appropriate the sum of \$178, 836 from the Stabilization fund for the purpose of reducing the FY 2018 tax rate. Paul Gannon seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Article H: Transfer from the Meals Tax Stabilization Fund

A motion was made by Paul Gannon to recommend the town transfer the sum of \$450,000 from the Meals Tax Stabilization Fund for the purpose of reducing the FY 2018 tax rate. Mary Power seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Article I: Disbursement of Electric Light Department Receipts

A motion was made by Mary Power to recommend favorable action of Article I. Paul Gannon seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Article J: Building Department Revolving Fund

A motion was made by Mary Power to recommend favorable action of Article J. Paul Gannon seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

Article K: Department of Elder Services Revolving Fund

A motion was made by Paul Gannon to recommend favorable action of Article K. Mary Power seconded. All were in favor, 3-0.

**Discussion: Town Financial Position and Long Term Planning**

Mr. Alexiades asked the board for feedback on his previous report on the Town Financial Position and Long Term Planning presented at the January 12, 2017 Board of Selectmen meeting.

Comments were shared from the Board. Mary Power questioned whether there is sufficient coordination and communication between committees who are pursuing funding for large capital projects. Ms. Power spoke to the importance of optimizing both facility renovations and taxpayer dollars, and expressed her opinion that it would be beneficial to create and socialize a “future state” plan encompassing all facilities (Town and School).

Mr. Alexiades stated that the intention of his presentation is “how to begin a conversation on how we are going to proceed with long term planning”.

**Selectmen/Town Administrator Reports**

Paul Gannon announced the South Shore/Hingham St. Patrick’s Day, 3rd annual SNAP fund raiser will take place on Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at the Community Center to benefit special needs children.

Paul Healey announced that Hingham High School History teacher, Christina O’Connor, along with student, Dylan Davis have been selected for a history research project on D Day. This project will take them to Washington, D.C. and the beaches at Normandy.

Tomorrow, January 20, President Trump is inaugurated.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:37p.m.**

Approved February 2, 2017

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).

1. Sons of Italy Change of Manager and Change of Beneficial Interest
2. Amended Wetlands Protection Bylaw Fee Schedule
3. Hingham Library Construction Program (MPLCP) Grant
4. Sergeant Candidate Resumes
5. FY2018 Non Educational Budgets
6. Warrant Articles