

**TOWN OF HAMILTON  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
SEPTEMBER 19, 2016**

The Board of Selectmen met at Hamilton Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 19, 2016 with Chair Scott Maddern, Shawn Farrell, Jeff Hubbard, Bill Wilson, Allison Jenkins present. Town Manager Michael Lombardo also present.

**Call to order**

Scott Maddern called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

**Public Comment**

Kevin Kaminski spoke about property tax for his parcel at Bradley Palmer.

**Chairman/Selectmen reports**

Allison Jenkins thanked the Fire Department for prompt response and little water damage at her property when a kitchen fire occurred. Jeff Hubbard acknowledged success of public safety day, and foundation work has been done on turf field and volunteers are needed to direct the project.

Shawn Farrell reported on Planning Board and Conservation Commission activity including review of zoning by-law rewrite, proposed cottage housing by-law, cell tower on Asbury Street, parking lot proposal at Patton Homestead, delineating open space and scenic roads, and action on enforcement order.

Bill Wilson provided an update on Zoning Board of Appeals actions on variance, minor changes to Institution for Savings site plan, HW School Committee goals for budget, capital plans, regional agreement including apportionment, Affordable Housing Trust review of parcels relative to affordable housing, and noted that Andrew DeFranza is waiting for next steps to come from the Town.

Maddern described how the COA is supportive of the Longmeadow Way project, and noted how Senior Center is not a family care drop-off, discussion about Cutler property relative to affordable housing. Also his meeting with HW School Committee representatives about budget consideration of local services/local spending, OPEB liability especially for HWRSD, district agreement, six of seven members are from Wenham, and five year capital plan.

**Town Manager's report**

Town Manager Michael Lombardo reported on paving of various streets in Town, work on Bridge Street culvert, erosion improvements on landfill cap and certification of cap and post closure use for Marsh Rats, and paved area for recycling. Also a recent presentation on Essex Street bike path, and recruitment continues for the Finance Director and DPW Director.

**Consent Agenda**

Maddern read the following items:

- The Green Meadows Farm seeks permission to hang a banner on the COA lawn for their annual Harvest Festival on September 24, 2016
- One Day Liquor License requested by Fresh Food Catering for an event at 284 Bay Road on September 30, 2016 from 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.
- Approve minutes of the August 22, 2016 regular and executive sessions

Wilson moved to approve the consent agenda. Farrell seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

**Agenda**

- Change in polling location

The Selectmen discussed the gymnasium at the HW Recreation/HW Library building as polling location for Town elections starting in November. The decision to change location from Winthrop School was due in part to request from HWRSD. The library will be closed on November 8 election day. The Board emphasized importance of publicizing the change of venue to the public via signage on Bay Road and media outlets. Hubbard and Jenkins expressed concern about the change putting a burden on residents and poll workers although they understood school's concern. Duke Seaver, Essex Street, and Bruce Wadleigh, Blueberry Lane were opposed to the change. Bill Bowler, Essex Street, thought the change was manageable. Wilson suggested that another election other than the presidential election might be better to use the new venue. Farrell and Maddern were supportive of the change. Town Clerk Andrea

Carlson and Police Chief Russell Stevens had addressed details associated with the change.

Farrell moved that Hamilton Board of Selectmen approve a change in polling location for the Presidential Election scheduled for Tuesday, November 8, 2016, to be relocated to the H-W Recreation Gymnasium, at 16 Union Street, Hamilton, MA. Wilson seconded the motion. VOTE: 3-2 with Hubbard and Jenkins opposed.

- Waste Collection Program: Consideration and possible vote on the following: changes to the PAYT bag fee; addition of a bulky item charge; making composting mandatory; Enterprise Fund versus G/F program; weekly trash pickup (black bins) and revenue impact to the Town

The Board considered increasing the individual cost of blue bags from \$1.75 to \$2.50, weekly trash pick-up which could cost \$40,000 more a year due to declining blue bag revenue, introducing a \$15 large item pick-up ticket, and dissolving waste enterprise fund and pay for trash hauling through general fund.

Some concerns raised were difficulty to enforce mandatory composting, that costs would go up as recycling goes down with weekly trash pick-up and more solid waste tonnage raising tipping fee, that waste enterprise fund had not been self-sustaining, and if enough due diligence had been done regarding cost control for \$800,000 a year program. Also, what have been historic charges for disposing of large items such as air conditioners (\$25) and there would be a list of items that will be picked up curbside or behind Town Hall. Residents Gretel Clark, Richard Boroff, Shawn Bourassa and Marc Johnson weighed in with support or opposition to the proposed changes in the Town's trash hauling program.

Maddern entertained a motion to change the waste collection program to include: increasing cost of blue bag to \$2.50, \$15 sticker fee for bulky trash items, elimination of waste enterprise fund, and weekly trash pick-up. Hubbard so moved. Jenkins seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

- Affordable Housing Update

The Board discussed how the Affordable Housing Trust is investigating six properties in Town as possible affordable housing sites. Three of these are Town owned land. Andrew DeFranza, Harborlight Community Partners, is holding off filing with the state regarding the proposed Longmeadow Way project (where many Townspeople think

108 units is too many) until due diligence occurs with AHT's six sites which are in the conceptual stage (i.e., HDC Willow Street site, Council on Aging site and Central Avenue). This process will be done using Planning Board guidelines to orchestrate thoughts about Chapter 40B in an organized fashion. Discussions have occurred with DeFranza about if any impact studies should be done. Director of Planning and Inspections Patrick Reffett is negotiating a contract with a consultant regarding the evaluation of Town owned land for affordable housing.

New Business

- Consideration of topics for discussion at future Selectmen's meetings

Topics for future meetings: Essex Street path, election review, waste program (12 month trailing trend), discuss BOS meeting more frequently and meeting with FinCom, updates on solar field, cell tower and breakfast at STM.

Maddern entertained a motion to adjourn at 9:54 p.m. Hubbard so moved. Wilson seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by Jane Dooley, Minutes Secretary

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_



Clerk