

**Meeting Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Hanover Board of Selectmen held via conference call on Monday, July 20, 2020 @ 6:00 PM.**

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Present at Town Hall, Chairman John C. Tuzik. Present via Zoom video conference were Selectmen David Delaney and John Barry and Selectwomen Rhonda Nyman and Vanessa O'Connor. Also present Town Manager (TM) Joe Colangelo and Executive Assistant/Licensing Coordinator Janet Tierney.

**Call Meeting to Order**

Chairman Tuzik opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m., and officially welcomed the two newest members of the Board of Selectmen, Vanessa O'Connor and Rhonda Nyman, and thanked them for their service.

**Board of Selectmen Organization**

The Board voted to appoint Selectman David R. Delaney Chairman of the Board of Selectmen. Vanessa O'Connor, aye, John Tuzik, aye, David Delaney, aye, Rhonda Nyman, aye. Selectman Barry abstained from voting.

Chairman Delaney then proceeded to run the meeting as Chairman.

The Board voted to appoint Selectwoman Rhonda Nyman as Vice Chair of the Board of Selectmen. John Tuzik, aye, Rhonda Nyman, aye, Vanessa O'Connor, aye, David Delaney, aye. Selectman Barry abstained from voting.

**Public Comment**

Chairman Delaney opened the meeting up for public comment. Seeing none.

**Town Manager's Report**

TM reported that all is going smoothly.

**Selectmen's Forum**

Selectwoman Nyman shared that she is honored that the people of Hanover have put their faith in her to serve on the Board of Selectmen. She stated that she wished to address a crude and inaccurate letter that was sent out to select voters in an effort to attack several candidates and influence the election. She assured those watching that the contents of the letter are as untrue as they are vulgar and expressed a willingness to speak with any resident who has questions or thoughts regarding this letter and its contents.

Selectwoman O'Connor proposed that the Board of Selectmen and Town at large issue a statement condemning the recent racist rhetoric and statements made on social media pages that bear the Town's name and clarify that recent statements made on those pages do not reflect the view of the Town of Hanover. She further expressed a desire, if appropriate, to request that those pages either change their names or make a clear statement of non-affiliation with the Town of Hanover. The Chair stated that people should understand that Hanover Connect and 02339 do not have an affiliation with the Town of Hanover, and expressed an interest in putting the topic of a statement from the Board regarding this issue and possibly a Social Media Policy on a future agenda.

Selectman Barry discussed pending legislation regarding police reform. He noted that Senate Bill 2820 had been passed last week without any public hearings or input from the law enforcement or education side. Selectman Barry stated that while there is always room for reform, he urged people to get engaged and weigh in on House Bill 4860 as much as possible as there are items in this bill that are significant. Selectman Barry also took exception with the claim that this is emergency legislation.

The Board discussed the scheduling of future meetings, and agreed to meet remotely and at 6:00 p.m. for the foreseeable future.

The Board discussed the new town vehicles purchased under the Cares Act with TM. TM informed the Board that the vehicles were purchased for Covid response through the Cares Act reimbursement program, and will be used solely for Covid response during the pandemic emergency. TM further noted that the discussion of how to repurpose the vehicles will most certainly be had once the emergency is over, and agreed to forward the Board all the submissions that have been made under the Cares Act.

### **Meeting Minutes**

The Board voted to approve the meeting minutes from June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 and July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

### **Appointments**

The Board agreed to look over the list of Board and Committee Liaison positions and discuss them at a future meeting.

### **Presentation**

Erica Lussier, a Manager from the Melanson accounting firm, informed the Board that she was in charge of the FY 2019 Audit of the Town of Hanover and presented the Fiscal Year 2019 Town Audit. Ms. Lussier ran through the audit's financial statements and informed the Board that the Town of Hanover has received a "Clean Opinion" which is the best opinion you can have, and the same opinion received in the past. Ms. Lussier informed the Board that a Clean Opinion means that in her firm's opinion, the financial statements are presented fairly and in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles or "gaap". The Chair asked for any questions from the Board. Seeing none. TM noted that when he first started there were 10 recommendations for the Town from the accounting firm and the Finance Team has worked diligently to take those 10 recommendations and improve on our processes. The Board adopted some policies to help along the way and the Town has one by one ticked the recommendations off the list. TM went on to say that the Town didn't really have any recommendations for this year, which is quite an accomplishment and quite an achievement for everyone on this call today. TM further stated that this is an example of how we try to improve everything we do. The Board thanked Erica for the presentation. TM invited the Board to reach out to him or to the Finance Director if any questions emerge regarding the audit. The Board thanked Finance Director Lincoln Heineman for a job well done. Mr. Heineman shared the credit with the entire Finance Team and in particular the Accounting Division and Town Accountant Chelsea Stevens.

**Policies**

The Board discussed the Transfer Station with DPW Director Victor Diniak including the topic of bringing c&d disposal back. Mr. Diniak recommended that if it is brought back, the cost should be significantly increased in order to cover all costs associated with providing the service, including labor. Mr. Diniak discussed the process for getting a sticker with the Board. TM echoed Mr. Diniak's recommendation that if the service of c&d removal is to be offered again, the costs associated with staffing for that service should be included in the charge. The Board agreed to set up a Transfer Station site visit to aid them in developing a plan to accomplish their goals with regards to the Transfer Station. Mr. Diniak provided the Board with an update on the water treatment facility and informed the Board that he plans to have the engineers back for a debriefing.

**New Business**

TM discussed the concept of a Fall Special Town Meeting with the Board. The Board decided to postpone this discussion to a future meeting.

**Licenses**

Chairman Delaney recused himself from the discussion of item 12 as he is in the same business as the applicants, and stated he will step back in going forward from item 13.

Selectman Tuzik read the following public hearing notice into the record.

Notice is hereby given that the Hanover Board of Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing at the Hanover Town Hall, Selectmen's Hearing Room, 1st Floor, 550 Hanover Street, Hanover MA 02339 on Monday, July 20, 2020 at 7:15 pm on the application from AMR Holdings –MH, LLC dba Mercedes-Benz of Hanover for a Class I Auto License for the sale of new and second-hand motor vehicles at 572 Washington Street, Hanover, MA 02339 in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 140. This location is shown on Map 48, Lot 7 of the Hanover Assessors Map and the owner of record is Washington Hanover LLC. Signed, The Board of Selectmen, John C. Tuzik, Chairman, David R. Delaney, John S. Barr, Rhonda L. Nyman and Vanessa A. O'Connor.

Licensing Coordinator Janet Tierney provided background information to the Board on the application from AMR Holdings – MH, LLC dba Mercedes-Benz of Hanover for a Class I Auto License at 572 Washington Street, Hanover. Ms. Tierney informed the Board that the applicants have stated that they intend to use the lot solely as satellite parking and they have received all interdepartmental approvals. They further had supplied the requested letter to Conservation stating that they would not make changes to the structures on the lot or build any new structures on the lot, and they had attended a Planning Board meeting where their application had met with the Planning Board's approval. Mr. Joseph Giradot, General Counsel for Prime Auto Group and Mr. Joe Rose, Facilities Director for Prime Auto Group joined the meeting and discussed their application for the secondary lot to be used to store cars in association with the Mercedes Benz of Hanover Dealership. The applicants stated that the lot would be used to store Mercedes-Benz vehicles and Sprinter Vans. The Board discussed the fact that although a previous Board had advised that the applicant needed a Class I License in order to store cars on the lot, this Board feels that a Class I License may not be an appropriate fit for the purpose. Mr. Rose stated that the dealership is only looking for something official from the Town granting permission to lawfully park vehicles on the lot.

The Board and the applicants agreed that the applicants will confer with the Planning Board again in order to gain some clarity on what, if anything, may be required for the applicants to lawfully park cars on the lot. The Board continued the public hearing to a future scheduled Selectmen's meeting.

Selectman Tuzik read the following public hearing notice into the record. Notice is hereby given that the Hanover Board of Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing at the Hanover Town Hall, Selectmen's Hearing Room, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, 550 Hanover Street, Hanover MA 02339 on Monday, July 20, 2020 at 7:20 pm on the application from Players Lounge LLC dba The Draft on 53 located at 637 Washington Street, Hanover, MA 02339 for an Alteration of Premise on their Section 12 - Restaurant - All Alcohol – On Premise - Liquor License, as well as a street number correction on the aforementioned Section 12 – Restaurant – All Alcohol - On Premise Liquor License. This location is shown on Map 39, Lot 10 of the Hanover Assessors Map and the owner of record is Starland Holdings LLC. Signed the Board of Selectmen, John C. Tuzik, Chairman, David R. Delaney, John S. Barry, Rhonda L. Nyman and Vanessa A. O'Connor.

Licensing Coordinator Janet Tierney informed the Board that the request for a street address correction on the Players Lounge LLC dba The Draft on 53's Section 12 Liquor License from 645 Washington Street to 637 Washington Street is being made by the Town of Hanover in order to bring the address on the license in line with the address on file with the Town of Hanover's Police and Fire Departments as well as to facilitate quick emergency response to the site. She further stated that the Draft on 52 has agreed to this request. The Board voted to approve the liquor license premise address correction.

The Board moved on to public hearing on the application from Players Lounge LLC dba The Draft on 53's application for an alteration of licensed premise on their Section 12 Liquor License, public hearing notice above.

Licensing Coordinator Janet Tierney provided background details to the Board on the application, and informed the Board that the application had received all interdepartmental approvals.

The Chair asked to hear from the guests. Mr. Frank Teixeira, Principal Owner of Starland and Kelsey Galante, Marketing and Events Director for Starland joined the meeting and discussed the details of their alteration plans with the Board. The Chair recognized a raised virtual hand from Mr. Rolph Menzer. Mr. Menzer informed the Board that he is an abutter to Starland and requested information regarding the alteration, which was provided. At Mr. Teixeira's invitation, Mr. Menzer agreed to take a tour of the facility with Mr. Teixeira and further discuss the plans. The Chair recognized Mr. J.P. Wing who had raised his virtual hand. Mr. Wing identified himself as an abutter as well, and also requested information regarding the location of the patios proposed to be encompassed into the licensed premise, which was provided. Mr. Wing expressed an interest in the tour and Mr. Teixeira invited Mr. Wing to join him and Mr. Menzer on a tour of the facility.

The Board voted to approve the Players Lounge LLC dba The Draft on 53's application for an alteration of their liquor licensed premise.

In accordance with Selectmen Policy 9-10, the Board voted to ratify the Town Manager's approval of the Temporary Outdoor Dining License for Brother's Bar and Grill located at 778 Washington Street.

At 8:29 p.m. the Board took a roll call vote to enter into executive session to conduct a strategy session related to the ongoing negotiations being conducted between the Town Manager, Assistant Town Manager and Finance Director who are representing the Town of Hanover/Board of Selectmen in the collective bargaining agreement negotiations with the HMEL, AFSME, Fire and Police Unions as the Chair had determined that a discussion in open session would have a detrimental effect on the negotiations. The Board will not be returning to open session.

Roll call vote: Rhonda Nyman, aye, Vanessa O'Connor, aye, John Barry, aye, John Tuzik, aye, David Delany, aye.

The meeting ended and adjourned at 9:08 p.m.