

Meeting Minutes of the Hanover Select Board Regular Meeting held in a Hybrid Format with both in person attendees in the First Floor Hearing Room of Hanover Town Hall as well as remote attendees via Zoom videoconference, on Monday, April 1, 2024 at 6:30pm.

Call meeting to order and Pledge of Allegiance

At 6:30pm the Chair called the meeting to order.

Present at Town Hall were Chair Vanessa O'Connor, Vice Chair Rhonda Nyman, and Selectman John Tuzik, Selectman David Delaney and Selectman Steve Louko.

Present at Town Hall were Town Manager Joe Colangelo (TM), Assistant Town Manager, HR Director, CDMI Director Ann Lee (ATM), and Director of Public Affairs, Licensing and Insurances Janet Tierney (DPA).

All rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments

In accordance with Select Board Policy 2-6, the Chair requested any public comments, seeing none.

Public Hearing

Public Hearing (6:35pm) on the Renewal of the Cable Television License for Verizon New England

The Chair opened the Public Hearing on the Renewal of the Cable Television License for Verizon New England and read the Public Hearing Notice into the record, [attached](#). Attorney William Solomon who handled the Verizon renewal negotiations on behalf of the Town of Hanover and HCTV Station Manager Colleen Smith appeared before the Board via Zoom. Attorney Solomon ran through a summary of the negotiations, attached, with the Board, noting that he expects to have the final license tomorrow. The Board discussed the renewal with Attorney Solomon and Ms. Smith. The Chair asked for any public comments, seeing none. The Chair closed the Public Hearing regarding the renewal of the Cable Television License of Verizon New England Inc.

The Board voted to approve the proposed Cable Television Renewal Licensing Agreement between the Town of Hanover and Verizon New England Inc. as presented to the Board by Attorney William Solomon Special Counsel for the Town of Hanover with the proposed section 5.2.1 revision, attached, related to PEG interconnection and cable casting as Attorney Solomon has proposed.

Annual and Special Town Meeting and Election

Review Updated Draft of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant

TM ran through the current Draft of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant, [attached](#), noting changes from the previous version. The Chair requested any question or comments on the updates presented, seeing none.

Consider Inclusion of ATM Warrant Article - Amend Zoning Bylaws re Proposed Overlay District for Billboards on Route 3

TM presented the Draft Warrant Article regarding the Zoning Bylaw Amendment regarding the Proposed Overlay Proposed Overlay District for Billboards on Route 3, [attached](#), noting the substantive changes from the previous Draft. The Board confirmed with TM that this language

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has been reviewed by Town Counsel and all of the changes were recommended by Town Counsel. Resident Kathy, (last name was inaudible), joined via zoom and asked if the only revenue from the billboard will be the application fee. The Chair informed all that the application fee is only to cover the cost to the Town for application review, and if there were an application put forward and approved the amount of revenue put forward would be negotiated between the Town and the applicant, however based on what Mr. Rull mentioned in previous meetings, the annual fee would be somewhere around \$50,000 a year which is the going rate but our rate has not yet been established. The Chair informed all that there will be a one billboard limit in the Overlay District and that the Broadway area is not included in the proposed Overlay District.

Selectman Louko inquired if Town Counsel had proposed a minimum dollar amount the Town could receive. TM informed all that not for the Zoning Bylaw but yes if an application were to make it past the Planning Board stage, and moved onto negotiations then yes, a minimum dollar amount would be addressed at that point. Cohasset resident Peter McClary joined the meeting via Zoom, noting that he is in the Billboard Business and expressed concerns with the Billboard located near Hanover Crossing and the location and scope of the proposed Billboard District. The Chair informed all that the Billboard near Hanover Crossing is grandfathered in and not subject to the current billboard laws as it predates them. The Chair further commented on the size of the district is to limit impact on residential areas, it is limited to a commercial district, and there is a requirement that there must be 1,000 feet between billboards which further limits the ability to have more than one. The Chair further stated that therefore, it is not specifically tailored to only allow for one company to do it but in order to insure we are not overly crowding the area or impacting the residents there. TM also stated that this was reviewed and the language was specifically recommended by Town Counsel. Mr. McClary questioned that there is anything to grandfather in terms of the board located at the Hanover Mall as he was never able to get a copy of a special permit or variance. The Chair offered to work with the Town Manager, Planning and Zoning to get Mr. McClary the information he is requesting to the extent that it is available, however Mr. McClary declined the offer saying that he already had all of the information.

The Chair discussed how this warrant article came to be, noting that there was a creative opportunity proposed to create this district to potentially bring revenues to the Town and as the Board has received questions and demands from residents regarding what the Board is doing to preserve Town services and address budgetary challenges the Town is facing, and the Board has been presented with a creative idea, that doesn't negatively impact residential uses or neighborhoods within the Town. The Chair stated that the decision the Board is going to vote on this evening is whether this is worth taking to the residents for a vote at Town Meeting. The Board further discussed the topic with Mr. McClary. The Chair clarified for all listening that what the Board has before them is a Bylaw Article as it specifically relates to an overlay district, and not specifically as it relates to the existing billboard sign or the proposed vote to be put before residents at Town Meeting next month. The Chair stated that the Board appreciates Mr. McClary's perspective on this, noted that there has been a robust conversation on this topic, that the discussion is tangential to the topic before the Board and also is being brought forth by a non-resident. The Chair moved the discussion along, provided her contact information and again offered to work with Mr. McClary to provide him the information he is looking for to the extent that it is available. Seeing no further questions, the Board voted to include the Annual Town Meeting Warrant Article to Amend the Zoning Bylaws regarding the Proposed Overlay District for Billboards on Route 3

as presented to the Board this evening. Chair O'Connor, aye, Vice Chair Nyman, aye, Selectman Delaney, aye, Selectman Tuzik, aye, Selectman Louko abstained.

Inclusion of ATM Warrant Article - Amend General Bylaws re Billboards

The Chair informed all that this relates to the discussion the Board just had, and clarified for all that this change just adds one sentence to the existing Bylaw clarifying that Digital Billboards will be specifically governed by this Overlay District as opposed to that Bylaw. The Chair requested any questions or comments from the Board, seeing none. The Chair opened it up to questions or comments from the audience. Selectman Louko questioned if the Planning Board has weighed in on any of this. TM informed all that the Planning Board has a warned Public Hearing on April 8th and this topic will also be up for discussion before the Advisory Committee on April 10th and the Bylaw Review Committee has also scheduled a Public Hearing, details available on the website, to review all of the proposed Bylaw changes including this. So procedurally all of the boxes have been checked. The Chair requested any other questions, seeing none.

The Board voted to include the Annual Town Meeting Warrant Article Amending the General Bylaws regarding Billboards. Chair O'Connor, aye, Vice Chair Nyman, aye, Selectman Delaney, aye, Selectman Tuzik, aye, Selectman Louko, abstained.

Consider Opening the Annual Town Meeting Warrant

The Board voted to Open the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Consider Amendments to the Annual Town Meeting Warrant

The Chair confirmed with TM that this includes the two changes just voted on in addition to the changes shown in tonight's red line Draft Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

TM ran through all of the proposed amendments to the Annual Town Meeting Warrant including those just voted on. The Chair requested any questions or comments from the Board or the Public on the amendments to the Annual Town Meeting Warrant, seeing none.

Consider Setting the Sequence of Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles via Lottery

TM welcomed Resident Les Molyneaux back to assist him with the Lottery Drawing for the second year, and described the process and groupings to all those listening noting, that current Articles 1-11 shall remain the same. TM and Mr. Molyneaux pulled the following sequence of Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles: Police Chief Articles, Public Works Director – Vehicles Articles, Director of Finance Article, Hanover Public Schools Article, Public Works Director – Equipment Articles, Petition Article, Public Works Director – Roads Articles, Town Manager Articles, Select Board Articles, Public Works Director – Water Capital Articles, CPC Articles, Town Clerk Article, Planning Board/Zoning Bylaws Articles, Fire Chief Articles. All thanked Les Molyneaux.

Consider Closing the Annual Town Meeting Warrant

Now that the Board had set the sequence of the Articles via lottery, the Board voted to close the [Annual Town Meeting Warrant](#).

Review Special Town Warrant

TM confirmed for the Chair that there are no changes to the [Special Town Meeting Warrant](#).

Vote to Approve the Special and Annual Town Meeting Warrants and Sign the Constable Orders to Post the Special and Annual Town Meeting Warrants.

The Chair noted that the Board has discussed the changes to the Annual Town Meeting Warrant and there are no changes to the Special Town Meeting Warrant. The Chair requested any questions or comments relating to those, seeing none.

The Board voted to approve the Special and Annual Town Meeting Warrants and to Sign the Constable Orders to Post the Special and Annual Town Meeting Warrants.

Selectman Tuzik stepped out of the meeting.

Consider Approval of the Draft Fiscal Year 2023 Select Board Annual Town Report

The Chair requested any questions or comments on the Draft Fiscal Year 2023 Select Board Annual Town Report, seeing none.

The Board voted to approve the Draft Fiscal Year 2023 Select Board Annual Town Report.

Selectman Louko, aye, Selectman Delaney, aye, Chair O'Connor, aye, Vice Chair Nyman aye.

Select Board Forum

The Chair mentioned that she has received everyone's feedback on the Town Manager's evaluation and she has compiled it. The Chair commented that she has a couple of questions which she and ATM will be discussing with Town Counsel this week, and she expects to have the evaluation ready to be placed on the next Select Board's Meeting Agenda.

Adjourn

The meeting ended and adjourned at 7:40pm.