

**Meeting Minutes of the Hanover Select Board Special 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 22, 2024 at 6:30pm.**

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**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.

**Meeting Minutes**

The Board voted to approve the Meeting Minutes of:

November 20, 2023    February 20, 2024

January 8, 2024        March 4, 2024

January 22, 2024      March 18, 2024

January 29, 2024      April 1, 2024

**Appointments**

**Joint meeting of the Hanover Select Board and the Planning Board**

**David Traggorth Appointed as Full Member of the Planning Board**

The Chair passed the meeting over to the Planning Board Chair MaryAnn Brugnoli who via roll call vote opened the meeting of the Planning Board, April 22, 2024. Roll Call Vote: Ken Blanchard, yes, Giuseppe Fornaro, yes, Meaghan Dunne, yes, David Traggorth, yes, MaryAnn Brugnoli, yes.

The Planning Board via roll call vote, voted to request that the Select Board appoint David Traggorth to fill the Planning Board Seat vacated by Mr. Bernie Campbell until the May 2025 Election. Roll Call Vote: Ken Blanchard, yes, Giuseppe Fornaro, yes, Meaghan Dunne, yes, David Traggorth, yes, MaryAnn Brugnoli, yes.

Seeing no questions or comments from the Select Board Members, the Board voted to appoint David Traggorth, a current Associate Member of the Planning Board, as a Full Member of the Planning Board effective April 30, 2024.

The Chair passed the meeting back over to Planning Board Chair MaryAnn Brugnoli to close the Planning Board Meeting. The Planning Board voted to close their meeting via Roll Call Vote: Ken Blanchard, yes, Giuseppe Fornaro, yes, Meaghan Dunne, yes, MaryAnn Brugnoli, yes, David Traggorth, yes.

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### **Julia Leone Appointed to the Board of Registrars as Recommended by the Republican Town Committee**

Julia Leone and Republican Town Committee Chair Mike Cianciola appeared before the Board. The Chair confirmed with Mr. Cianciola that Julia Leone is the candidate for the Board of Registrars that the Republican Town Committee would like to see appointed. Seeing no questions or comments, the Board voted to appoint Julia Leone to the Board of Registrars as recommended by the Republican Town Committee.

### **Affordable Housing Trust representative Robert Page to the Community Preservation Committee [General Bylaws 4-19]**

The Chair noted that Mr. Page was unable to make it to the meeting tonight due to a death in the family but that due to his background and knowledge relative to the Affordable House Trust she would personally be in favor of the appointment. Selectman Louko also commented that Mr. Page would make a good addition to the Community Preservation Committee.

Seeing no further questions or comments, the Board voted to appoint Robert Page to the Community Preservation Committee.

### **Reappointment of Tammy Murray as Hanover's Delegate to the Old Colony Elder Services Advisory Board**

TM informed all Ms. Murray has been on the Board for many years, and it makes sense to make this reappointment. The Chair noted that due to a conflict Ms. Murray was unable to make it to the meeting tonight however she has sat on the Old Colony Elder Services (OCES) Advisory Board for 10 years now, and also sits on the OCES Finance and Nomination Committees, and seems to be doing a good job and is active in the roll. Seeing no questions or comments the Board voted to reappoint Tammy Murray as Hanover's Delegate to the Old Colony Elder Services Advisory Board.

### **Public Hearing - Licensing**

#### **Public Hearing (6:35pm) on the application from Scutari Hanover, Inc. dba Scutari Italian Restaurant 2055 Washington Street, Suite 200, Hanover, MA 02339 for a Section 12 On Premise Restaurant All Alcoholic Beverages License with proposed Manager of Record Nardi Keka.**

The Chair opened the Public Hearing and read the Public Hearing Notice into the record, [attached](#). Nardi Keka and Attorney John Walker appeared before the Board and spoke on the application with the Board. DPA informed all that the application was in order, all required documents have been submitted and Departmental approvals have been given. When asked Mr. Keka informed all that Scutari Italian Restaurant will hopefully open in May, will have three Chefs from Italy, will be a casual homemade pasta and pizza restaurant and will not have shared staff with Alba. Seeing no further questions, the Board voted to approve the application from Scutari Hanover, Inc. dba Scutari Italian Restaurant 2055 Washington Street, Suite 200, Hanover, MA 02339 for a Section 12 On Premise Restaurant All Alcoholic Beverages License with proposed Manager of Record Nardi Keka.

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**Application for a Change of Manager on a Section 12, On Premise Restaurant, All Alcoholic Beverages Liquor License from NAI Entertainment Holdings LLC dba Showcase Cinema de Lux Hanover Crossing, 1775 Washington Street, Suite 420, Hanover, MA 02339**

NAI Entertainment Holdings' Area Manager Sean Judge, and Managing Director Erik Gomez appeared before the Board and noted that Assistant Area Manager Marlana Balasco is also present in the audience. Mr. Judge informed the Board that the current Liquor License Manager of Record has been promoted to a different position and provided the Board with background on proposed Manager of Record Erik Gomez. DPA informed the Board that there are no Departmental objections to this appointment and all of the necessary documents have been provided. Seeing no questions or comments, the Board voted to approve the Application for a Change of Manager on a Section 12, On Premise Restaurant, All Alcoholic Beverages Liquor License from NAI Entertainment Holdings LLC dba Showcase Cinema de Lux Hanover Crossing, 1775 Washington Street, Suite 420, Hanover, MA 02339.

**Application for an Entertainment License and an Application Sunday Entertainment License from Prep Hanover Real Estate, LLC dba Hanover Crossing, 1775 Washington Street, Hanover, MA 02339**

DPA presented the two applications to the Board, informing the Board that Hanover Crossing is looking to hold events, such as fitness, musical and seasonal events on their green at Hanover Crossing. DPA informed the Board that the Health Department has requested that Hanover Crossing reach out to them to obtain the event forms they need and for help determining what if anything they may need further the Chief of Police has requested to be looped in should any beer gardens or other alcohol be served at an event. DPA clarified for the Board that these applications do not include alcohol, further noting that if they wished to provide alcohol at one of events, they would need to go through the One Day Alcohol License process and the Chief would definitely be kept in the loop. Lisa Berardinelli of Prep Hanover Real Estate appeared before the Board via Zoom. When asked Ms. Berardinelli informed all that Hanover Crossing has stanchions that they would put around the perimeter and Hanover Police will be on site, with additional details as needed to keep the crowds contained.

The Chair informed all that the only difference between the two applications is that in Massachusetts you need a separate license to have the entertainments on a Sunday.

Seeing no further questions, the Board voted to approve the Application for an Entertainment License and the Application for a Sunday Entertainment License from Prep Hanover Real Estate, LLC dba Hanover Crossing, 1775 Washington Street, Hanover, MA 02339.

**Licensing Renewals - License for the Sale of Junk, Old Metals and Second-Hand Articles Avitabile Inc. dba Avitabile Find Jewelers, 1774 Washington Street. Hanover, MA 02339  
Jean W. Winn dba Hanover Coin & Jewelry, 803 Washington Street, Hanover, MA 02339  
Hajnasr Jewelers of Hanover Inc., dba NASR Jewelers, 280 Columbia Road, Hanover, MA 02339**

DPA informed the Board that all of the above renewal applicants had submitted the necessary paperwork for their licenses to be renewed and there were no departmental objections to the licenses being renewed. Seeing no questions or comments, the Board voted to approve the renewal of the Licenses for the Sale of Junk, Old Metals and Second-Hand Articles for

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### **Licensing Renewals - Bowling Alley License**

**Boston Bowl Hanover Inc. dba Boston Bowl, 58 Rockland Street, Hanover, MA 02339**

**Ryan Family Amusements Inc., dba Ryan's, 1775 Washington Street, Building 400, Hanover, MA 02339**

DPA informed the Board that the above applicants have submitted all of the necessary paperwork for their licenses to be renewed and there are no Departmental objections to these licenses being renewed.

Seeing no questions or comments, the Board voted to approve the renewal of the Bowling Alley Licenses for Boston Bowl Hanover Inc. dba Boston Bowl, 58 Rockland Street, Hanover, MA 02339, and Ryan Family Amusements Inc., dba Ryan's, 1775 Washington Street, Building 400, Hanover, MA 02339.

### **Town Meeting**

#### **Review Special and Annual Town Meeting Warrants and Consider Select Board Commentary**

The Board ran through the Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles and discussed possible commentary from the Select Board with the Board. The Board informally voted in support of giving straightforward commentary in support of the Base Budget. The Board further discussed possible commentary. The Chair informed the Board Members that she would draft up commentary language and get it out to the Board for feedback to hopefully be voted on at the meeting prior to Town Meeting.

#### **Consider Signing the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) Between the Town of Hanover and the Hanover Police Union for the Term of July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2026**

TM informed the Board that this CBA is already in effect as of the date the Board signed the MOU and there is no need for the Board to vote on it this evening. TM informed the Board that over the next few weeks, if not tonight, TM will ask that the Board Members to come in and sign the CBA. The Chair instructed the Board Members to please look over the MOU if they wish to, and please come in and sign it, further noting that it is her understanding that the CBA is in line with the MOU.

#### **Review Annual Town Manager Evaluation**

The Chair presented the Annual Town Manager Evaluation, [attached](#), informing all of the process and also that the completed evaluation is available on the Town website and is also linked to this evening's Agenda. The Chair stated that the Town Manager scored an overall average of 4.1 out of 5 which falls into exceeds job standards category which the Board had framed as the Town Manager's work is frequently above the level of outstanding performance but has not achieved an overall level of it. The note was for the Board to thank the Town Manager for the work he has done during the year, the Board enjoys working with the Town Manager and the Board would like to continue to do that. The Chair thanked the Town Manager for all of the work he does.

#### **Town Manager Forum**

TM informed the Board that he and DPA had attended a required meeting with the DOER for the Municipal Aggregation Plan Submission on April 10<sup>th</sup>, as of last week the formal public comment period has concluded and if it hasn't been already, the Municipal Aggregation Plan will soon be

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submitted to the DPU for acceptance and the formal adoption process. TM reminded all that before Covid, the process at DPU would take about 4 months, but since Covid the process has been taking approximately 12 months or more with the reason being staffing shortages. TM informed all that the Town's consultants at DOER, although they cannot guarantee it, are confident that at this time our process will be closer to 4 months than to 12 months. TM stated that the Town will stay engaged with Representative DeCoste and Senator Keenan so that they can help keep the Town move through the DPU review process. TM noted that he saw that Quincy adopted a Municipal Aggregation Plan recently along with a few other communities, so more and more Towns and Cities are adopting it as ours continues to move forward. The Chair noted that she had also seen that and that their contract rate was 4 cents below the existing National Grid rate which hopefully bodes well for Hanover and what Hanover is able to do as well.

### **Select Board Forum**

Selectman Tuzik recognized Selectman Delaney as he finishes 9 years on the Select Board, as this will be the last time the Board Members would all be in this room together. He is certainly a man for others and has served the Town well.

Selectman Delaney thanked them and noted that it is a good time to move on. Further noting he has a lot going on with his family and business and his son has a couple of years before he moves on to college or his next venture so he thinks it's a good time to get back to some of that stuff and let someone else give it a whirl.

The Chair echoed Selectman Tuzik's sentiment and thanked Selectman Delaney noting that he has done a great job.

Vice Chair Nyman thanked Selectman Delaney for his service, commented that family comes first and she is glad to see him spend time with his family, and told him not to be a stranger. The Vice Chair also wished her friend Jerry Finnerty a Happy 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

Selectman Louko thanked Selectman Delaney for his service noting that when Selectman Louko came onto the Board during Covid, Selectman Delaney served as Chair two years in a row and provided good strong leadership during that very trying time for the Town, further noting that the residents of the Town should be appreciative of everything Selectman Delaney has contributed.

The Chair informed all that she has been recruited to host trivia at the Fermentary on Friday May 10<sup>th</sup> from 7pm to 9pm , \$25 per person which includes a drink and there will be prizes and the event will support Hanover Pride, with the funds going to support the Pride Scholarship. The Chair also noted that additionally the Pride event will take place on Saturday June 1<sup>st</sup> from 4pm to 8pm and also supports the Pride Scholarship.

### **Adjourn**

The meeting ended and adjourned at 7:38pm.