

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 Town Hall as well as remote attendees via Zoom videoconference, on Monday, September 26th, 2022 @ 7:00 pm.

Call meeting to order and Pledge of Allegiance

At 7:00pm the Chair called the meeting to order.

Present at Town Hall were Chair Nyman, Vice Chair O'Connor, Selectman Delaney, Selectman Tuzik and Selectman Louko.

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

All rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment and Meeting Minutes

The Chair asked for any public comments, seeing none.

The Board postponed voting on the approval of the Meeting Minutes of September 12, 2022 to the next meeting.

Award Recognition

The Chair invited Fire Chief Jason Cavallaro to the podium. Chief Cavallaro appeared before the Board and provided the background on Firefighter Paramedic Eric Johnson receiving the 2022 Massachusetts Fire & Life Safety Educator of the year award.

The Chief reminded those in attendance that the Fire Department Open House is coming up on October 2nd.

Eric Johnson was welcomed to the podium. He reminded everyone to always be aware of the exits in the room you are in and if there is more than one be aware of the second available exit. He thanked all those who have supported him in his career.

Chair invited Eric to stay at the podium and presented Eric with the following proclamation from the Select Board:

***TO HONOR
ERIC JOHNSON***

Be it resolved on this the 26th day of September, 2022, the Hanover Select Board is proud to join with the residents of Hanover in honoring Hanover Firefighter and Paramedic Eric Johnson for receiving the "2022 Massachusetts Fire & Life Safety Educator of the Year Award".

Eric, who's efforts are directly linked to saving a life in 2021, has been providing Fire & Life Safety Education to school children and seniors since 2016. He was one of more than a dozen nominees for this Award, which was bestowed upon him in recognition of his superior leadership and teamwork skills, as well as his creativity, vision and perseverance.

The members of the Hanover Select Board, along with the citizens of Hanover, wish to express our heartfelt thanks to you Eric, for your extraordinary efforts and heroism. You are

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a credit to your family, your friends, your community and your country. We wish you the very best of luck in all your future endeavors.

Dated: September 26, 2022

Signed: THE HANOVER SELECT BOARD

Rhonda L. Nyman, Chair
Vanessa A. O'Connor, Vice Chair
David R. Delaney
John C. Tuzik
Steven R. Louko, Jr.

All rose and gave Eric Johnson a standing ovation.

Appointments

Appointment of Andrew Butler as Alternate Representative to North River Commission

The Chair invited Andrew Butler up to the microphone. Andrew discussed his background and interest in serving as Hanover's Alternate Representative to the North River Commission with the Board. The Chair requested any questions or comments, seeing none. The board voted to appoint Andrew Butler as Hanover's Alternate Representative to the North River Commission.

Discussion Topics

Discuss North Hanover Fire Substation

The Chair thanked the residents for coming back to discuss this topic with the Board. School Committee Representative to the Fire Station Planning Committee Ruth Lynch was invited up before the Board and spoke on the make-up, role and responsibility of the Fire Station planning Committee, the work the Committee accomplished and how the Committee came to form their decisions.

Chair asked for any questions or comments. The Board discussed the proposed North Hanover Fire Substation with the residents and informed those present that the Board is currently looking into developing a policy on notifying residents when a Town Building or Facility is proposed or planned to be built here in Town. The Chair also informed those present that TM is working on getting answers to all of the questions submitted so far regarding the proposed North Hanover Fire Substation, and welcomed people to reach out to TM if they have any additional questions. TM informed those present that a Wetland Specialist will be onsite tomorrow and their findings, which are expected in a month or so, will be posted online as soon as they become available and the residents will be notified.

MBTA Multi-Family Zoning Requirements

Hanover Town Planner Christine Stickney was welcomed before the Board and spoke on the MBTA Multi Family Zoning requirements. She informed the Board that non-participation in the program will impact Hanover's qualifications to receive grants. A decision of whether or not the Town wishes to participate will need to be made. Christine informed the Board that she has not been able to receive any guidance regarding the program, and does not expect to receive technical assistance until the Town is enrolled.

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Budgeting & Finance
FY2024 + 5 yr. Capital Budget

TM informed the Board that he and Finance Director Chelsea Stevens will be presenting the first Draft FY2024 +5 yr Capital Budget at the Board's meeting next Monday. TM encouraged the Board to look it over and provide feedback, noting that ideally the Budget will be adopted by the Board by Thanksgiving. The Chair asked for any questions or comments, seeing none.

Town Manager Forum

TM took a moment to acknowledge the fire that took place the night before in Hanover, noting that although it looks like the house is a loss, everyone got out safely.

Select Board Forum

The Chair requested, if possible, that Transfer Station hours be extended to full days on Saturdays to accommodate those who work during the week during the time of fall clean up. TM agreed to speak with the Director of Public Works regarding this request in the morning.

Executive Session

At 8:13 pm the Chair requested a roll call vote to enter into Executive Session in accordance with MGL Chapter 30A, §21(a)2 to conduct a strategy session in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel, namely Police Lieutenant.

The Chair announced that the Board will not be returning to Executive Session.

Roll Call Vote: Selectman Tuzik, aye, Vice Chair O'Connor, aye, Selectman Delaney, aye, Selectman Louko, aye, Chair Nyman, aye.

At 8:13pm the Board moved into Executive Session.

At 8:39 pm the meeting adjourned.