

**TOWN OF HAMILTON  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
APRIL 14, 2014**

The Board of Selectmen met at Hamilton Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 14, 2014 with Marc Johnson, Jeff Hubbard, Scott Maddern, David Neill and Jennifer Scuteri present. Town Manager Michael Lombardo also present.

**Call to order**

Marc Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Public Comment**

Ed Howard, 10 Meyer Lane, expressed his concern about how pledge of allegiance did not occur at Annual Town Meeting.

**Town Manager's report**

Town Manager Michael Lombardo updated Board about compost being delivered to behind Town Hall for resident use in one yard quantities, West Point Society has requested use of Patton Homestead, and Mary Beth Lawton, COA Director, spraining her ankle at the Senior Center.

Also, there is a finalist for the DPW Director position and reference/background checks are occurring and resume will be sent to Board. Lombardo explained that the finalist is from Reading, and has a good engineering background. The BOS confirms the department head appointment. Interim DPW Director Dave Hanlon has started his new position. Jeff Hubbard suggested that some of the Selectmen should meet the public works candidate to provide Lombardo with feedback in the decision making process. Lombardo outlined the hiring process that occurred where there was a panel and two rounds of interviews and noted that the Selectmen's role is to confirm the recommended appointment.

**Chairman/Selectmen reports**

Scott Maddern wished the best to Bruce Wadleigh and Robert Sica who were recently injured. He summarized Hamilton Development Corporation meeting noting that Mac Shoe property is being purchased by HDC and community input will be sought on potential uses for site, and HDC has interest in scheduling a multi-land use board

meeting. In addition, HDC is seeking guidance on goals from Town especially from downtown community. Also, there is a working group reviewing consultant report on wage study for HW Library staff.

Jeff Hubbard concurred on speedy recovery for Bruce Wadleigh and Robert Sica. He thanked residents for participation in recent Town election and suggested that moving forward the Board should embrace differences of opinion and possibly implement pledge of allegiance before its meetings.

David Neill spoke to the importance of sidewalks in Town and was supportive of proposal for walkway on Essex Street and emphasized the importance of keeping Hamilton beautiful.

Jennifer Scuteri agreed about the need for sidewalks and thanked Town Meeting for supporting the land sale at the Patton Homestead.

Marc Johnson described a meeting with developer for Patton Homestead land who had expressed enthusiasm for working with Planning Board on project. Also, he noted current quality of the Chebacco Wood trails.

## **VOTE**

### **Annual reorganization of the Board, vote for new Chairman and Clerk, discuss Board liaison roles**

Scuteri thanked Johnson for serving as Board Chair for the last year. She nominated Scott Maddern for the Chair for the next year. Neill seconded the nomination. Johnson expressed support for the nomination. VOTE: Unanimous.

Hubbard nominated Jennifer Scuteri for Board Clerk. Neill seconded the nomination. VOTE: Unanimous.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Maddern read items on Consent Agenda.

- Sign Certification of Election of Jane M. Wetson as Town Clerk. Jane M. Wetson took her oath of office today.
- One Day Liquor License: **Gourmet Delights** for an event on Saturday, May 2, 2014.

- Accept resignation of Lois Thomas from the COA Board of Directors, effective April 9, 2014.
- Approve Minutes for Regular Session – March 17, 2014.

Maddern entertained a motion to accept the Consent Agenda as read. Hubbard so moved. Johnson seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

## AGENDA

**Discuss adopting M.G.L. Chapter 138, Section 33B which would allow licensed establishments to serve alcohol with Sunday Brunch, starting at 10 a.m. If deemed appropriate, the Board will formally vote to adopt and specify a date. Once adopted, each licensed entity is required to file a Form 43 for a change in hours, which must be approved by the BOS and the ABCC before earlier hours commence.**

Marc Johnson moved that the Town of Hamilton adopt M.G.L. Chapter 138, Section 33B which would allow licensed establishments to serve alcohol with Sunday Brunch, starting at 10 a.m. Neill seconded the motion. Discussion ensued about how Town Hall employees searched extensively for documentation of a previous Selectmen's vote on this matter. Also, how a news brief could be included in Chronicle newspaper to make abutters aware of Selectmen's vote tonight and change in these establishments' licenses once these merchants file a Form 43 in response to the newly adopted section of M.G.L. and approval is given by BOS and ABCC. VOTE: Unanimous.

### **Set date for next Board of Selectmen meeting**

The Board's next meetings are scheduled for April 28, May 5 and May 19. Discussion ensued about the Board conducting working sessions.

## NEW BUSINESS

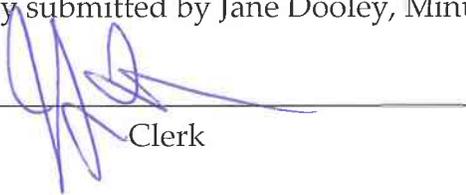
### **Consideration of topics for discussion at future Selectmen's meetings**

Discussion addressed topics including: capital list, Board goals/objectives (that could be shared with other boards and committees), Chapter 61 land acquisition policy, redrafted personnel policy, affordable housing and state quota, appointment of boards and committees and outreach to see if citizens want to continue to serve, clear guidance for Town manager (scoring the position on specific objectives and using a simpler evaluation format), next steps with ECO, if Recreation Board could serve in a larger

guidance role, what recreation services are duplicate, role of HDC relative to Meals tax and if any of this revenue is available for small scale projects, wage and classification study, and schedule Saturday strategy session.

Maddern entertained a motion at 7:54 p.m. to adjourn. Scuteri so moved. Hubbard seconded motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by Jane Dooley, Minutes Secretary

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

**Official versions**  
**(changes in blue bold italics)**

1892

"I pledge allegiance to my flag  
and the republic for which it  
stands: one nation indivisible  
with liberty and justice for all."

1892 to 1923

"I pledge allegiance to my flag  
and to the republic for which it  
stands: one nation indivisible  
with liberty and justice for all."

1923 to 1924

"I pledge allegiance to the  
flag of the *United States* and  
to the republic for which it  
stands: one nation indivisible  
with liberty and justice for all."

1924 to 1954

"I pledge allegiance to the flag  
of the United States of  
*America*, and to the republic  
for which it stands; one nation  
indivisible with liberty and  
justice for all."

1954 to Present

"I pledge allegiance to the flag  
of the United States of  
America, and to the republic  
for which it stands, one  
nation under God, indivisible,  
with liberty and justice for all."

