

**TOWN OF HAMILTON  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
JUNE 15, 2015**

The Board of Selectmen met at Hamilton Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 15, 2015 with Scott Maddern, Marc Johnson, Shawn Farrell, Jeff Hubbard (arrived at 7:11 p.m.) present. Town Manager Michael Lombardo, HW Recreation Director Sean Timmons, HW Joint Recreation Board members Steve Ozahowski and Dennis Curran also present.

**Call to order**

Scott Maddern called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Public Comment**

None.

**Chairman/Selectmen reports**

Marc Johnson mentioned how Zoning Board of Appeals wants to be represented in zoning by-law rewrite working group, HDC's joint meeting with BOS and ULI at HW Library on June 22, Patton non-profit group meeting, and land acquisition policy will be discussed by Planning Board on June 16, Conservation Commission on June 24, and ZBA on July 1. Special permit was signed by Planning Board for Patton housing project. Shawn Farrell noted that RFP is out for bathhouse at Patton Park, turf field working group is going to set up not for profit and is considering lighting as well as communicating with abutters, site walk for Sagamore Hill, Recreation Department's park summer program enrollment is good, and it is sponsoring fireworks during two-town event, flag football has requested use of field which will be addressed, CPC reviewed open projects and rating system, and he reported on Planning Board's review of Tom Ford's Bay Road project relative to drainage, T&M Landscape site plan review, Richard Boroff's approved appointment as associate member, steering committee by-law revision. Maddern gave an update on Q&A session at COA, High School candlelight service, Patton Homestead non-profit working group meeting, and presentation/reception for Arthur "Butch" Crosbie of Hamilton Historical Society. Jeff Hubbard mentioned youth lacrosse teams playing for state championship and that U13 is state champion.

**Town Manager's report**

Town Manager Michael Lombardo reported that Brian Connelly will serve as interim Finance Director starting week of June 29. There will be overlap with Deborah Nippes-Mena. He also mentioned discussion on lease with HWRSD for elementary schools which has to be signed at the end of the month. The phone system will be replaced in municipal buildings in collaboration with HWRSD school buildings.

**Department Reports – Director Sean Timmons to present the Board with an update on the Hamilton Wenham Recreation Department**

Sean Timmons thanked HW Joint Recreation Board for effort on projects in Town. He noted growth in Recreation Department programs due in part to online registration, partnership on larger events with Community House (i.e., two town celebration), basketball court resurfaced and painted, tennis courts will be resurfaced and painted with pickle ball courts lined as well, bids were received for Patton Park pool which will be evaluated so final design and construction phase will begin during the summer, fence/bench work done at baseball diamond at Patton Park with new bleachers to be installed and donated construction of new dugouts in August, and HWRHS master plan and non-profit group being organized.

He summarized in last year the Recreation Department is up more than 100% in youth revenue (150 programs offered since last September), and the revenue is up for adult programs (i.e., kickball) as well. Timmons mentioned that the park program camp has reached \$120,000 in revenue since September compared to \$90,000 last year. He noted that Jennifer Carney, administrator in Recreation office, is doing a great job.

Discussion ensued about how recreation program participants had doubled from 1,500 to 3,000 in a one year timeframe and that revenue does not correlate due to varying pricing for different programs. Also addressed was participants in initial working group with Gale Associates including athletic director, coaches, youth sport director, and representatives from youth sports organizations. The next step for the volunteer working group (i.e., Peter Gourdeau, Phil Tocci etc.) will be to define a timeframe and do a public presentation in the next few months regarding the turf field. Information about this topic will be posted on the Town's website. A hard copy of the presentation was given to Ed Howard, 10 Meyer Lane, in response to his request that handout be available to public.

## CONSENT AGENDA

- Confirm appointment Richard Boroff as Planning Board Alternate, by the Planning Board.
- Appoint Jane Wetson as Coordinator for The Hamilton Foundation, for a term expiring June 30, 2016.
- Request from the **Community Service of Hamilton Wenham, Inc.** to hang a banner from the tennis court fence promoting the Two Town Summer Celebration Block Party on June 27, 2015.
- One Day Liquor Licenses – **Green Meadows Farm** for five events: June 20, 2015, July 18, 2015, August 22, 2015; September 5, 2015; and September 19, 2015. **Essex County Trails Association** for an event June 20, 2015. **Myopia Hunt Club** for an event in the lower polo fields on June 20, 2015.
- **Approve Minutes:** June 1, 2015 – Regular Session.

Maddern read items and entertained a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Johnson so moved. Farrell seconded the motion. Hubbard moved to amend the motion to put a hold on confirmation of appointment of Richard Boroff as Planning Board Alternate by the Planning Board. Johnson seconded the amended motion. VOTE: Unanimous. The Board also voted unanimously on the first motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

- Confirm appointment Richard Boroff as Planning Board Alternate, by the Planning Board.

Johnson moved to approve appointment of Richard Boroff as Planning Board Alternate, by the Planning Board. Farrell seconded the motion. Maddern outlined procedure to follow and mentioned that Board had received positive emails about Richard Boroff in the last several days. Hubbard stated that he did not receive these positive emails about Boroff.

Richard Boroff, Moynihan Road, described how the associate term could be for as long as two years, and noted that a person in this position only votes if an elected member of Planning Board is not available. He has lived in Town for 40 years and has two children that went through the school system. Boroff has spoken with Planning Board Chair about conduct of board member. Boroff described how he makes decisions based on fact not emotional involvement in problems, and is looking forward to opportunity to serve on the board.

Bea Britton, 466 Highland Street, requested this appointment go back to the Planning Board for due diligence since new members in favor of appointment were not subject to

Mr. Boroff's hostile, rude, threatening behavior that EIE experienced during time of school overrides. Jay Burnham, 21 North Street, opined that Mr. Boroff keeps track of people in Town and cited his lack of open mindedness and bias and concurred about further discussion needed on appointment by Planning Board. Douglas Kiernan cited threat and attempted extortion from Mr. Boroff and opined that he should not serve on a Town board. Elizabeth Dunbar, Greenbrook Road, stated how she was called at home and threatened by Mr. Boroff and that he did not belong in public office. Betty Gray, Lee Park, received notice from Mr. Boroff and concurred he should not be in public office. Peter Britton, 466 Highland Street, stated that the Planning Board which depends on high quality talent voted 5-2 and due diligence is needed for strategic candidates. George Lamontagne, Appaloosa Lane, concurred with Britton and noted that Mr. Boroff was denied a position on the FinCom.

Maddern noted that he had received an equal number of positive comments about Mr. Boroff including from other towns and the School Committee. Hubbard opined that this was difficult, he did not like to judge people but would in this case based on merits and performance and noted importance of ability for board candidate to act civilly and pattern of behavior with Mr. Boroff. He opined about liability issue and Mr. Boroff expressing his different opinion and how it could distort what Town is trying to do. He also noted liability if Mr. Boroff as a Planning Board member calls someone at home if he had a difference of opinion. Hubbard said behavior such as Mr. Boroff's has caused good members of community from pursuing volunteer positions with the Town. Hubbard said it was extraordinary for him not to vote with the recommendation of the Planning Board. Johnson explained how conversation about overrides was highly charged and that Mr. Boroff was consistent with many on the issue. He recognized the importance of people serving on boards sticking to the facts, and stated that the Planning Board had done its due diligence in voting for narrow position associated with special permits. Johnson mentioned that the calls he received from Mr. Boroff were relative to fact finding. He stated that he was in favor of appointment for Mr. Boroff. Farrell disclosed how Mr. Boroff had helped him and Bill Wilson with their campaigns for BOS, and that he had received a fact finding telephone call from Mr. Boroff. Also that Farrell had received phone calls from other residents stating their opinion about Farrell. He concurred with Johnson's opinion about Mr. Boroff as a fact finder and potential asset for Planning Board. Maddern stated how he had spoken with Jeff Melick, who is strong Chair of Planning Board, and how thorough Mr. Boroff was with understanding by-laws, and is supportive of appointment. He too had received calls from other residents and been told he is being watched.

The Board voted 3-1 with Hubbard opposed to confirm appointment of Richard Boroff as Planning Board Alternate, by the Planning Board. Discussion addressed importance of Mr. Boroff building a strong relationship with Planning Board Chair Melick.

## **REAPPOINTMENTS**

Maddern entertained a motion to reappoint Town Board and Committee members whose terms are expiring, as detailed on attached list to agenda. Farrell so moved. Hubbard seconded the motion. Discussion ensued about seven people who serve on Council of Aging executive board and there are two vacancies with candidates ready to move forward. VOTE: Unanimous.

## **AGENDA**

- Discuss 3 year financial forecast

Discussion ensued about usefulness of 3 year financial forecast for Town and HWRSD and how this will be reviewed again during a summer planning session as part of preparing Town for capital expenditures. Hubbard opined that actual spending versus budgeted costs is what should be analyzed. Maddern noted that the HWRSD has to provide five-year capital plan as part of lease from Town to HWRSD for Cutler and Winthrop Schools that is up for renewal. Farrell concurred with interest in this planning session. Johnson recommended that it could be done in August. The new Finance Director starts working for Hamilton at the end of June. HWRSD begins its budget process two months sooner than Town.

- Discuss and adopt Town Manager goals

Lombardo offered to put the goals on a timeline in writing based on staff resources. Maddern and Lombardo will review and this will be accomplished before next Board meeting.

- **Set date of next Selectmen meeting**

The next Selectmen's meetings will be held on June 22, July 6 and 20, August 3 and 17.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

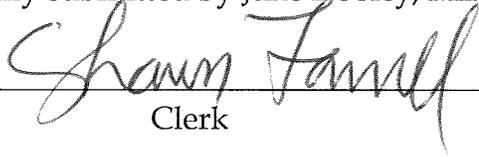
- **Consideration of topics for discussion at future Selectmen's meetings**

Discussion addressed turf field, Patton housing development and possible appeal of Special Permit, possibility of joint meeting with CPC and BOS to understand what CPA funding is available for ranked projects, open space plan, dedication of trees at Patton Park as well as parking lot project, follow up on Town Manager's goals, update master plan, revision of by-laws.

Maddern entertained a motion to adjourn at 8:49 p.m. Hubbard so moved. Johnson seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by Jane Dooley, Minutes Secretary

ATTEST:

  
Clerk