

Minutes

Recycling Committee (Committee of the Select Board)

Monday, June 25, 2006 5:00PM

Mary Herbert Conference Room

1 *These minutes were prepared as a reasonable summary of the essential content of this*
2 *meeting, not as a transcription.*

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4 Members Present: Laurel Pohl, Hope Miller, Alan Bucklin

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6 Members Absent: Brian Chevalier, Jeff Church, Deb Horman

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8 The meeting was brought to order at 5:10pm on Monday, June 25, 2007.

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10 The committee discussed the need to recruit more members and Ms. Pohl agreed to
11 contact a list of potential recruits.

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13 Ms. Pohl asked for volunteers to serve as chair the committee and explained that she was
14 spread too thin already with her work as an elected member of the Planning Board, Vice-
15 Chair and Secretary of the Cable Advisory Committee, and Chair of the Long Range
16 Planning Committee. Ms. Miller declined and said that she also had other commitments
17 with the Friends of the Library and other town committees. Mr. Bucklin said that he had
18 no experience in town government and was reluctant to serve as chair. Ms. Pohl
19 suggested that she would help Mr. Bucklin with running the meetings, leading the group,
20 and getting meeting agendas drafted and posted, but that she could not commit to
21 handling the minutes. Mr. Bucklin agreed to serve as chair with Ms. Pohl's assistance,
22 and would assign the task of taking minutes to other members of the committee at
23 subsequent meetings.

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25 Ms. Pohl made a motion to nominate Mr. Bucklin to serve as chair of the committee. Ms.
26 Miller seconded the motion. The vote was 3-0 to elect Mr. Bucklin as Chairman of the
27 committee.

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29 Potential goals and objectives of the committee were discussed. Mr. Bucklin suggested
30 that oil recycling be added as a service. Ms. Pohl noted that oil recycling may need to be
31 done under the oversight of qualified personnel, but that, if located at the new PWD site,
32 potential to monitor the system and to use the recycled oil as supplemental heat in the
33 new PWD garage would be beneficial. Mr. Bucklin volunteered to look into this issue
34 and bring more information to the next meeting. Ms. Pohl suggested that the committee
35 make a recommendation to the selectmen that the heating system in the new PWD garage
36 be supplemented with a used oil furnace, and that the recycling would work with the new
37 Green Building committee on this issue.

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1 Ms. Pohl added that working with the school to collect their recyclables would increase
2 volume of materials, potentially increasing the recycling revenues in turn. She indicated
3 that she had recently spoken to Mr. Sweet, the principal of the school, and he had asked
4 her to contact Ms. Crowley regarding the issue.

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6 Ms. Pohl discussed the issue regarding the funding of the recycling center and distributed
7 the minutes of the deliberative session pertaining to the recycling center.

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9 ...Ms. Creighton proceeded to give an overview of the Town's Operating Budget.

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11 Larry Miller moved to amend the article \$45,738.00 to reinstate Recycling Account #4326, into the
12 operating budget. Amendment passes. The amended operating budget will be \$4,941,845.52, default
13 budget shall be \$4,871,777.52.

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15 Article 16. Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2-1
16 Not Recommended by the Budget Committee 3-4-1

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18 Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate by taxation the sum of forty seven thousand one hundred ten
19 dollars (\$47,110) for the purpose of continuing the operation of the town recycling center located at
20 Cherry Road? ***If this article is not approved by the voters the recycling center will be closed because**
21 **there is no amount in the budget to keep it open.**

22 **Amended at the Deliberative Session. Original wording has strike through. Amended wording is bolded.*

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24 Article 24. Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0
25 Not Recommended by the Budget Committee 6-0

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27 On petition by Allison Robie and at least 25 other registered voters of the town of North Hampton:

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29 If the Warrant Article to continue to operate the recycling center is not approved, shall the Town of North
30 Hampton sell the recycling center property located on Cherry Road, ***at no less than fair market value,**
31 the proceeds from which shall then be placed in a capital reserve fund designated to offset the cost of land
32 acquisition and/or construction of a new public works garage/salt shed in a non-residentially zoned
33 location, and further to allow the Board of Selectmen to act as agents to withdraw these funds for this
34 purpose solely?

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36 *bolded.*

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38 Ms. Pohl explained that Warrant article #8 (the town operating budget) was amended at
39 the deliberative session because the selectmen had opted to zero out the recycling budget
40 and so the proposed town operating budget did not include any funds to run the recycling
41 center. During the deliberative session. Mr. Miller said that this would force proponents
42 of the recycling center to vote against the town operating budget so that the recycling

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1 center would be funded in the default budget. A proposal to reinstate the funds was made
2 and carried.

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4 However, article 16 also funded the recycling center and the article was article passed at
5 the election. Ms. Pohl explained that the funds in the warrant article were clearly
6 authorized for the recycling center but that it was not clear that the citizens were aware
7 that if both articles passed, they would be taxed twice to fund the center. She added that
8 the town's operating budget was a "bottom line budget, and the funds could be
9 reallocated for another purpose. However, Ms. Pohl stated that she felt uncomfortable
10 using the funds in the town operating budget for recycling and suggested that the
11 committee make a recommendation to the selectmen to return the funds in the budget to
12 the taxpayer in the form of a reduction to the tax rate in the December tax bills. The rest
13 of the committee concurred.

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15 Ms. Pohl agreed to draft the recommendations to the BoS and present them at the next
16 meeting.

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18 The next meeting was set for July 12th at 7:00 PM.

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20 The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 PM.
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