

Town of North Hampton

New Hampshire 03862

Office of Selectmen

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Selectmen's Meeting
November 3, 1997

Chairman Dick Wollmar called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. with Allen Hines, Russell McAllister, members of the press and public present.

Minutes, Hines moved to accept the minutes of October 27 with one change, no meeting of Budget Committee Nov. 7, just budgets due in the Town Office to be picked up, Wollmar seconded, unanimous.

Payroll and manifest were signed by the board.

Russell reviewed Selectmen's correspondence:

- * \$700 budget request of AIDS Response.
- * \$1050 budget request of Child & Family Services.
- * Northeast Utilities re: street lights.
- * Aries Engineering re: capping of Coakley, won't be completed till August '98, need to send letter for extension of funds.
- * Telecommunications re: Coakley.
- * Police Dept., broken cruiser windshield. Stress factor, could've been caused by radar equipment, has been replaced.

Chief Maloney explained Cops in Shop Program. While an officer was involved in this his private vehicle received \$800 damage by an uninsured motorist. If put on his insurance rate will go up. Chief recommended the town pay and go after the other driver through small claims. In the future to avoid this happening again officers will be dropped off at the site.

Hampton Water Works appeal of Planning Board decision, Wollmar explained a special committee of the Planning Board has been negotiating with Water Company re: wells 17,18 & 19. Planning Board approved their site plan review with the exception of 2 minor things. But they filed suit in form of appeal to Superior

Court. John Ryan is reviewing it right now. If he feels he's not the right attorney he'll recommend one. Another avenue is to look under RSA 38 which permits the town to acquire take over of Water Company by eminent domain. Need to put before the town and let them decide, will need a 2/3 vote. They submitted their assessment figures which we will be having reviewed. Wollmar stated we will be addressing this problem aggressively.

Appointment of new Selectman, Wollmar made a motion to appoint George Lagassa to fill the position of Selectman, Hines seconded, unanimous.

Swearing in of new Selectman, George Lagassa was sworn in by Delores Chase, Town Clerk.

New tax rate, Wollmar said he was pleased to announce the tax rate for 1997-1998 has been set at \$17.70. Bills will be going out in next 10 days, hopefully. Persons will have 30 days from day they're sent out before interest goes on. Wollmar explained take amount paid in June and deduct from December bill and that's what is due.

Questions & comments, Chris Ganotis, 18 Deer Run requested street lights go up ASAP at intersections of Post & Walnut, New & Post, Cherry & Post and Hobbs & Route 1, all dangerous spots. Wollmar stated he'll put the request in tomorrow, but in the meantime people should drive carefully.

Mrs. Ellingwood, asked why it was taking so long to cap Coakley? Eighteen wheelers were hauling all day Friday by her house.

The press questioned the assessment of the Water Company, Wollmar explained it's not an independent appraisal of three million value, other side is they charge the town \$125,000 for the hydrants. They're pumping 1 1/2 million gallons per day from North Hampton and with 2000 households using approximately 250 gallons per day, the rest of the water is leaving town.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.



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