

Selectmen's Meeting  
11 May 1998  
7:00pm

The regularly scheduled Selectmen's meeting was called to order by the acting Chair, George Lagassa, at 7:00pm. Those present included Jack Steiner (Selectman), and Russell McAllister (Town Administrator). Allen Hines was absent

The Selectmen next reviewed the previous meeting minutes and Mr. Steiner voted to accept the minutes as published. Mr. Lagassa was unable to second the motion due to his absence at the prior meeting. Mr. Steiner conditionally approved the minutes of the previous meeting. Full approval is expected upon the return of Mr. Hines

The selectmen reviewed correspondence and/or signed:

- Payroll
- Manifest
- Auditor's release for Attorney & Bond Bank information for the Town's financial audit.
- DOT & DES bulletins for upcoming public meetings.
- Budget Committee Meeting, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm.

### **Topics of Discussion**

The TA provided information on the status of various projects. The Board was apprised of the status of the Little River Watershed Project. The TA explained that a plotter had been purchased with grant funds from the USDA Forest Service & generous support from the NHHH Conservation Commission. Two college interns from UNH had been hired to perform the vegetation mapping and fieldwork. Their wages and their workman's compensation will be paid out of the grant money. The TA also briefed the Board on the status of the recent NH Envirothon held at the NHHH elementary school. Final competition will be held at Loon Mountain on June 21<sup>st</sup>. Sponsors of the NH Envirothon asked that we send representatives to the competition because the project concerns North Hampton. The TA also suggested that the winner be invited to present their recommendations to the Board at a public meeting.

The TA next briefed the Board on the Nation Development Council training he attended that day as part of the ongoing efforts to create a Regional Development Corporation (RDC) that would serve the needs of the Seacoast Region. Part of the ongoing effort involves the Town of NHHH submitting a Capacity Building grant with the Office of State Planning on behalf of the Seacoast Business Alliance (SBA). Grant criteria requires that at least three towns submit letters of commitment—letters of agreement that a municipality has agreed to become part of the RDC's service area for the purpose of the grant. Mr. Steiner asked that the TA give a briefing to those in attendance about the purpose of the grant and of the SBA in general. The TA explained that the SBA was trying to start a Regional Development Corporation that would assist small businesses in the areas of retention or expansion in the Seacoast Region through a lending program. The emphasis of SBA lending programs would be centered on small businesses located on the Route 1 corridor in the Hampton's and the Hampton Beach area. Mr. McAllister suggested that a motion by the Board to submit a letter of commitment from the Town would be necessary to fulfill the grant requirements. Mr. Steiner made a motion to submit a letter of commitment from the Town of North Hampton as part of the Capacity Building Grant. Mr. Lagassa seconded the motion.

The Board next heard a briefing on the implementation status of the new tax software. The TA reported that the tax data had been hand entered. The software providers, CompuSense, had provided onsite training and were scheduled to return to assist the staff in preparing the tax bills. The TA commended Peggy Neves and Jan Facella for their efforts in entering the tax data and learning the new software and characterized their

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teamwork as exemplary. The TA reported that Peggy Neves had completed her 90-day probationary period as Deputy Tax Collector and that Jack Begley recommended that her pay be set at \$10.00/hour. The TA also recommended the increase. The Board agreed with the increase in pay and the TA agreed to follow-up on the issue.

The Board next discussed the issue of renting Town Hall for language instruction to a teacher from the North Hampton School (NHS) for two weeks in July from 9:00-11:00am daily. The regular rental fee is \$15.00/hour. The party interested in renting the Town Hall for language instruction was inquiring about a reduction in the rental fee. The Board thought there was not enough to go on and directed the TA to flush out more of the details on the issue. The TA agreed to do so.

The Board met with two candidates for the position of Police Patrolman. Candidates Jason Allen & Charles Law chatted briefly with Board members as a way of getting acquainted. The meeting was designed as an introduction and was not part of an interview process.

The Board next discussed the appointment of members to the Planning & Zoning Boards, the Recreation Commission and the Bandstand Committee. Mr. Steiner made the motion to appoint the following individuals [listed below] to the Planning & Zoning Boards, Recreation Commission and Bandstand Committee. Mr. Lagassa seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

**1. Planning Board**

<u>Alternate</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Donald Gould	2001

**2. Zoning Board of Adjustment**

<u>Full Member</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Mark Johnson	2001

**3. Recreation Commission**

<u>Member</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
John Woodworth	2001

**4. Bandstand Committee**

<u>Member</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Mary Carella	2001
Kendall Chevelier	2001

Bids for the Highway Resurfacing project were opened by the Board and read aloud for those in attendance. The bids were for pavement on a per tonnage basis. The results are listed below.

<u>Company</u>	<u>Price/Ton</u>
Pike Industries	\$28.30
Bell & Flynn	\$31.00
Continental Paving	\$33.65
Brox	\$30.60

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The Board agreed that the best price on a per tonnage basis was Pike Industries. The Board directed the TA and Bob Strout (DPW) to further research the bids for project completion dates, availability, and quality of work to be performed and present the findings of further research at the next meeting. The TA and DPW agreed. No decisions regarding the awarding of the bid were made.

The Board briefly reviewed the resumes of two individuals who had been chosen by the Recreation Commission for the position of Recreation Director, Tracy Heine, and Assistant Director, Jason Nupp. Jill Brandt introduced the Ms. Heine as the summer Rec. Director to the Board. A brief discussion ensued regarding summer recreational activities.

### **Selectmen's Concerns**

Mr. Steiner gave a brief report on the status of the Master Plan update. He reported that the Planning Board would be having an additional meeting, or work session scheduled for May 21<sup>st</sup> at 4:00pm. The regularly scheduled Planning Board meeting would be held on May 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. Mr. Steiner further explained that the Planning Board would be conducting public reviews on a chapter by chapter basis for the Master Plan. Mr. Lagassa asked Mr. Rhineman (School Board Member) how the school was developing information for the update of the Master Plan. Mr. Rhineman explained that various committees were being created and a private consultant was being employed to research the curriculum and associated space needs. From the curriculum/space needs research the School Board would have a much clearer understanding of the total capacity of the school in terms of curriculum to total number of students.

Turner Porter next addressed the Board at Mr. Lagassa's invitation concerning a recent ZBA decision regarding Mr. Porter's Mill Road subdivision. Mr. Porter explained that there had been an ongoing appeal by Mr. Doskicil to rehear his concerns. It was Mr. Porter's contention that Mr. Doskicil could not introduce new evidence regarding the subdivision because the time to introduce such evidence had elapsed. It was explained that Mr. Porter had sought injunctive relief in Superior court asking that the court rule that the ZBA did not have jurisdiction to render a decision on the appeal. The Town Attorney had argued that given the recent 5-0 vote against rehearing the Doskicil appeal, it was unlikely that the ZBA would 'flip-flop' and reverse its decision to rehear Mr. Doskicil's appeal and therefore, a ruling by the court was at that time unnecessary. Mr. Porter went on to complain that a subsequent appeal by Mr. Doskicil over the issue resulted in the ZBA reversing its earlier decision in favor of hearing the Doskicil appeal. Mr. Porter expressed concern over the delay, now in its eighth month, that prevented the construction of the Mill Road subdivision. Mr. Lagassa agreed that the case had a certain 'Kafka-esque' quality to it. While Mr. Lagassa understood Mr. Porter's complaint he felt it prudent to consult with Town counsel before proceeding. Mr. Steiner agreed and the TA was directed to set-up a meeting with John Ryan.

### **Questions & Answers**

Hobbie Livingston complained about the marketing practice employed by the Foster's Daily Democrat to solicit new customers. The flyers used by Foster's created too much litter. Lucille Ellingwood commented on how nice the recently donated granite benches looked on the Bandstand lot.

There being no further business to come before the Board public session of the meeting adjourned at 8:40pm. Mr. Lagassa made the motion to convene in non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (a) to discuss personal property. Mr. Steiner seconded the motion. Review of a request to waive the financial reporting requirements for the elderly and disabled tax deferral application was discussed. Subsequent discussion resulted in the withdrawal of said request by the applicant.

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No votes or decisions were made. The non-public session adjourned at 9:05pm.

Respectfully,

Russell McAllister