

Selectmen's Meeting  
12 June 1998  
12:00pm

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

Mr. Hines explained to those present that the reason for the Board of Selectmen's meeting was to appoint two new Library Trustees to replace two members who had recently tendered their resignations. It was further noted that there was some urgency in the appointing of the two new members because of a lack of a requisite number of trustees necessary for the operation of Library affairs. Mr. Hines made the motion to appoint both Richard Goeselt of 23 Old Locke Road, and Dorothy Dalrymple of 17 Grandview Terrace and a former Treasurer on the Board of Library Trustees. Mr. Steiner seconded the motion.

Mr. Steiner went on to discuss the nominations. He noted that Mr. Lagassa supported the two nominations. Mr. Steiner explained that he primarily favored the two nominations because of the support the other Board members voiced for the two proposed candidates. Mr. Steiner went on to explain that he disagreed, in a general sense, with the nomination of Mr. Goeselt believing that Peter Parker was perhaps better suited. Mr. Steiner then asked Mr. Hines for some clarification regarding his position.

Mr. Hines noted that he favored change in elected positions and that he was not in favor of individuals maintaining the same position for 10 or 12 years.

Mr. Steiner asked why he did not favor Peter Parker as a nominee as proposed by the Library Trustees. Mr. Hines responded that he was not opposing Mr. Parker based upon his qualifications, but their differences regarding the financial controls policy established by the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Hines explained that it was a difference of ideas over this issue that separated them.

There being no more discussion a vote was taken on the motion. The motion to appoint Richard Goeselt and Dorothy Dalrymple was approved 2-0.

Harry Lauer, a resigning member of the Library Trustees, asked to know a little more about Mr. Goeselt. Mr. Hines noted that Mr. Goeselt was a member of "Friends of the Library" and the library Book Club. It was also mentioned that he was a former executive with the Polaroid Corporation. Mr. Hines commented that Mr. Goeselt received a good recommendation from Delores Chase and Mrs. Hines. Christa Bower, Children's Librarian, asked how the filling of a vacancy on the Board of Selectmen differed from that of filling vacancies on the Board of Library Trustees. Mr. Hines commented that there was indeed a vacancy on the Board of Selectmen due to a resignation and then another vacancy due to the death of the appointed member after brief service. He explained that at first the two Selectmen could not agree over a choice, but as citizen concerns were expressed the two Selectmen finally found a candidate they could both agree upon. The TA explained that appointments to various Boards was, by State statute, the ultimate responsibility of the elected local governing body, in this case the Board of Selectmen. While the Library Trustees could offer recommendations to fill vacancies on their Board, the Library Trustees, under present State statute, could not appoint trustees to their own Board in the way the local governing body could.

The TA mentioned to the Board that a personnel problem had arisen that morning and that he would like to brief them on the status of that issue in non-public session. A motion was made by Mr. Steiner to convene into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (a) at approximately 12:40pm, thus adjourning the regular public meeting. Mr. Hines seconded the motion. The motion was unanimous. Recent employee actions were discussed. No votes or decisions were made. The non-public session was adjourned at 1:00pm.

Respectfully,

Russell McAllister

Selectmen's Meeting  
12 June 1998  
12:00pm