

Selectmen's Minutes
26 April 1999
7:00pm

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

The Selectmen reviewed the meeting minutes of April 12th. Mr. Steiner made the motion to accept the regular minutes of April 12th. Mr. Hines seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

The selectmen reviewed correspondence and/or signed:

- a. Abatements – various (\$5,221.66) see attached explanation
- b. Current Use Applications - Jane Robie / Tim Harned
- c. Land Use Change Tax - Rodney Sanderson
- d. Yield Tax Warrant - Stanley Knowles (\$433.41)
- e. Excavation Permits - HWW
- f. NH Estuaries Project
- g. Citizen Complaint
- h. NHPLT - Insurance Offering
- i. North Hampton Mobile Home Park Update

The Board reviewed a list of nominees for the Bandstand Committee. Mr. Hines made the motion to appoint Peggy Neves, Byron Kirby, and Richard Ryerse to the Bandstand Committee. Mr. Steiner seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

The TA reviewed a request for late filing as a tax-exempt organization by the First Congregationalist Church with the Board. It was explained that the Church was a few days late in meeting the filing deadline established by the state because they were still without a full-time minister to look after the day to day operations of the church. Mr. Steiner made the motion to accept the late filing, as they were still a religious organization whose use of the property met the criteria for charitable organizations. Mr. Hines seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

Paul Charron, Building Inspector, briefed the Board regarding the status of the ongoing site improvements within the North Hampton Mobile Home Park. Mr. Charron explained that there had been several complaints about the ongoing site improvements within the park. Mr. Charron noted that there were approximately 175 homes within the park and that he had taken complaints regarding the improvements from five of those homeowners. Because the nature of the complaints did not involve code violations, it seemed most prudent that a response policy be drafted to address the complainants. The response policy highlights what constitutes a code violation within the park. Also included in the response policy is a copy of the park rules. Complaints and grievances that do not involve code violations are to be handled by the Park Manager.

Fire Department Report

Status of Needs Analysis

Thomas Lambert began his briefing with several highlights. There were two recent retirees from the call firemen ranks with one replacement. Two interns from Winnicunett High school were currently job shadowing in the department. Newly designed patches that included the Town's seal would soon be arriving. Engine 3, now 12 years old, was out for bodywork that would extend its useful life by approximately 10 years. The department had received three recent calls for cardiac arrest and had saved two of the individuals. The department was teaching 3rd grade students the risk watch program as part of fire prevention. Mr. Lambert contrasted the fire department practices of old with present department

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practices by way of example. When the department responded to chimney fires of old, the standard practice was to go in, tear out the wall with fire axes, extinguish the fire and then leave. Today's service delivery places emphasis on the value added to those same services. Citing the same example of the department's response to a chimney fire, Mr. Lambert explained that today firemen use sawzall's to take the wall apart, rather than fire axes. The use of sawzalls not only limits the amount of dirt and dust in the homes, but it makes repairing the damage in the homes easier and less expensive. Firemen also place mats down to help capture the debris, mindful that they are in people's homes. After extinguishing the fire the fireman sweep-up the mess and bring it outside for disposal. All department personnel are certified firefighters with EMT certification as well. The department emphasizes training and the regular upgrading of skills. It also provides public education via the fire prevention program. Mr. Lambert noted the correlation between population growth and the increased demand for services by pointing out that the total number of department responses is running a full month ahead of the number for the same time last year. Looking toward the future Mr. Lambert reported that the implementation of information technologies will enable the department to capture the total costs associated with a particular category of services such as fire and ambulance, maintenance histories for vehicles and the like. He also noted that there was an increased awareness among Fire Chiefs of the necessity for regionalizing services like hazardous materials, terrorist response, and specialized rescues.

Selectmen Issues

Mr. Hines asked that the letter of acceptance for Dan Hansen's Eagle Scout Project be completed during the week. The TA agreed to make it so.

There being no further business to come before the Board the public meeting adjourned at approximately 8:45pm.

Respectfully,

Russell McAllister
Town Administrator