

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

The Selectmen reviewed the meeting minutes of April 10<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Lagassa made the motion to accept the minutes of April 10<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

The selectmen reviewed correspondence and/or signed:

- a. Administration/Business
- a. Minutes - April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2000
- b. Payroll
- c. Manifest
  
- d. Intent to Cut - Charles Lamprey / Simmons Trust

Mr. Peter Simmons declared that the current use bill he had received was addressed to the wrong entity. The bill should not have gone to the Simmons Trust, but rather to Peter Simmons. Mr. Simmons noted that Mr. Steiner had not signed the bill and asked whether Mr. Steiner would be sitting on decisions concerning the Simmons family. Mr. Steiner said that his question was not relevant. Mr. Lagassa reminded Mr. Simmons that the original current use bill was redone so as to give him the required 30 days notice. He noted that if there were a clerical error in the address, it would be corrected. Mr. Steiner noted that it was time to move on.

- e. Notification of Tax Deed

The TA reviewed the Tax Collectors recommendation regarding the tax deeding of several mobile homes. One property owner was making payments, the other property owner was not. The Tax Collector recommended not tax deeding the properties. Mr. Sullivan was in favor of tax deeding the properties. The TA explained that the Town would be liable for the park rent and insurance of the mobile homes. The liens on the property would stay in place so that when the properties were sold the Town would recoup the taxes. Mr. Lagassa made the motion to accept the Tax Collectors recommendation. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

- f. CDBG Payment Request / Warrant

The Board reviewed the CDBG draw down request. Mr. Sullivan noted that he was still uncertain about the grant process. The TA explained that a previous Board of Selectmen directed the TA to apply for grants in general and this one in particular and that the TA had done so. The Town had held public meetings as required by the grant and finally after much hard work the Town received the grant. The TA offered to have Mr. Roy Duddy from the Office of State Planning come down and answer any questions Mr. Sullivan might have. Mr. Sullivan wanted the minutes to reflect that he refused to sign the grant draw down request.

- g. Coakley Minutes
- h. Executive Council Newsletter
- i. DES - Letter of Deficiency (Mill Pond Dam)
- j. DES - Landfill Grant Program Certification
- k. HWW - Non Disclosure Agreement

**I. Friends of Centennial Hall - Memorandum of Understanding**

The Board reviewed the language of the memo and noted that they had determined that a one dollar a year lease agreement was the best policy. The language submitted by the Friends of Centennial Hall called for an unencumbered transfer of the small town owned parcels adjacent to Centennial Hall. The Board suggested that the language be reworked.

**m. Paving Bids**

The Board opened the paving bids. Mr. Lagassa made the motion to award the bid to Pike Industries. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved. The results are listed below.

Continental Paving	\$33.40/ton
Pike Industries	\$30.30/ton
Bell & Flynn	\$32.50/ton
Brocks	\$32.80/ton

**North Road Concerns - 7:15pm CANCELLED by Mr. Fitzgerald**

**a. Joseph Fitzgerald**

**Selectmen's Issues**

*Home Rule Resolution*

Mr. Steiner provided background on the issue noting that the question would be a referendum question on the next state election. He explained that home rule will enable people at the local level to have control over their town and city affairs. Currently, towns may only do what the state legislature specifically allows them to do, even when there is no specific legislation precluding a given action. For instance, no previous legislation disallowed governing bodies to post warnings concerning frozen surfaces of any public body of water within its boundaries. Therefore, towns needed to petition the legislature to pass legislation allowing the municipality to post warnings on ponds during the winter. Home rule would allow towns to post warnings such as the one above where there was no specific legislative prohibition against it and without having to petition the legislature to pass legislation to allow it. Mr. Steiner noted that there were 38 Towns supporting home rule representing a population of 262,561. Mr. Steiner made the motion to adopt the following resolution in support of Home Rule.

**Whereas**, the only existing home rule in New Hampshire is the ability to choose the form of government at the local level; and

**Whereas**, municipal home rule is needed to avoid the lengthy and costly process of requesting state permission for action which is truly "local" in nature; and

**Whereas**, true municipal home rule may increase the timeliness within which a municipality can act in tending to its affairs; and

**Whereas**, a home rule amendment to the New Hampshire constitution would create greater flexibility to town meeting voters to determine their own affairs;

**Now therefore be it resolved**, that the town of North Hampton by its board of selectmen does hereby support a home rule amendment to the New Hampshire Constitution and encourages its citizens to vote yes on Ballot Question #1 in November 2000.

Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

#### *Discussion of Board Retreat*

Mr. Steiner expressed his interest in having a work session where the Board, through the use of a facilitator, could generate goals and planning schedules. Mr. Steiner felt a one-day workshop through which the Board members could work through setting some goals. Mr. Lagassa noted that work team exercises were very helpful and that it was a good idea. Mr. Lagassa asked what Mr. Sullivan thought of the idea. Mr. Sullivan said that it was alright with him. The TA noted that Mr. Tom Mahon, from Compensation Funds, was a senior management consultant who could facilitate such a work session and that the TA would contact him if the Board agreed. The Board agreed.

#### *Update on Space Needs Planning*

The TA briefed the Board on the status of the issue noting that Mr. Richard Correll had agreed to put together a proposal for his architectural services and present it to the Board during the first May meeting.

Mr. Lagassa noted that he would like to discuss the issue of appointments to the ZBA. He noted that both Allen Brandt and Craig Kelleher were interested in continued service. Mr. Brandt was co-chair and Mr. Kelleher was an alternate. Mr. Lagassa noted that another individual, John Simmons, had written to express his interest in serving on the ZBA. Mr. Sullivan noted that Mr. Brandt had been on the ZBA for almost 25 years and he felt that it might be time for some fresh blood. He noted that the town had grown and if that was one of the reasons for having a full-time TA, then maybe some new blood on the ZBA was not a bad idea. Mr. Simmons declared a point of order. Mr. Steiner noted that this was a public business meeting of the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Simmons noted that Roberts Rules of Order prohibited further discussion until he was heard under Roberts Rules. Mr. Miller stated that Roberts Rules were not applicable to the setting. Mr. Simmons asked when the last time they had been in the Legislature. Mr. Miller explained that the Selectmen's meeting was not the legislature. Heated discussion ensued. Mr. Lagassa made the motion to reappoint Allen Brandt and Craig Kelleher. Mr. Steiner seconded the motion. More discussion ensued. Mr. Sullivan reiterated that it was a kind of arbitrary reappointment of members who have been on for a long time. Mr. Lagassa noted that the Board had previously not reappointed a long time ZBA member during the previous round of appointments. Mr. Lagassa also noted that Mr. Brandt brought a good deal of organizational memory to the Board, which Mr. Lagassa thought a source of strength to the decision making process. Mr. Steiner noted the value of stability on such a board and that the team approach the ZBA utilized has worked successfully. Mr. Sullivan noted that it was still old blood. Mr. Steiner noted that it was continuity. Mr. Simmons objected and noted that John Simmons had written a letter to the Board expressing his interest in serving as the TA had suggested. Mr. Simmons asked if the others had done so. Mr. Lagassa replied that he had spoken with Mr. Kelleher and Mr. Brandt about the continued interest. Mr. Simmons expressed his belief that Mr. Steiner should not sit on a decision regarding anything having to do with the Simmons family and that Jack should, in all fairness, recuse himself. Ms. Jenifer Landman asked whether or not there was a conflict of interest involved if John Simmons sat on the ZBA while his father, Peter Simmons, sat on the Planning Board? The TA asked whether a newspaper ad soliciting service on the ZBA might be helpful? Mr. Landman volunteered his services to the ZBA. The Board agreed to have an ad placed in the newspaper soliciting service on the ZBA. Mr. Lagassa withdrew his previous motion. Mr. Simmons asked if Mr. Steiner would be voting on the ZBA appointments and then asked that the TA enter his comment in the minutes.

#### Questions & Comments

Mr. Tim Harned addressed the Board apologizing for not having his issue placed on the agenda beforehand. Mr. Harned noted that North Hampton does not now have access to high speed Internet connections. He explained that he had found an Internet Service Provider (ISP) who would be willing to provide such a service in North Hampton. The service was a wireless service and was easy to install and it was also available now unlike either DSL or cable modems from MediaOne. Mr. Harned noted that Phil Wilson and Bob Landman had helped research the issue and its feasibility. They had put together a factsheet together

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for distribution throughout Town. Mr. Harned asked permission from the Board to distribute the fact sheet throughout town to gauge citizen interest. The Board thought the idea a good one and that the fact sheet might be placed on the Town's web site, too.

Mr. Steiner mentioned the status of the cell tower noting that the Town was still waiting for Joanne Lamprey to donate the land to the Town. After the transfer of land the Town would issue an RFP for tower construction.

Lucille Ellingwood noted that a father and son once served simultaneously on North Hampton Boards.

There being no further business to come before the Board the public meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30pm. Mr. Lagassa made the motion to convene in non-public session under RSA91-A:3 II (a) to discuss personnel issues. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

Respectfully,

Russell McAllister  
Town Administrator