

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

The Selectmen reviewed the meeting minutes of August 28th. Mr. Sullivan made the motion to accept the minutes of August 28th. Mr. Lagassa seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

The selectmen reviewed correspondence and/or signed:

- a. Administration/Business
- b. Payroll
- c. Manifest
- d. Centennial Hall Lease

The Board reviewed the draft of the lease of Town owned land (the parking lot beside Centennial Hall) and suggested that additional language be added. Such language included a provision to allow both the Church and Bandstand continued access to the parking lot. Mr. Sullivan made the motion to enter into the lease agreement with Centennial Hall. Mr. Lagassa seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

- e. Executive Council Newsletter
- f. Coakley Minutes
- g. Nursing Home - Admissions pending
- h. Oaths of Office - Sarah O'Brien (Recreation Commissioner)
- i. North Hampton Business Association Breakfast Invitation
- j. Geosphere - Well monitoring report
- k. NH Soil Consultants is filing w/DES Wetlands Bureau Application

Mr. Sullivan noted that the traffic study submitted to the DOT by W/S Development Associates regarding the redevelopment plans for the Factory Outlet Mall was way down on the DOT review pile. Mr. Sullivan suggested that Senator Hollingworth be contacted to see if there was a way to move the traffic study up the review queue. The Board agreed and the TA was directed to contact Senator Hollingworth about the issue.

Little River Salt Marsh Restoration Project

- a. *Progress Report / Status Update*

The TA briefed the Board on recent activities and the status of the project. It was explained that lines and poles needed to be temporarily moved by the Fish Houses. The move required coordination of PSNH, Verizon and MediaOne to move their respective lines on the poles. There had been a meeting of all the parties with the exception of MediaOne. The TA had contacted MediaOne to get them onboard and expected cooperation. The Southworth's fish house would be moved to a temporary location of Sea Road towards the end of September. The contractor would then begin to drive sheathing in the ground on the ocean side of the road to prepare the site for excavation. That activity was scheduled for after Columbus Day. The TA noted that things were moving along and that there might well be a few delays in the project due to unforeseen circumstances, but overall the project was moving in the right direction. The TA also noted that Senator Gregg had earmarked appropriations within the upcoming federal budget specifically for the Salt Marsh Project.

Selectmen's Issues

a. *Open*

Mr. Lagassa noted that he had followed-up on having the school's desks removed from the space above the Police Station. There was some hope that the desks could be sold and the proceeds used to help offset the costs for a school trip to Washington, DC.

Mr. Steiner noted that he had spoken with a contractor concerning the construction of the stairwell (the second means of egress) to the upper floor of the Police Station. He hoped to have construction begin soon.

Mr. Sullivan revisited the issue of Laura Simmons' request for a new well. He noted that he had a letter from Mike IaFolla, who represented Ms. Simmons, requesting that \$10,000 be encumbered from the remaining road bond for the Mill Place subdivision. Mr. Steiner noted that the road bond remained in effect and therefore there was no need to encumber the bond. It was noted that no request had been received to reduce the amount of the bond and therefore, no action was now necessary. It was also noted that the bond referred to was specifically a road bond not a bond covering blasting. Mr. Lagassa questioned the legality of encumbering, or making a claim on a road bond, for damages allegedly sustained by blasting. The Board agreed to revisit the issue when a request to reduce the amount of the bond was received.

Mr. Steiner announced that the selection process for a Police Chief was now complete. The Board had received verbal confirmation that the background check had found nothing criminal. The written report was due the next day. Mr. Steiner noted that Brian Page had been appointed as the North Hampton Police Chief.

Roland Neves provided an update on the activities of the Open Space Committee. He noted that 6 newsletters were planned that would be mailed to Town residents. Committee members were having bumper stickers "North Hampton *Forever*" made at private expense promoting open space. The Committee envisioned a long-term plan that incorporated consensus building around the issue as well as educational seminars highlighting the the tax benefits of estate planning and conservation easements.

Questions & Comments

Larry Miller commented on construction activities taking place on 145 Mill Road. He noted that the builder intended to construct a septic system on property that was in a conservation restriction. A recent opinion by the Town's Attorney indicated that covenants within the conservation restriction precluded installation of a septic system on the proposed site. Mr. Miller reasoned that if that was the case, then the owner should have his building permit revoked because you cannot build a house without an approved septic system. Mr. Lagassa noted that the Town had sent a letter warning Mr. Ganeau that continued construction was at his own risk. The Town had also forwarded a letter informing Mr. Ganeau that he would be in violation of the conservation restriction if he installed the septic system on the site within the restriction. Judy Day asked who was responsible for enforcing the restriction. Mr. Lagassa noted that Ms. Day raised an interesting question. While the restriction language ascribed enforcement power to the Conservation Commission. Legally enforcement powers rested with the Board of Selectmen. Therefore, enforcement powers of the Conservation Commission, in regards to this particular issue derived through the Board of Selectmen.

There being no further business to come before the Board the public meeting adjourned at approximately 8:25pm.

Respectfully,

Russell McAllister
Town Administrator