

The regularly scheduled public session was jointly called to order at 7:00pm by Lloyd Sullivan and Allen Hines (Selectmen). The Chair, Jenifer Landman, was absent due to illness. Those present included and Russell McAllister, (Town Administrator).

### **Questions & Comments**

Mr. Sullivan solicited comments from those present. There being none the Board moved to the next order of business.

### **Selectmen Issues**

#### *Status Report on Renovations*

The TA briefed the Board on the status of the renovation project noting that if all went well the office staff would commence the move into the renovated space above the police station the following week. One row of sprinkler heads still needed adjusting, flooring for the entryway stairwell was scheduled for the next Monday, furniture set-up and file cabinet delivery were also scheduled for completion and delivery by the end of the current week/beginning of the following week. The TA recommended that the Town Office close the following week on Thursday at noon and the whole day Friday to complete the move. The Board agreed

#### *North Hampton Police Association*

##### *Donation of Speedy Trailer to Town*

Police Chief Brian Page briefed the Board concerning the donation of the Speedy Trailer by the North Hampton Police Association. He explained that it was a gift to the Town and required public notice that the Town was going to accept the donation. Mr. Page noted that the Board could vote to accept the donation at the next Board meeting and still be in compliance with public notice requirements. The Town needed to own the speedy trailer for it to be covered under the Town's insurance.

#### *Other.....Wireless Alarm System*

Mr. Sullivan suggested that the Town look into installing a wireless panic alarm system in the current Town Offices where the business activities of both the Town Clerk and Tax Collector would continue. He thought it a better means of protection than the current system, which sounded in the Fire Station and not the Police Station or Police Dispatch. Mr. Sullivan suggested that installation of wireless panic alarms could be installed upstairs as well. He agreed to research the costs.

#### *Other.....Distribution Options for Potassium Iodide*

Fire Chief Thomas Lambert briefed the Board on the recent decision by Governor Shaheen to distribute Potassium Iodide (KI) pills to New Hampshire residents living within the vicinity of nuclear facilities. Mr. Lambert noted that the State was allowing a local pre-distribution option, or the option to have the State distribute the KI pills. Mr. Lambert explained that KI helped block the thyroid from absorbing radiation, but that it was not a means of protection. Evacuation was still the best means of protection from the deleterious effects of radiation poisoning. It was pointed out that the pre-distribution of KI was for residents only and that there needed to be some mechanism to ensure residency. Currently the Fire Department did not have a means of verifying residency. The Town of Hampton was pre-distributing KI tablets via the Town Clerk at the time of auto registration which required proof of residency. Mr. Lambert recommended that the State undertake the pre-distribution of KI for North Hampton as they had the resources and manpower. The TA recommended that the Town Hall could be used as a distribution facility over the period of a few days. The Board directed Mr. Lambert to research the pre-distribution by the State. Mr. Lambert agreed to do so.

**Administration/Business**

Mr. Hines made the motion to approve the meeting minutes of April 8<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

The selectmen reviewed correspondence and/or signed:

a. Minutes - April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2002

b. Payroll

The TA noted that Peter Wahl was leaving the Fire Department and that his accrued vacation and sick leave were included in the week's payroll. The amount of separation was \$4326.36. The TA explained that the separation pay would come out of the Accrued benefits liability account. Mr. Hines made the motion to have the separation pay drawn from the accrued benefits account. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

c. Manifest

d. Appointments (signatures) Luff /Kierstead / Kroner

e. Elderly Exemption – Ladd Carmen

f. Application for Current Use – Cathy D'Urso

g. Land Use Change Tax – Ralph & Evelyn Hammond

h. Pole License

i. DES – Wetlands File (Boutilier)

j. Executive Council Newsletter

k. CDBG Grant – Public Hearing

The TA explained that the regional development corporation (Seacoast Business Alliance Corporation) was eligible to receive additional CDBG funding in the amount of \$40,000 over the next two years. The funding requires a public hearing under CDBG guidelines. The TA asked if the Board was interested in continued funding of the SBAC. The Board was and Mr. Hines made the motion to schedule the public hearing for May 13<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

**L. Kokernak refund request**

The TA briefed the Board on a request for a refund by Mr. Kokernak involving a land swap that was approved at Town meeting wherein Mr. Kokernak traded 5.7 acres of land on the corner of Woodland and Atlantic for a like sized parcel owned by the Town abutting Mr. Kokernak's Shiprock residence. The actual swap occurred in October of 2001. Mr. Kokernak paid taxes on the parcel he owned located on the corner of Woodland & Atlantic. He was seeking a refund of \$789. The TA explained that Mr. Kokernak did not pay any taxes on the Town owned land (abutting his Shiprock residence) that became his after the swap. Additionally, Mr. Kokernak received a charitable tax credit for giving the land located on the corners of Woodbury & Atlantic to the Town. No provision was made to pro rate the taxes within the land swap agreement which was drawn-up by Peter Loughlin. The TA asked what the Board wanted to do. The Board felt that the land swap was a wash. If Mr. Kokernak wished to further address the issue with the Board he could be placed on the Agenda.

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:45pm.

Respectfully,

Russell McAllister  
Town Administrator