

The Chair, Jenifer Landman, called the regularly scheduled public session to order at 10:00am. Those present included Lloyd Sullivan, Allen Hines (Selectmen) and Russell McAllister, (Town Administrator).

Ms. Landman explained that regular time for the Selectmen's meeting had been rescheduled for the morning to accommodate her. She noted that she was not feeling well and that the morning was a better time for her. Ms. Landman noted that the Board would be conducting interviews for the position of Building Inspector immediately following the regular public meeting. To expedite the meeting Ms. Landman altered the venue of the meeting by requesting that the questions and comments be placed at the end of the meeting. The other Board members agreed.

Selectmen Issues

North Hampton Forever Purchase & Sale Agreement

It was explained that Ms. Landman would be out of Town on May 13th when the Board of Selectmen would formally vote on the NH Forever Project. Ms. Landman noted that she had reviewed the P&S agreement and believed it to be a good first project for North Hampton Forever. Ms. Landman noted that she supported the project and that she would provide a letter of support for the project to be used in her absence on the day of the formal vote.

Approve Special Counsel (Robert Ciandella) to Review Cable Contract

It was noted that the Board and the Cable Broadband Committee had met with Attorney Ciandella to discuss options of improving the Town's franchise agreement with AT&T Broadband. Mr. Ciandella suggested that something could be done to improve the current contract and the Board agreed. Mr. Hines made the motion to approve engaging the professional services of Mr. Ciandella to review and strengthen the cable contract. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

Centennial Hall Lease

The Board formally approved the Town's 99-year lease with the Friends of Centennial Hall.

Discuss potential for Transfer Station

Mr. Sullivan noted that he had had discussions with Chris Ganotis regarding the long-term viability of a Town transfer station. Mr. Sullivan noted that Waste Management previously employed Mr. Ganotis. It was Mr. Ganotis' belief that the hauling costs might be reduced if Waste Management was able to offload at a transfer station in North Hampton rather than traveling back to Rochester to offload and then returning to North Hampton to continue its route. Mr. Sullivan made the motion to appoint Chris Ganotis to the Solid Waste Committee. Mr. Hines seconded the motion. Brief discussion ensued. Mr. Hines thought it reasonable to research the long-term viability of a transfer station like the Town of Rye operated. Mr. Mixer commented that Rye had more land as well as a mandatory recycling ordinance. A vote was called. All Board members voted in favor of appointing Chris Ganotis to the Solid Waste Committee.

Status of Potassium Iodide (KI) Distribution

Fire Chief Thomas Lambert addressed the Board regarding the status of the issue. Mr. Lambert explained that the State was reviewing the optional distribution plan wherein Town's could elect to distribute KI pills. The State was now considering the feasibility of direct distribution by the State. Mr. Lambert agreed to keep the Board informed on the issue.

Status of Municipal Master Plan

Ms. Landman addressed the issue of the Master Plan for the Municipal Complex noting that it was important to avoid duplicating expenditures. Ms. Landman voiced her support for seeing the old Town Offices used for the Heritage Commission where some of the older Town artifacts and historical documents could be kept and viewed by the public much in the manner of a museum. Ms. Landman noted that a

Master Plan Committee was needed to review the plan and library expansion. The following membership was recommended:

Jenifer Landman	BoS
Judy Day	Planning Board
Kim Kisner	School
Lisa Wilson	Citizen
Joanne Lamprey	Business Community
Richard Goeselt	Library
Russell McAllister	TA

Mr. Hines made the motion to appoint the above to the Municipal Master Plan Committee. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved. Mr. Hines also noted that the Town approved engaging the services of an Architect (Dennis Mires) to research and recommend a solution to the space and traffic problems within the municipal complex. It was noted that previously town records were stored in houses of individuals serving on various boards because of the space crunch. This problem needed addressing as well as where to display the town's historical artifacts.

Heritage Commission Appointments

Ms. Landman noted that the Planning Board had recommended appointment of the following candidates for the Heritage Commission:

Peter Parker	full member (3 year)
Jane Meneghin	full member (3 year)
Penelope Kennedy	alt. member (1 year)
Barbara Hobby	alt. member (1 year)

Mr. Sullivan made the motion to approve the planning board recommendation of the appointments to the Heritage Commission. Mr. Hines seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

Fire Department Candidate

The TA asked that the candidate for the Fire Department be accepted now that each Board member had had the opportunity to review the candidate's resume and background. The candidate was being hired to replace Peter Wahl who had accepted a position in the Hampton Fire Department. Mr. Sullivan made the motion to hire the candidate. Mr. Hines seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

Other.....Speedy Trailer Sign Acceptance

Mr. Sullivan noted that at the last Board meeting the acceptance of a donation to the Town of the Speedy Trailer sign was noticed. Acceptance of the donation by the Town was necessary for insurance purposes. Mr. Sullivan made the motion to formally accept the Speedy Trailer Sign. Mr. Hines seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

Other...Increase in Veterans Exemption

Mr. Sullivan made the motion to adopt the increased amount of the veterans' exemption (from \$100 to \$500). Mr. Robbie Robinson noted that the state house and senate had approved the change in the amount of the veterans' exemption. The TA noted that he had contacted the DRA regarding the status of the increase and had also looked to find the changes in the statute. The DRA was unaware of any changes to the exemption amount and no change to the statute was evident. Mr. Sullivan withdrew his motion. The TA agreed to further research the issue.

Other...Panic Alarm

Mr. Sullivan suggested that the Town Clerk and Tax Collector's offices have wireless panic alarms installed as well as the new Town Offices. He noted that the installation costs were approximately \$700 and the yearly monitoring costs were approximately \$100. Mr. Sullivan noted that an activated alarm insured that a police officer responded to the call. Mr. Sullivan made the motion to appropriate \$700 for installation costs of the wireless panic alarms in the previously mentioned offices. Mr. Hines seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

Other...Tree Health & Inventory

Mr. Hines explained that the Town's Tree Warden, Stanley Knowles, had contacted AJ Dupuis regarding a tree health and inventory of trees on the Town Common (Bandstand). There was not cost associated with the inventory or health inspection. Mr. Hines made the motion to have Mr. Knowles coordinate the inventory. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

Other...Municipal Records Committee

Mr. Peter Parker noted that he and Cynthia Swank had put together a review of municipal records procedures along with a model ordinance. Mr. Parker inquired about the status. Mr. Hines noted the importance of Town records but also addressed the lack of necessary office staff to fulfill all of the planning & zoning, assessing, building department, customer service and records management responsibilities that are incumbent upon the Town. Brief discussion ensued among Board members. Mr. Parker also noted his concerns regarding digital versus paper records and what constituted a record and in what format those records might exist. Mr. Hines was nominated by the other Board members to initiate some action on the records management front. Mr. Hines next addressed staffing levels noting that the three people in the office now were not sufficient to fulfill all the needs of the various Boards. The Board discussed the option of hiring a part-time person to help out with customer service needs such as answering the phones, issuing beach stickers and dump permits, pulling assessing cards, and providing secretarial assistance. Mr. Hines made the motion to begin the process of hiring part time secretarial help for the next fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2002. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

Other...Boston Post Cane

Ms. Landman voiced her support for the re-establishment of awarding the Boston Post Cane to the oldest Town resident. The Board agreed.

Other...Tax Deed / Wildlife Preserves Property

The Board next took up the issue of accepting the Tax Collector's Deed for property owned by Wildlife Preserves, Inc. It was explained that Wildlife Preserves owned several parcels of property in the Salt Marsh, which they had been given to manage in the 1960's. Since that time the organization had lost their tax-exempt status with the IRS and the NH Secretary of State. The current tax bill was approximately \$63,000 and there was little probability of having the property tax bill paid. The Town was now in a position to take the property by tax deed and have that property in the salt marsh managed by the conservation commission or other not-for-profit group as well as taking the bill of the Town's books. Mr. Sullivan made the motion to accept the Tax Collector's Deed. Mr. Hines seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

The Board closed the public session of the meeting to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (a) for the purpose of interviewing candidates for the position of Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer. Mr. Hines made the motion to convene in non-public session for the purpose stated above. Mr.

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Sullivan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved. The Board convened in non-public session at approximately 11:25am.

The Board re-convened the regular public session of the meeting at approximately 12:35pm to complete the processing of payroll and manifests.

Mr. Sullivan made the motion to approve the meeting minutes of May 22nd. Ms. Hines seconded the motion. Ms. Landman was not present at the meeting due to illness and therefore abstained. The vote, otherwise, was unanimous and so moved.

The selectmen reviewed correspondence and/or signed:

Administration/Business

- a. Minutes - May 22nd, 2002
- b. Payroll
- c. Manifest
- d. Elderly exemption – Harold Higgins
- e. Appointment Signatures required – Robert Kennedy (CBT) / Richard Place / Beth Church (PB)
- f. CDBG Manifest

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting adjourned at approximately 12:45pm.

Respectfully,

Russell McAllister
Town Administrator