

The Chair, Jenifer Landman, called the scheduled public session to order at 7:00pm. Those present included Lloyd Sullivan, Allen Hines (selectmen) and Russell McAllister, (Town Administrator).

Ms. Landman explained that the question and comments period was being scheduled for after the Selectmen Issues section of the meeting.

North Hampton Business Association

Joanne Lamprey – Lighting gift from the NHBA to the Bandstand

Ms. Lamprey briefed the Board regarding the NHBA's intention to donate handcrafted lights for the Bandstand. Ms. Lamprey displayed one of the handcrafted lights for review by those in attendance. It was noted that Harbor Lights of Exeter had crafted the light. Ms. Lamprey explained that the positioning of the lights was being worked out with the Bandstand Committee. The number of lights NHBA was donating will be between 11 and 12. Ms. Lamprey noted that other members of the NHBA were donating their time and talents for the installation of the lights. Mr. Robinson was digging the postholes, Mr. Kollhase was providing electrical services and hoped that Home Depot was donating the ornamental posts. It was hoped that installation would be complete by Labor Day. Ms. Landman mentioned, from discussions with some of the Heritage Commissioners, that the lighting design, though not preserving the historic Revolutionary period of the North Hill Commons, were somewhat in keeping with the Victorian Era of the 1878 Centennial Hall. Most of the Heritage Commissioners were not aware that the gift was being proposed and had not formally discussed the lighting as a group. Ms. Landman suggested to Ms. Lamprey that, in addition to discussing the pole design and lighting placement with the Bandstand Committee, that she also present it to the Heritage Commission, Historical Society and the Friends of Centennial Hall. This would also give the abutters an opportunity to learn of the project. It was noted that the town would be paying the electricity charges associated with the lights as well as maintenance of the fixtures. Mr. Sullivan made a motion to accept the gift of lights from the NHBA. Mr. Hines seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

Anti Scavenging Ordinance – Second Public Hearing

Ms. Landman noted that adoption of an anti-scavenging ordinance was part of having a free recycling program. The ordinance was a way of insuring that the high value recyclables would not be "scavenged" by anyone not authorized by the Town. The language of the ordinance was read.

"Any recyclable material appropriately placed at the curb / roadside for collection by the Town contracted recycling vendor, or delivered to the Town recycling drop-off center, becomes the property of the Town and no person not permitted by the Town shall collect such material except as specifically authorized by the Town."

Questions were solicited. Mr. Arena asked what the penalty would be for anyone caught "scavenging"? The TA explained that the Police Chief had some discretion about the amount of fine to impose and that the Police Chief could come to the next hearing to address Mr. Arena's question.

Selectmen Issues

Rick Fucci letter regarding Appledore Engineering Services

Ms. Landman discussed correspondence the Board had received from Mr. Fucci regarding his concern of an invoice he received from Appledore Engineering associated with the review of his site plan. Mr. Fucci was not disputing the engineering firms work, but Mr. Fucci did feel the charge was excessive (\$2,460). The Board agreed that the charge appeared excessive. The Board expressed concern over whether individual Planning Board members were authorizing work without the knowledge of the applicant or other

members of the planning board. It was discussed that if the fees were found to be justified, then the Planning Board may have to pay a portion of the invoice, as it appeared the charges may well be far beyond the norm. The Board directed the TA to write to Appledore Engineering and ask for supporting documentation for the almost \$3,000 invoice. The TA agreed and suggested that Mr. Fucci be advised of the Board's action. The Board agreed.

Water from Fire Ponds

Ms. Landman asked about the practice of lawn care companies drawing water from fire ponds on Post Road. Mr. Thomas Lambert (Fire Chief) noted that there were no fire ponds on Post Road. The TA explained that the State controlled riparian rights (water) and that the pond was located on Town owned property. No law prevented lawn care companies from drawing water from ponds. However, if the pond was difficult to reach because of trees or plantings, then it might become too much trouble for someone to drag a hose to the pond. Ms. Landman stated that she had spoken with a Conservation Commissioner, and that the pond was on Town owned land and was (or could be used as) a fire pond, and no permission by the Conservation Commission had been given to withdraw water for such purposes.

Town Website – committee contacts

Ms. Landman noted that no list of committee contacts had been compiled. The TA noted that the Town report lists the various committees and the membership along with the Committee or Board Chair. Mr. Sullivan noted that the listings in the Town Report were old and incorrect. The TA noted that the Town Clerk keeps track of committee and board appointments and provides the information for the Town Report. The TA agreed to compile the list.

Selectmen Compensation

Mr. Sullivan noted that from 1989 until 1997 Selectmen compensation was \$4,500 per year and lowered to \$1,500 per year in 1997 in order to fund the position of Town Administrator. Mr. Sullivan noted that the Selectmen do a lot of work and compensation was an issue. Mr. Sullivan made the motion to increase Selectmen compensation from \$1,500 to \$4,500. Ms. Landman seconded the motion for the purpose of discussion. Ms. Landman noted that, in addition to the selectmen's meetings, the selectmen, as representatives, each attended multiple board/commission/committee meetings and a lot of time researching issues and she suggested the salary be \$3,000. Mr. Robbie Robinson (Budget Committee Chair) expressed his view that the voters approve such an increase. Mr. Robinson noted that it was one thing for the Selectmen to lower their salary, but quite another thing to raise their salary without voter approval. Mr. Hines agreed. Mr. Sullivan withdrew his motion. Mr. Sullivan made the motion to craft a warrant article to be voted on at town meeting proposing an increase in the selectmen's salary. Mr. Hines seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

Town Clerk Software

Mr. Sullivan noted that the Town Clerk wished to purchase new windows based software (\$3,739) to replace the current DOS based software. Mr. Hines asked whether or not the proposed software would integrate with other town software. The TA explained that the Town Clerk's current software was not integrated with the general ledger package and the new software would not integrate either. Mr. Sullivan wanted to know why the Town Clerk, as an elected official, could not purchase the software she wanted without Selectmen approval. Mr. Robinson noted that the Board had a right to adjudicate purchasing conflicts when they occurred. Ms. Landman noted that the trend to integrate software was important because it reduced redundancy and improved operational efficiency. The TA explained that in the course of registering motor vehicles daily money transactions did not update the general ledger. Therefore, daily receivables associated with motor vehicle registrations were not recorded in the general ledger on a daily basis. It was noted that a warrant article had been approved for the purchase of an integrated windows solution.

Elevator Bids

The Board opened the bids for the installation of the elevator to service the second floor of the police station where the town office is now located. The results are listed below.

Contractor	Bid Amount
Careno Construction	\$149,460
Horne Construction	\$137,149

Mr. Sullivan disliked the amount of the bids and made the motion to reject the bids. Ms. Landman seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. It was expressed that the job could be done for much less and that the warrant article was approved to make all buildings ADA accessible. The TA asked if the Board would like to further discuss the issue with the architect Dennis Mires at their next meeting. The Board agreed. The question was called. The motion to reject the bids was unanimous and so moved.

Other....American Tower

Mr. Sullivan noted that American Tower was rumored to be having financial trouble. Ms. Landman did not believe that ATC would execute the lease with the Town and so another RFP would probably need to be issued.

Other.... Separate Legal Counsel for Planning Board

Mr. Hines noted that the Planning Board had asked if the BoS would approve of their having a separate legal counsel. The Board of Selectmen did not support the idea of allowing the planning board to have separate legal counsel.

Other.... Recycling Fliers

Mr. Sullivan noted that Chris Ganotis was requesting \$200 for printing costs associated with Recycling Fliers. Mr. Sullivan made the motion to approve \$200 in printing costs for the recycling flier. Mr. Hines seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

Other.... Historical Society

Ms. Landman noted that a large portrait of Raymond Hobbs, in the Historical Society's collection, might be displayed in the (new upstairs) Town Office on the wall between the main entrance and the new conference room. The Society's curator suggested that, if approved, a temporary loan of the portrait might also include a short history on Mr. Hobbs for the interest of the general public. Ms. Landman was directed to write a letter of request for such a loan to Janet Taylor, President of the Society. Ms. Landman also noted that the Heritage Commission had been advised that the best way to store paintings was to hang them on the wall and that the Heritage Commission was looking to slightly modify their storage room to accommodate their paintings.

Other.... RPC Maps

Mr. Sullivan suggested that the maps recently provided by the RPC be framed to be displayed in the Town Hall for the use of the Planning Board. The Board agreed.

Questions & Comments

Mr. Ben Gurkin of 23 Mill Road voiced his concern with the recent closing of the Cedar Road Bridge. He asked if there was a schedule for it's reopening. Mr. Hines noted that all the Board members had visited the

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bridge and had grave concerns over the safety of the bridge. The Board's decision to close the bridge was based on their concerns for the health, safety and welfare of the traveling public. Other residents from Cedar Road voiced their concern with feeling cut-off and abandoned since the bridge was closed. They felt that it now took longer for the police and ambulance to reach them in case of emergency. Ms. Landman noted that she had spoken with Bob Barry at the NHDOT and he had placed a work order for repair and re-certification of the bridge, but Ms. Landman did not know when the work would be completed. Mr. Gurkin suggested that some type of regularly scheduled updates concerning the status of the bridge be issued. The Board agreed.

Mr. Sullivan made the motion to approve the meeting minutes of June 24th as revised. Mr. Hines seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved. Mr. Sullivan made the motion to approve the minutes of July 1st and July 8th. Mr. Hines seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

The selectmen reviewed correspondence and/or signed:

Administration/Business

- a. Minutes - June 24th , July 1st & July 8th 2002
- b. Payroll
- c. Manifest

d. Auditing Services Contract

The TA asked if the Board wanted to approve the auditing services contract with Mason & Rich. Mr. Sullivan made the motion to approve the contract. Mr. Hines seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

- e. Elderly Exemptions – (John Marden / Herman Lane)
- f. DES – Minimum Impact (Sagamore-Hampton Golf)
- g. DES – Site Specific Permit Corner Rt.1 & South Road
- h. DES – Public Hearing Notice (Landfill & Incinerator closure programs)
- i. Executive Council Newsletter
- j. Coakley Minutes
- k. Nursing Home Data
- l. National Flood Insurance Program

There being no further business to come before the Board Mr. Hines made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Landman seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved. The public meeting adjourned at approximately 9:20pm. Ms. Landman made the motion to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (a) to discuss personnel issues. Mr. Hines seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

Respectfully,

Russell McAllister
Town Administrator

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