

Selectmen's Meeting  
May 12, 2003  
Approved May 27, 2003

## **1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m by the Chair, Allen Hines. Present were Lloyd Sullivan and Jenifer Landman (Selectmen), Michael Pardue (Town Administrator) and NormaJean Fowler (Recording Secretary).

## **2. Selectmen's Items**

### *Agenda Item A. Robert's Rules of Order.*

Mr. Hines mentioned Robert's Rules of Order.(hereinafter the "Rules of Order") He stated that the Rules of Order were clear in that the organization can make the rules but the rights of the organization prevail. He stated that according to the Rules of Order, the only way to get business to come before a board is upon duly made and seconded motion.

Mr. Sullivan made a motion to adopt the Rules of Order as those rules on which to base future meetings on.

Ms. Landman seconded the motion to open it up for discussion. She brought up the fact that the Board of Selectmen were governed by New Hampshire RSA's and those are the rules that must be followed. She stated that when conducting business the board wouldn't be able to follow the rules to the letter.

Mr. Hines agreed that the RSA's superseded the Rules of Order and that all we could do was to try to follow the Rules of Order as best we could.

Ms. Landman called the question and Mr. Sullivan made a motion to adopt Robert's Rules of Order for future board meetings.

VOTED: To adopt Robert's Rules of Order to be followed at all board meetings. 3/0

### *Agenda Item B. Street Light Request- Woodridge Lane @ Juniper Road*

Mr. Sullivan stated that if the Street Light Committee had done the research and made a recommendation to the BoS then he made a motion to accept the Street Light Committee's recommendation. Ms. Landman seconded. There was further discussion as to any possible abutters and Ms. Landman questioned if any abutters had made complaint as to having a problem with the location of the street light. There being none Ms. Landman called the question.

VOTED: To accept the recommendation of the Street Light Committee regarding the installation of the street light on Woodridge Lane and Juniper Road. 3/0

*Agenda Item C. Storm Water Plan Update- Building Inspector to Present*

Mr. Sullivan made a motion to table this discussion until the next meeting due to the building inspector's absence. Ms. Landman seconded the motion.

VOTED: To table the discussion on the Storm Water Plan Update until the next scheduled meeting. 3/0

*Agenda Item D. Removal Bond Discussion- Crown Atlantic Company, LLC*

Mr. Pardue informed the BoS that Attorney Chiandella needed more time to research the bond and prepare it.

Mr. Sullivan made a motion to table the discussion on the Removal Bond discussion because of Attorney Chiandella needing more time to research and prepare the bond. Ms. Landman seconded the motion.

VOTED: To table the discussion of the Removal Bond until the next scheduled meeting. 3/0

*Agenda Item E. Appointment to Rockingham Planning Commission*

Mr. Hines asked Ms. Landman if she wished to leave the meeting because this discussion involved her husband, Bob Landman. Ms. Landman stated that she did not wish to leave for this discussion.

Ms. Landman made a motion to appoint Robert Landman to the RPC. She went on to discuss Mr. Landman's qualifications and the letters of recommendation he has received in his favor from many people. She also stated that the Planning Board had voted to appoint Mr. Landman to the RPC by a 6/1 vote.

Mr. Hines asked if there were a second to this motion. There being none this matter was not brought before the Board.

*Agenda Item F. Appointment to the Route 1 Study Committee- Per Request of RPC*

Mr. Hines stated that there was no recommendation from the Planning Board. Ms. Landman stated that Robert Landman was the Chair of this Committee and she made a motion to appoint Robert Landman to the Route 1 Study Committee.

There being no second this matter was not brought before the Board.

*Agenda Item G. Questions and Comments Related to the Above Topic Areas*

Robert Landman questioned what was going on with respect to his appointments to the RPC and the Route 1 Study Committee. He spoke of his experience and his eight years of hard work on behalf of the Town of North Hampton. He discussed his being willing to chair the Committee when no one else wanted to and the many things he has accomplished. He discussed the fact that by bringing in someone new at this point it would bring the town back to square one and that new contacts will have to be made.

Mr. Hines told the audience that he had stated his position on this matter before the Planning Board at their last meeting.

Mr. Wilson asked Mr. Sullivan to read the letters of recommendation given to the Board before the next meeting and requested that he put the public interest above personal feelings. He stated that common sense and reason dictates that Robert Landman be appointed to these positions. He said that the Planning Board had voted for Bob by a 6/1 margin and that he would ask Mr. Sullivan to read the letters and keep them in mind when making a decision regarding the appointments.

Mr. Sullivan informed Mr. Wilson that he resented his implication that he lacked common sense and that he wouldn't put the Town's best interest first in any and all matters which came before the Board. He told him that he did not appreciate being lectured with respect to his duties as a Selectman. Mr. Wilson replied that he was not trying to lecture Mr. Sullivan but that he was just exercising his right to free speech.

Mr. Hines asked Mr. Wilson if he was ready to yield the floor as he had gone over the 3 minute limit imposed in the audience questions/comments forum. Mr. Wilson yielded the floor and Ms. Landman asked if that time limit was imposed on the Board members as well. Mr. Hines told her that she could have the floor and she stated that she was at the Planning Board meeting and that all the letters sent in had high praise for Mr. Landman. She reminded the Board that Mr. Landman had attended all the meetings, taken all courses offered and that he has been diligent in his representation of the Town of North Hampton.

Laurel Pohl questioned Mr. Hines as to his reasons for not recommending Mr. Landman. Mr. Hines again stated that he had made his reasons clear at the Planning Board meeting and that since this matter was not before the Board because of a lack of second to the motion, that he would not comment on it further.

### **3. Administration/Business**

#### *Agenda Item A. Town Administrator's Report*

Mr. Pardue reported on the following items:

1. The need for cross training of staff members in case of absence.
2. Routine inspection of the generator system found a leak in a hose and a defective battery charger. These items have been addressed.
3. A majority of roadways in the Town have been swept clear of debris and sand. The PWD is in the process of completing this project this week.
4. Bob Strout will be at Gunstock Friday, May 16 for a Highway Agent meeting.
5. The springs to the forestry truck have been improved allowing for safer handling.
6. The Recreation Supervisor position was published and closed today. They have received several resumes and are in the process of reviewing them. Ms. Landman questioned whether this position would be part time and eligible for benefits. Mr. Pardue stated that this would be a part time position with no available benefits.
7. The work on the tennis court is progressing, with a target date of Memorial Day weekend (possibly June 1).
8. Receipt of a letter from the Health Trust regarding the increase in premiums in health and dental insurance. He stated that Jan would be sending out notices to all employees and boards regarding the availability of health/dental insurance, which would be available to board members for the length of their term. The cost of this insurance would be borne by the members who elected to participate and would not add any cost to the Town.

Mr. Wilson questioned the possible impact to the Town, stating that the Town's premiums would rise if just one insured person were to become chronically ill.

Mr. Sullivan stated that the premiums were based on a statewide pool and that it would not impact the Town. Both Mr. Sullivan and Ms. Landman agreed that this was a good idea because it would offer an incentive to potential board members and volunteers. Mr. Hines asked if there was a motion to rescind the Board's previous vote on this issue. There being none he mentioned that the issue of health and dental insurance should be addressed in future employment contracts.

9. Carpeting, sanding, painting and lighting for the new Tax Collector and Town Clerk offices needs to be put on the Agenda for May 27<sup>th</sup>.

10. A handout on the statistics for the Website shows quite a bit of activity. Ms. Landman, quoting from the report, mentioned in 31 days, the website had 86,635 hits. This is excellent for a new town website.

11. B&M Corporation and Springfield Terminal Railway Company have filed a Petition for Exemption with the Surface Transportation Board regarding abandoning a 9.83 mile segment of line. Ms. Landman questioned if they could sell the property. She asked that Mr. Landman be allowed to speak to this as he was on the RPC. Mr. Landman stated that the City Counsel of Portsmouth was very concerned about this. They are trying to get the State to pick up the bill. The hope is that the State may take it over, but funds are limited. It would be a shame to lose the rail, as companies like Foss Manufacturing need it.

Mr. Hines stated that he felt this sounded like a State problem and that those railway tracks were not stable enough to support traffic on them.

*Agenda Item B. Request to Appear on 5/27 Agenda*

Rich Goeselt has requested that he be placed on the Agenda for the 5/27/03 meeting.

VOTED: To place Rich Goeselt on the Agenda for 5/27/03. 3/0

Henry Mixter has requested he be placed on the Agenda for the 5/27/03 meeting to discuss the Audubon Society.

Ms. Landman requested that Mr. Mixter also be asked to provide a status report on/or results of the town owned/conservation land inventory project. The selectmen agreed to this request.

VOTED: To place Henry Mixter on the Agenda for 5/27/03. 3/0

*Agenda Item C. Approval of Minutes.*

Mr. Sullivan made a motion to approve the minutes of 4/28/03. Mr. Hines seconded.

VOTED: To approve the minutes as recorded. 2/0 (Ms. Landman abstained due to her absence that day)

Ms. Landman questioned the prior approval of the minutes from March 25, 2003. She stated that the revisions she suggested more accurately reflected the meeting and that the corrections were necessary to show her position on appointment of Jim Kierstead as an alternative to the Zoning Board (Agenda Item F.) She stated that she had actually suggested appointing him as a full time member.

Mr. Sullivan stated that some of her corrections were actually in error, which is why he did not vote to accept them. Mr. Hines asked if there were a motion to rescind and Ms. Landman made a motion to rescind. There being no second the motion failed. Ms.

Landman asked that her corrections be made a part of the permanent record. Mr. Sullivan objected and Ms. Landman stated that she would bring the pertinent regulation to the next Board meeting showing that they must be made a part of the permanent record.

*Agenda Item D. Payroll*

Payroll was signed off on.

*Agenda Item E. Manifest*

Manifest was signed off on.

*Agenda Item F. Veteran's Exemptions*

One Veteran's Exemption was signed off.

**4. Adjournment:**

There being no further business to come before the Board in open session, Mr. Sullivan made the motion to adjourn the open session and move into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 II. Ms. Landman seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved. Open session adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

NormaJean Fowler  
Recording Secretary