

Board of Selectmen Meeting
February 2, 2004
Approved 2/23/04

Chairman Lloyd Sullivan called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. Those present were: Lloyd Sullivan, Jenifer Landman, Paul Cuetara, Michael Pardue, Janet Facella, Chief Page, Chief Lambert, Robert Strout and Krystina Arrain.

II. Selectmen Items

Planning and Zoning Administrator Krystina Arrain presented the Board of Selectmen with a request to release a Irrevocable Letter of Credit for the Sagamore Golf Center. A motion was made by Paul Cuetara to accept and Jenifer Landman seconded, all in favor.

Ms. Arrain also presented the Board of Selectmen with a Bond Reduction request from Glenn Martin of Hobbs Farm/Evergreen Drive subdivision. A motion was made by Paul Cuetara to reduce the bond to \$3,200 in cash in a passbook savings account for a period of two years, or until all requirements are met. The savings account will be held in the Town of North Hampton's name. Jenifer Landman seconded, all in favor.

The Board of Selectmen read the Selectmen's report for the Annual Town Report. Lloyd Sullivan stated he would like the paragraph about purchasing land at 239 Atlantic Avenue omitted. Jenifer Landman and Paul Cuetara both agreed that this should be omitted and Jenifer stated she would revise and e-mail Jan Facella a new copy for submission into the Town Report.

Paul Cuetara discussed the possibility of allowing more audience participation at the Board of Selectmen meetings. Mr. Cuetara said he felt it would be helpful to get questions, suggestions and comments from those present at the meetings. He would ask that anyone wishing to speak would limit their input to the topic currently being addressed, and that they could speak for two to three minutes only. Lloyd Sullivan stated that there was time allowed for questions and comments at the meetings already and that this format kept the meetings moving along. Jenifer Landman made the motion to accept Paul Cuetara's suggestion, and Paul Cuetara seconded. Those in favor 2, 1 opposed.

III. Administration/Business

Chief Brian Page briefed the board on police department statistics for the month of January. Motor vehicle stops for January 2003 were 185, while motor vehicle stops for January 2004 saw a dramatic increase to 435. Arrests were up from 12 in January 2003 to 57 in January 2004. Calls for service increased from 660 in January 2003 to 896 in January 2004, and accidents increased from 11 in January 2003 to 57 in January 2004. Chief Page also expressed his opposition to the toll booth on I-95 Southbound being opened up again in the summer months. The result is an increase in traffic onto Routes 1, and 111. The Chief attended a meeting with other area Chief's to inform Governor Benson of their opposition to this proposal.

Chief Thomas Lambert briefed the board on the Fire Department's statistics for the month of January and their increase in call for service. The Fire Department responded to 98 incidents and 40 calls for emergency medical assistance. These amounts represent an increase of 2% over January 2003.

Chairman Sullivan discussed the possibility of leasing space for the highway department in the interim. Paul Cuetara stated that 4.5 acres of town owned land has been located on Cedar Road. Mr. Cuetara stated that Red Mabey is looking into the deed and would report back his findings.

The Board of Selectmen will review a request for a hardship abatement at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

The Board of Selectmen signed and reviewed payroll and manifests. An elderly exemption and three Veteran's exemptions were signed off on.

At 2:20 p.m., Paul Cuetara made the motion to convene into a non-public session, Jenifer Landman seconded, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Facella