

Board of Selectmen  
Minutes of 01/04/05  
**Approved 01/24/05**

I. Call to Order.

Chairman Don Gould called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. There were present, Emily Creighton, Selectwoman and Michael Pardue, Town Administrator. Mr. Pardue served as the Recording Secretary for this session. Selectman Rineman was excused due to having a prior professional commitment.

II. Selectmen Items

A. Board's Response to Letter From Mr. Kenneth Ingalls

Mr. Gould addressed a letter received from Mr. Kenneth Ingalls in which he suggested a Capital Gains Tax on real estate sales in North Hampton.

Mr. Gould publicly expressed the Board's appreciation for Mr. Ingalls having taken the time to write a letter to the Board. Mr. Gould and Ms. Creighton both signed a letter of response to Mr. Ingalls.

B. MS-5 Form Discussion

Mr. Gould reviewed the debt service figures shown on the MS-5 form. Mr. Gould and Ms. Creighton made some general comments related to the form and asked that the Town Administrator request the Town Treasurer to meet with the Board in the near future to discuss the Town funds, interest rates etc.

C. Adopt-A-Soldier Program

Mr. Gould spoke of the Adopt-A-Soldier program, a program designed to assist men and women serving overseas in military conflicts. Mr. Gould cited the success of such a program that is operated by Manhattanville College. Mr. Gould advised that he participates in this program and that he has received "thank you" correspondence from a soldier serving overseas.

Mr. Gould and Ms. Creighton spoke of how they could best learn of North Hampton residents serving in the military at this time. Mr. Pardue suggested that Joe Kutt, Joe's Meat Market, would be an excellent source of information regarding this matter due to all of his efforts with military veterans. Mr. Gould stated that he would meet with Mr. Kutt to glean this information.

D. Warrant Articles Discussed

Mr. Gould and Ms. Creighton reviewed each of the proposed warrant articles and reaffirmed their vote on each. The Board acknowledged that they had yet to vote on a warrant article related to architectural fees for the municipal complex area.

Mr. Richard Goeselt, Chairman of the Library Trustees was present and asked to address the Board in order to present a revised warrant article related to architectural fees.

Mr. Goeselt presented a revised warrant article reflecting a request for the funding of architectural fees associated with the design of a new library facility and a redesign of the existing library interior to provide for the future housing of Town administrative offices.

Mr. Goeselt cited many deficiencies associated with the municipal buildings while acknowledging the North Hampton School "Award Winning" physical plant.

Mr. Goeselt stated that he felt it would be "wrong" to do nothing in planning for the growth of the municipal buildings / complex. He further stated that it is his belief that the long range planning of the Town's buildings and facilities must continue.

Chairman Gould expressed his agreement with Mr. Goeselt's statements but stated that he is concerned with the need to be fiscally prudent. Mr. Gould cited the fact that the Board was only considering "essential" warrant articles this year due to the financial situation of the Town.

Mr. Horace Relman, an Atlantic Road resident spoke of deficiencies in some of the Town buildings that should have been addressed in 1990 when the police department was renovated.

Ms. Linda Hillier, Library Trustee cited that she has lived in North Hampton for 37 years and feels that it is the Town's responsibility to move forward with the architectural design effort.

Mr. Robbie Robinson, Chair of the Budget Committee and Atlantic Ave. resident wants to know more about the impact on the mill rate if this expenditure were approved.

Ms. Cynthia Swank urged the Board to consider expending the initial warrant article expenditure request of \$75,000 for planning the design of the municipal complex area.

Mr. Gould expressed concern that the warrant article presented by Mr. Goeselt was too narrowly focused on the library design, stating that he believes if the Town is going to consider the services of an architect, those services should be contracted to more globally address the entire grouping of municipal buildings.

Ms. Creighton explained the rationale behind the warrant article being presented by the library trustees (by Mr. Goeselt).

Mr. Goeselt was asked if the library trustees would in fact support the initial warrant article that designated \$75,000 for municipal complex architectural fees. Mr. Goeselt responded in the affirmative.

Mr. Gould cited that the planning board has recommended the \$75,000 warrant article with the condition that the scope of the work effort be clearly defined and closely monitored.

Ms. Creighton stated that it is her opinion that the voters of North Hampton should have the opportunity to voice their support for long range planning as it relates to the Town's municipal complex.

**Motion / Vote: Ms. Creighton made a motion to approve the warrant article requesting the sum of \$75,000 for architectural services related to the Town's municipal buildings complex. Mr. Gould seconded the motion.**

Discussion ensued related to this motion. Mr. Gould stated that he would support this article, with some trepidation, as this article does not appear to meet the "essential" test endorsed by the Board. He continued by stating that the Municipal Facilities Advisory Subcommittee and the North Hampton Planning Board have each voiced their support of this article. Mr. Gould stated that it is this show of support, coupled with the obvious need for planning that causes him to vote in support.

Mr. Gould called for a vote.

**The vote was unanimous and so moved. 2-0.**

E. Mr. George Zoukee – NH Bond Bank

Mr. Gould thanked Mr. Zoukee for attending the Board meeting.

Mr. Zoukee presented the Board with a series of printouts (Estimated Debt Schedules) that reflected various rates associated with a bond in the amount of \$950,000 for the construction of a highway garage and salt and sand storage facility.

Mr. Zoukee explained the bonding process and related timetable for application through award. He further explained the role of the New Hampshire Bond Bank (NHBB) and reviewed schedules related to 5,10,15,20 bonds.

Mr. Zoukee stated that currently, the Town is "unrated" in relation to bonding. He further explained that the Town would fall under the bond rating of the NHBB and the fee for the NHBB services for a bond in the amount of \$950,000 is \$6,000, a fee that is "built in to the bond payment".

The Board thanked Mr. Zoukee for his attendance and assistance in this matter.

#### F. Review and Approval of Assessing Services Contract

The Board reviewed the Assessing Services contract offered by Municipal Resources, Inc. Mr. Pardue stated that he has read the contract and recommends the Board signing it.

#### IV. Adjournment

**Being no further business to come before the Board, Ms. Creighton made a motion to adjourn at 1:01 p.m. Mr. Gould seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved. 2-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Pardue  
Town Administrator