

Board of Selectmen  
Minutes of 03/14/05  
**Approved 3/28/05**

\*Ms. Delores Chase, Town Clerk administered the Oath of Office at 7:00 p.m. to Mr. Gould and Ms. Creighton who had been reelected to the Board of Selectmen on March 8, 2005. Appropriate appointment papers were signed.

**I. Call to Order**

Chairman Don Gould called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. There were present, Emily Creighton, Selectwoman, Jon Rineman, Selectman and Michael Pardue, Town Administrator. Mr. Pardue served as the Recording Secretary for this session.

**II. Selectmen Items**

**A. Reorganization of Board of Selectmen / Appointment of BOS Members to Various Boards & Commissions**

**Motion / Vote: Mr. Gould made a motion to nominate Mr. Jon Rineman to serve as the Chair of the Board of Selectmen for the upcoming year. Ms. Creighton seconded the motion.**

Discussion ensued. Mr. Rineman thanked Mr. Gould and Ms. Creighton for their support of him to serve as the Chair of the Board. Mr. Rineman spoke of his professional commitments that require his being out of town three or more days weekly. Mr. Rineman continued by stating that when he took office as a Selectman, he did so pledging to serve the residents in the most effective manner he possibly could. With that, Mr. Rineman stated that he was declining the nomination to serve as Chair of the Board of Selectmen as he felt it important that the Chair be more readily available than he, Rineman, could commit to at this time. Mr. Rineman again thanked his fellow Board members for their support and confidence in him.

Mr. Gould thanked Mr. Rineman for the strong commitment he had provided to the Board this past year and praised Mr. Rineman's attendance record, especially in light of his weekly professional commitments that cause him, Rineman, to travel a great deal of time. Ms. Creighton echoed Mr. Gould's comments.

**Motion / Vote: Ms. Creighton made a motion to nominate Mr. Don Gould to serve as the Chair of the Board of Selectmen for the upcoming year. Mr. Rineman seconded the motion.**

Discussion ensued. Both Ms. Creighton and Mr. Rineman complimented Mr. Gould for his hard work and dedication this past year while serving as the Chair of the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Gould thanked Ms. Creighton and Mr. Rineman for their support of him.

this past year and for showing confidence in him to continue as Chair for the upcoming year.

**The motion was moved. The vote was unanimous. 3-0.**

The Board next moved to fill the positions on various Boards and Commissions that require a member of the Board of Selectmen to serve.

#### *APPOINTMENT TO THE PLANNING BOARD*

**Motion / Vote: Ms. Creighton made a motion to nominate Mr. Jon Rineman to serve as the Board of Selectmen representative to the Planning Board for the upcoming year. Mr. Gould seconded the motion.**

Discussion ensued as to the advantages associated with Mr. Rineman continuing as the Board's representative to the Planning Board.

**The motion was moved. The vote was unanimous. 3-0.**

#### *APPOINTMENT OF AN ALTERNATE TO THE PLANNING BOARD*

**Motion / Vote: Mr. Rineman made a motion to nominate Ms. Emily Creighton to serve as the Board of Selectmen Alternate to the Planning Board for the upcoming year. Mr. Gould seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved. 3-0.**

#### *APPOINTMENT TO THE BUDGET COMMITTEE*

**Motion / Vote: Mr. Rineman made a motion to nominate Mr. Don Gould to serve as the Board of Selectmen representative to the Budget Committee for the upcoming year. Ms. Creighton seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved. 3-0.**

#### *APPOINTMENT TO THE HERITAGE COMMISSION*

**Motion / Vote: Mr. Rineman made a motion to nominate Ms. Emily Creighton to serve as the Board of Selectmen representative to the Heritage Commission for the upcoming year. Mr. Gould seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved. 3-0.**

#### *APPOINTMENT TO NORTH HAMPTON FOREVER*

**Motion / Vote: Ms. Creighton made a motion to nominate Mr. Don Gould to serve as the Board of Selectmen representative to North Hampton Forever. Mr. Rineman seconded the motion. The Vote was unanimous and so moved.**

## *APPOINTMENT TO WATER COMMISSION*

**Motion / Vote: Mr. Rineman made a motion to nominate Mr. Don Gould to serve as the Board of Selectmen representative to the Water Commission for the upcoming year. Ms. Creighton seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved. 3-0.**

### **B. Appointments to the Zoning Board of Adjustment**

The Board was provided with a request from the Chair of the ZBA requesting the following appointments to the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

- The reappointment of Mr. Ted Turchan to the Zoning Board of Adjustment as a full member. This term to expire 4/2008.
- The reappointment of Ms. Jen Lerner to the Zoning Board of Adjustment as a full member. This term to expire 4/2008.
- The appointment of Mr. Paul Marston to the Zoning Board of Adjustment as an alternate member. This term to expire 4/2008.

**Motion / Vote: Mr. Rineman made a motion to appoint Mr. Turchan to the ZBA as a full member. This term is to expire 4/2008. Ms. Creighton seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. 3-0.**

Mr. Bob Landman, a member of the audience, asked the Board if there had been a notice posted advising individuals of vacancies on various Boards and Commissions. The Board advised that typically they, the Board, relies on the Chairs of the Boards and Commissions to bring forward the names of individuals interested in serving.

The Board decided to move forward with appointing the remaining ZBA candidates before discussing this matter further.

**Motion / Vote: Ms. Creighton made a motion to appoint Ms. Jen Lerner to the ZBA as a full member. This term is to expire 4/2008. Mr. Rineman seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. 3-0.**

**Motion / Vote: Mr. Rineman made a motion to appoint Mr. Paul Marston to the ZBA as an alternate member. This term is to expire 4/2008. Ms. Creighton seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. 3-0.**

The Board then engaged in discussion related to how the various Board and Commission vacancies could be noticed and posted. The Board asked Mr. Pardue to generate a letter to each of the Board and Commission Chairs indicating that they, the Chairs, should make the public aware of the vacancies that exist on their respective

Boards and Commissions. Once the Chairs have a list of candidates seeking appointment to their respective Board or Commission, the Chair should present the name of the candidate(s) to the Board of Selectmen, along with their endorsement of the candidate.

#### C. Review of March 8<sup>th</sup> Voting Results and Related Discussion

Mr. Gould summarized the voting results and offered his insight on the outcome.

Mr. Rineman advised that the North Hampton School has a very large voting block that is representative of several generations of people.

Mr. Rineman expressed his appreciation to the voters for having voted in approval of the Town operating budget. Mr. Rineman continued stating that it was his belief that the Board of Selectmen placed far too much emphasis on urging voters to control spending and that in the long run this posture impacted the warrant articles. Mr. Rineman stated that he believed that voters "listened" to the Board of Selectmen and cut spending, perhaps more than the Board intended.

Mr. Rineman spoke to his belief that the Board of Selectmen need to hold a series of public forums to discuss the highway garage construction effort, seeking input from citizens on "next steps". Mr. Rineman further suggested the formation of a committee to work toward the goal of bring this project forward to the voters again in March 2006.

The Board discussed their feeling that the objections to the highway garage were more economically focused as opposed to the proposed geographic location of the facility.

Ms. Laurel Pohl, an audience member, stated that it is her belief the highway garage Article was defeated due to economics as opposed to proposed location.

Mr. Phil Wilson, an audience member, stated that it was his belief that the weather on voting day was a factor. He stated that it was his opinion that the inclement weather resulted in only highly motivated voters coming to the polls and of those voting, it was apparent through the vote tabulations that some only voted on school related issues.

Ms. Cynthia Swank, an audience member echoed the comments of Mr. Rineman in relation to holding focus group discussions on the topic of the highway garage. She cited that she believes to more fully engage the citizens in this effort will be most beneficial. Ms. Swank further suggested holding one of the focus group discussions on Old Home Day, as many residents would likely be available during that time.

The Board discussed whether or not the placing of the "per-cent" tax impact on each Article was appropriate or if this created a negative situation when considered by the voters.

Mr. Bob Landman, an audience member, stated that it is his opinion that the Board should wait a few years before addressing the highway garage topic again.

Mr. Gould summarized the comments received by the Board and concluded by saying it was apparent that more Town people need to become involved in the discussion and planning of the highway facility.

#### D. Plan NH Discussion

Mr. Phil Wilson, speaking as Chair of the Planning Board, discussed his belief that there is an increased need for the Plan NH effort, especially with the defeat of the warrant article related to architectural fees for municipal facilities planning. Mr. Wilson stated that he was hopeful to hear on the Plan NH proposal recently submitted by the Planning Board that would allow for municipal facilities planning assistance.

#### E. Discussion & Prioritization of BOS Action Items for 2005 – 2006 Fiscal-Year

The Board agreed that this matter had already been included in earlier conversation.

#### G. Questions & Comments Related to Above Topics

Ms. Jenifer Landman, an audience member, expressed her belief that the warrant article related to mosquito control was reflective of voters concerns as related to the health risks associated with mosquitoes.

Mr. Bob Landman discussed that he had learned of a recent outbreak of fire ants in southern Maine. Mr. Landman advised the Board of the health concerns associated with the fire ant and how difficult fire ant control has been found to be.

### III. Non-Public Session RSA 91-A: 3 II (d,e)

**Motion / Vote:** Mr. Rineman made a motion to temporarily adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. for the purpose of entering into non-public session under the provisions of RSA 91-A:3 II (d,e) to discuss the acquisition of real estate and a potential legal matter. Ms. Creighton seconded the motion. A roll call vote of the Board was taken. Motion passed 3-0.

**Motion / Vote:** Ms. Creighton made a motion to reconvene the public portion of the meeting at 8:53 p.m. Mr. Rineman seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

### IV. Administration/Business

#### A. Town Administrator's Report

Mr. Pardue provided the Board an oral report summarizing the work being performed by the various departments.

Mr. Pardue advised the Board that the Town's computer server continues to fail and that data back-up that was thought to be functioning (as indicated on the server) was in fact not backing-up data. The failure of the back-up system has resulted in 11 weeks of data being lost. Mr. Pardue advised that Ms. Facella and Ms. Neves were working to reconstruct the lost data and that new computer servers and back-up equipment were on order and expected within the next week or two.

## B. Correspondence

Mr. Pardue asked the Board if they had each received a letter from Mr. Simon Tager. The subject of the letter was entitled by Mr. Tager as "Compensation – Inequitable, Unfair". The Board members acknowledged their receipt of Mr. Tager's letter. Mr. Gould advised those in attendance that in 2003, the Town had commissioned the New Hampshire Municipal Association to conduct a salary study for the positions of Fire Chief, Road Agent and Police Chief. Further, the Town had performed a salary study for the position of Administrative Assistant. Based upon the findings and recommendations of said studies, the Town had made adjustments to the salaries of these positions.

The Board reviewed a memorandum from the Town Assessor, Mr. Scott Marsh. Mr. Marsh's memo provided the Board with an Assessing Department update for the month of February 2005.

Ms. Creighton advised the Board that three police officers from the North Hampton Police Department had presented at her UNH class. Ms. Creighton expressed her great appreciation and praise of Lt. Scippa, Detective Joshua Stokel and Officer Michael Oliveira citing how well they interfaced with the students.

## C. Property Tax Abatement Request

The Board reviewed and signed off on one property tax abatement request as recommended by the Town Assessor.

## D. Approval of Minutes

February 14, 2005 – Open Session  
February 14, 2005 – Non-Public Session  
February 28, 2005 – Public Session

**Motion / Vote: Mr. Rineman made a motion to approve the minutes of February 14, 2005 Open Session, February 14, 2005 Non-Public Session and February 28, 2005 Open Session as written. Ms. Creighton seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved. 3-0.**

#### E. Payroll

The Board reviewed and signed off on payroll forms.

#### F. Manifest

Due to the malfunction of the Town computer system, there was no manifest available.

#### G. Other Business

The Board discussed that all future correspondence from them should reflect their names in alphabetical order with the exception of Mr. Gould who's name would appear first as the Chair of the Board. Each of the Board members agreed with this naming order as appears below

Mr. Donald Gould, Chair

Ms. Emily Creighton, Selectwoman

Mr. Jon Rineman, Selectman

#### IV. Adjournment

Being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Rineman made a motion to adjourn at 9:44 p.m. Ms. Creighton seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved. 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Pardue

Town Administrator