

Board of Selectmen
Minutes of 03/27/06
Approved 4/10/06

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I. Call to Order

Board Chair Emily Creighton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. There were also present, Henry Marsh, Selectman and Michael Pardue, Town Administrator. Selectman Don Gould was unavailable to attend this meeting due to a prior commitment and was excused by his fellow board members. Mr. Pardue served as the Recording Secretary for this session.

II. Selectmen Items

A. Request to Trim Trees Re: Hampton Airfield Runway Safety

Mr. Mike Hart, owner and manager of the Hampton Airfield was present to address the Board. Mr. Hart requested permission from the Board to trim tress located on a town owned parcel of land located on Cedar Rd. referenced as Map 7, Lot 48. Mr. Hart requested permission to trim the trees in question to a height of approximately 15 feet from the roadside to a location approximately 300 feet back from the road.

MOTION/VOTE: Mr. Marsh made a motion to grant permission to Mr. Hart for the trimming of trees as previously described. Ms. Creighton seconded the motion.

Discussion: Mr. Marsh asked Mr. Pardue if the Town had any objection to Mr. Hart's request. Mr. Pardue responded "No". Mr. Marsh discussed the idea of offering a "blanket approval" for this activity. Mr. Pardue suggested that as this is an occurrence that seems to occur only every 6 – 10 years, it might be most appropriate to address this request each time it is brought forward.

The vote was called and the vote was unanimous 2-0 in favor of the motion.

B. Recreation Department – Registration of Non-Resident Children for Summer Recreation Program

Recreation Director Diane Wheeler addressed the Board. Ms. Wheeler stated that the Recreation Commission had recently voted to support the accepting of non-resident children (campers) in to the summer recreation camp once North Hampton residents had had adequate time to enroll their children in to this program.

Ms. Wheeler also spoke about the proposed fee structure for this effort, in particular the proposed fee for non North Hampton registrants. Ms. Wheeler assured the Board that North Hampton is “in-step” with the fees charged by surrounding communities for like programs.

MOTION/VOTE: Mr. Marsh made a motion to approve allowing non-residents to attend the North Hampton Summer Recreation Camp once North Hampton residents have had sufficient opportunity to register, at the fee recommended by Ms. Wheeler. Ms. Creighton seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved 2-0.

C. Request to Use Dearborn Tennis Courts

Ms. Wheeler addressed the Board, advising them of a fax transmittal she had received from the Sanborn School District requesting to use the Town of North Hampton Tennis Courts located at Dearborn Park. The reason for this request is that Sanborn’s tennis courts are currently under discussion.

General discussion ensued about how best to notice the residents that the courts are “reserved” during certain dates/times if this request is approved by the Board.

The Board discussed the need for a Letter of Authorization and the need to provide a copy of such letter to the Sanborn officials that will be on-site and to the Chief of Police for dissemination to his personnel.

MOTION/VOTE: Mr. Marsh made a motion to approve the request of the Sanborn School District, authorizing them to use the tennis courts at Dearborn Park on the dates and times requested. Ms. Creighton seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved 2-0.

D. Appointment to Old Town Hall Building Committee

Mr. Pardue advised the Board that he had been made aware that Mr. Richard Goeselt, a North Hampton resident, had expressed a desire to serve on the Old Town Hall Building Committee.

The Board spoke of the many contributions Mr. Goeselt had made in his prior service to the Town and expressed their appreciation for his willingness to again assist the Town with such an important effort.

MOTION/VOTE: Mr. Marsh made a motion to appoint Mr. Richard Goeselt to the Old Town Hall Building Committee. Ms. Creighton seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved 2-0.

No discussion took place on this topic.

E. Beach Sticker Pricing for 2006 Season

Mr. Pardue advised the Board that the 2006 beach stickers are in and ready for disbursement. He inquired as to the price the Board would like the Town to charge for beach stickers this season, reminding them that in prior years, the fee has been set at \$20.00 per sticker.

The Board inquired as to the beach sticker fee charged by neighboring communities, Rye and Hampton. Mr. Pardue stated that he would need to research what other Towns are charging for this effort and advise the Board at a future meeting. This item will appear on a future Board agenda.

F. Deliberative Session Date

Mr. Gould made a motion to set the deliberative session date for February 4, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. in the North Hampton School cafeteria. Ms. Creighton seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. 3-0.

G. Questions and Comments on Above Topics

None.

III. Administration / Business

A. Town Administrator's Report

1. PD – Armed robbery Saturday night of Irving – under investigation
2. PD – New lock and camera system is nearly complete – issuing key FOB's at this time
3. PD – The officers currently attending the Academy finish training this week
4. REC – Counselor in Training (CIT) interviews to be held on 4/17, 4/18
5. FD – New FF, Ryan Booth, started today as approved by BOS on 3/13
6. FD – FF Shean Gray has completed Fire Inspector training
7. FD – Rescue vehicle out-of-service for a few days due to warrantee work being performed
8. PWD – All but (1) PWD trucks passed inspection. The one that failed is the 1995 that is scheduled to be replaced this July.
9. PWD – Paving bids are noticed and will be on 4/24 BOS agenda for opening
10. PWD – Brush dump opens 4/1/06 – stickers are available now
11. CEO – Court tomorrow re: Walnut Rd. "junkyard" case

12. CEO – Signs on poles and in Right-of-way – Red will issue a press release for print media asking that they publish a reminder that signs in ROW and signs attached to telephone poles are not allowed
13. TA – Beach stickers are in and available – priced at \$20?????
14. TA – Meeting of Personnel Policy Committee – possible dates????

B. Correspondence

Mr. Pardue presented the Board with a letter written by Mr. Robert Southworth. In his letter, Mr. Southworth thanked the Board for selecting a painting he had made of the Isle of Shoals for the Town's Annual Report cover.

C. Request for Reduction of Ambulance Invoice

The Board reviewed a letter from the law firm of Coughlin, Rainboth, Murphy & Lown requesting the Town reduce the fees associated with charges incurred by one of their clients for ambulance services delivered by the Town on or about 2/9/05. The reduction request was to reduce the current outstanding balance of \$418.78 by 50%. The referenced letter also cited that (3) other medical providers were sent a similar reduction request with two of the providers having already granted reductions of 15% – 50%.

MOTION/VOTE: Mr. Marsh made a motion to grant a 50% reduction of the invoice re: Run Number 05-29499, from \$418.78 to \$209.39. Ms. Creighton seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved 2-0.

D. Appointment to the ZBA

Mr. Pardue advised the Board that the term of appointment for ZBA Chairman John Simmons had expired and that the ZBA had a meeting scheduled for tomorrow (3/28) evening.

MOTION/VOTE: Mr. Marsh made a motion to appoint John Simmons to the ZBA for a full term. Ms. Creighton seconded the motion.

Discussion ensued regarding the Board's previous commitment to make board and commission vacancies known to the public and to allow for all interested parties to have sufficient time to submit Letters of Interest for said vacancies.

Ms. Creighton suggested the Board appoint Mr. Simmons for a period of time that will allow for him to serve at the 3/28 meeting while the Town advertised this, and other board and commission vacancies. Ms. Creighton praised the work of Mr. Simmons and made it clear that her reluctance to appoint him for a full-term was not at all personal but only reflective of her belief that all citizens should be afforded an opportunity to "apply" for the vacancy.

Mr. Marsh also praised the work and ZBA experience of Mr. Simmons while stating he would consider amending his motion.

MOTION/VOTE: Mr. Marsh amended his motion to appoint Mr. John Simmons to the ZBA through 4/10/06 at which time this, and many other board and commission vacancies, will be considered for appointment by the Board of Selectmen. Ms. Creighton seconded this motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved 2-0.

E. Approval of Minutes

MOTION/VOTE: Mr. Marsh made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of March 20, 2006 (Public and Non-Public) as written. Ms. Creighton seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved 2-0.

F. Payroll

The Board will review payroll documents at the Town office prior to the close of business on Wednesday.

G. Manifest

The Board will review manifest documents at the Town office prior to the close of business on Wednesday.

H. Other Business

The Board discussed the need to hold a special meeting of the Board to discuss their 2006-2007 goals and objectives.

V. Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Board, Ms. Creighton made a motion to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Mr. Marsh seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved 2-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Pardue
Town Administrator