

Board of Selectmen  
Minutes of 05/22/06  
**Approved 6/12/06**

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**I. Call to Order**

Selectwoman & Chair Emily Creighton was excused from this meeting so she could honor a prior commitment. Selectman Gould served as Chair of this meeting. Mr. Gould called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. There were also present Henry Marsh, Selectman and Michael Pardue, Town Administrator. Mr. Pardue served as the Recording Secretary for this session.

**II. Selectmen Items**

**A. Passing of Robbie Robinson**

The Board recognized the recent passing of Mr. Robbie Robinson, who passed away on May 14, 2006. The Board acknowledged the many years of dedicated service Mr. Robinson had given to the Town of North Hampton. Mr. Marsh spoke of the fact that the School Board unanimously approved naming an athletic field at the North Hampton School in memory of Mr. Robinson.

All those in attendance observed a moment of silence in honor of Mr. Robinson.

The Board further asked that those in attendance remember **Ms. Whitney Robie**, a young North Hampton resident that who passed away unexpectedly.

**B. Recognizing the Professional Performance of Town Personnel**

The Board expressed their appreciation for the professional work displayed by Town personnel during the recent storms that resulted in flooding throughout the area. The storms resulted in approximately 17.5" of rainfall over an eight day period. The Board referenced the dedication of the Town personnel and the state of readiness displayed by those that responded to, and participated in, the Emergency Center operations.

**C. Citizen Letters of Praise Re: Fire Department Members Lt. Trott, & Firefighters Fredette, Lajoie and Newman**

Mr. Gould read aloud two letters of praise received by the Town referencing the professionalism of Fire Department members Lt. Cabot Trott, Firefighter Charles Fredette, Firefighter Jason Newman and Firefighter Jason Lajoie. The Board expressed their appreciation for the fine work exhibited by the aforementioned North Hampton fire personnel.

#### D. North Hampton Forever Conservation Easement

Mr. Gould introduced various members of North Hampton Forever and the North Hampton Conservation Commission. Mr. Chris Ganotis provided an overview of the to-date steps that have been taken by North Hampton Forever and the Conservation Commission as they worked to negotiate a land acquisition.

Mr. Tim Harned, a member of North Hampton Forever, presented a PowerPoint presentation that illustrated a proposed land acquisition of approximately 24 total acres. He pointed out that two of the acres would be reserved for a house lot.

Discussion ensued following Mr. Harned's presentation.

Mr. Phil Wilson, a member of North Hampton Forever, spoke in relation to the deeded property rights.

Ms. Michele Peckham, a member of North Hampton Forever, spoke in reference to certain aspects of deed rights and the transfer of deed(s).

**Motion/Vote: Mr. Marsh made a motion to approve the purchase of a conservation easement(s) in the amount of \$250,000 as recommended by the Conservation Commission and North Hampton Forever. Mr. Gould seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved 2-0.**

**Motion/Vote: Mr. Gould made a motion to allow for a single Selectman to represent the Board at the closing and to sign necessary papers as related to this effort. Mr. Marsh seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved 2-0.**

#### E. Cemetery Record Retention and Preservation

Mr. Gould acknowledged a letter received by the Board from Ms. Cynthia Swank and Mr. Peter Parker offering to review the records of the Cemetery Trustees and to make recommendations as to the storage and preservation of such documents. Mr. Gould noted that Ms. Swank and Mr. Parker are noted experts in the field of document retention and preservation.

The Board suggested that the Town make a request of the Cemetery Trustees to allow Ms. Swank and Mr. Parker to meet with them for the purpose of discussing the

management, preservation and retention of records and to make recommendations related to these areas.

F. Coalition Communities Contribution

The Board reviewed a letter received from Portsmouth Mayor Steve Marchand requesting the Town of North Hampton again consider contributing to the efforts of the Coalition Communities. This program addresses educational funding and the concept of donor towns.

**Motion/Vote: Mr. Marsh made a motion to again contribute \$2,000 to the Coalition Communities effort. Mr. Gould seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved 2-0.**

G. Memorial Day Exercises

Mr. Gould read aloud a letter received from Ralph Fatello, Commander of American Legion Post 35 requesting the Board of Selectmen participate in the 2006 Memorial Day ceremonies planned for the Town of North Hampton. The Board stated their intent to participate. The Board further acknowledged that the guest speaker scheduled for this ceremony is Ms. Natalie Healy, the Gold Star mother of Navy Seal Dan Healy who was killed in Afghanistan after 9/11.

H. Generator Discussion & Letter From SAU-21 Asst. Superintendent Englebach

Mr. Gould summarized the content of a letter written to the Town by Asst. Superintendent Englebach in reference to the placement of a generator at the North Hampton School.

The Board discussed the questions posed by Mr. Englebach in his letter dated May 2, 2006. The Board advised Mr. Pardue of their position on each of the questions posed by Mr. Englebach. The Board asked Mr. Pardue to respond to Mr. Englebach with their position.

I. Questions and Comments on Above Topics

Mr. Charles Pray of Post Rd. spoke of his support for the Town to purchase the Aquarion Water Company. He stated that he encourages that the Town consider such action.

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

**Motion / Vote: Mr. Marsh made a motion to temporarily adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m. for the purpose of entering into non-public session under the provisions of RSA 91-A:3 II (d, e) for the purpose of the acquisition, sale or lease**

**of real or personal property and a possible legal matter. Mr. Gould seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously 2-0.**

**Motion / Vote: Mr. Marsh made a motion to reconvene the public portion of the meeting at 8:53 p.m. Mr. Gould seconded the motion. Motion passed 2-0.**

#### **IV. Administration / Business**

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

1. PD – \$1,300 O.T. spent on storm related matters
2. FD - \$7,000 (+) spent in O.T. for storm related matters (2 Platoons Used)
3. FD – 120 Calls for Service responded to during flooding incident
4. FD – Bunk room has been impacted by septic line pressure valve failure – causing septic system matter to migrate in to the sleeping quarters – mitigation and replacement of carpet needed
5. FD – 1996 flood caused the Fire Association to purchase a pump to assist residents with high water problems – this equipment has been a great asset during this storm
6. FD – 6 Woodknoll continues to have several feet of water in and around home – FD, PWD & BI working to assist as much as possible – where to pump water is issue
7. PWD – Paving Goss Rd. tomorrow – due to Pike Paving receiving a cancellation. Notice received today (5/22) – unable to notify residents as is normally done
8. PWD – (4) washed out areas, (3) have been repaired, (1) has temporary fix – larger culvert to be installed
9. PWD – Bulky Container Day went very well – numerous storm damaged goods received – a second container was in place in anticipation of this need
10. PWD – Mr. Strout at a training session 5/24 & 5/25 – Gunstock
11. CEO – Walnut Rd. “junkyard” matter – RFP distributed with response due no later than 5/26
12. CEO – Has contacted the owner of the many tires Mr. Kroner complained about on Cedar Rd. Owner due to speak with Red this week about an action plan for tire removal
13. CEO – Tax maps are being updated by James Verra
14. TA – BAN researched – awaiting 3 years of financials from auditors so we can make application for BAN
15. BOS – Please remember Payroll, Manifest, Veteran Exemptions (5) and Abatement Request Please see Jan Tuesday / Wednesday – thank you.

## B. Correspondence

The Board reviewed a lien discharge request. The Board determined that the lien was applied to the property several years (and owners) ago and that it remains due and payable.

**Motion/Vote: Mr. Gould made a motion to not discharge the lien until such time the lien applied by the Town in the amount of \$738.12 is paid in full. Mr. Marsh seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved 2-0.**

Mr. Pardue presented the Board with a letter from the Rockingham County Commissioners. The letter dated April 25, 2006 acknowledged an award to the North Hampton Recreation Department "in the amount of up to \$4,000 on a scholarship basis".

The Board expressed their appreciation for this grant award and applauded the efforts of the Recreation Department for pursuing such funding assistance.

Mr. Pardue presented the Board with a letter from the State of New Hampshire, department of Public Safety, which served to notify the North Hampton Fire Department that it has been allocated 18 portable radios to be used for fire service needs.

The Board expressed their appreciation for this award and applauded the efforts of the North Hampton Fire Department for pursuing such assistance.

The Board signed the Tax Commitment Letter.

The Board signed Tax Lien documents as requested by the Tax Collector.

## C. Approval of Meeting Minutes

**Motion/Vote: Mr. Gould made a motion to approve both the public session and non-public session meeting minutes of May 8, 2006 as written. Mr. Marsh seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous 2-0.**

## D. Payroll

The Board will be reviewing payroll documents on 5/24 at the Town office.

## E. Manifest

The Board will be reviewing manifest documents on 5/24 at the Town office.

## F. Other Business

Mr. Adam Torrey of the Aquarion Water Company was present and asked to speak. Mr. Torrey advised the Board that Aquarion officials had sent a letter to Board Chair Creighton requesting to meet with the Board of Selectmen and that he had not heard back from Ms. Creighton. The Board explained that Ms. Creighton is currently out of town and likely has not had an opportunity to view the request mailed to her alone. The Board advised Mr. Torrey that they would consider his request once Ms. Creighton returns and has an opportunity to present the request to the full board.

Mr. Torrey thanked the Board for their consideration of his request to meet with them.

## **V. Adjournment**

Being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Marsh made a motion to adjourn at 9:14 p.m. Mr. Gould seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved 2-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Pardue  
Town Administrator