

Board of Selectmen
Minutes of 08/28/06
Approved 09/11/06

I. Call to Order

Chair Emily Creighton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. There were also present Mr. Donald Gould, Selectman, Mr. Henry Marsh, Selectman and Michael Pardue, Town Administrator. Mr. Pardue served as the Recording Secretary for this session.

II. Selectmen Items

A. Bid Openings – Oil Bids

Mr. Pardue advised the Board that the Town had received three bids in response to the Request for Proposal that had been published in relation to #2 heating oil and kerosene.

The bids were opened in no particular order by Ms. Creighton.

	<u>Kerosene</u>	<u>Oil</u>
Irving Oil Portsmouth, NH	2.9472	2.556
Lamprey Bros. North Hampton	2.899	2.479
Lariviere Oil North Hampton	2.84	2.44

Mr. Gould advised the Board that he has performed legal work for Mr. Lariviere in the past and would recuse himself from commenting on the awarding of the oil / kerosene contract if anyone on the Board felt this relationship to be a conflict of interest. There was no request for Mr. Gould to recuse himself from this process.

Motion / Vote: Mr. Gould made a motion to award the oil and kerosene contract to Lariviere Oil of North Hampton, NH. Mr. Marsh seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved 3-0.

b. Mr. Brian Griset – Candidate for State Representative

Mr. Griset provided the Board with a brief overview of his professional and political background, coupled with the reasons he was a candidate for office.

The Board engaged in discussion related to whether or not it was appropriate that they afford candidates the opportunity to promote themselves at Board of Selectmen meetings. The Board discussed that if they were to allow one candidate to do so, they would likely need to do so for all candidates.

The Board engaged in policy discussion related to the appearance of candidates vying for political office, appearing before the Board of Selectmen.

The consensus of the Board was to not permit candidates running for office to appear before the Board for the purpose of citing their candidacy and their political platform.

Mr. Griset stated to the Board that he understood their sentiments prior to departing the meeting.

c. Generator Project Update – Mr. Robert Strout

Mr. Strout advised the Board that he, his staff and Code Officer Mabey had worked numerous hours to form, pour and prepare a concrete pad on which to place the generator at the school. Mr. Strout advised the Board that he believes it is the intent to place the generator and wire it into the North Hampton School sometime near the date of September 19, 2006, weather and material availability permitting.

The Board complimented Mr. Strout, his staff, and all others involved in this effort for their diligence in bringing this project to near conclusion.

d. Proposed Bicycle Shoulders: Atlantic Ave. From Hobbs Rd. to Lafayette Rd.

Ms. Creighton cited the recent presentation by NH DOT on this subject and that DOT now needed guidance from the Board as to whether or not to continue with the design of this project. Ms. Creighton stated that she felt it prudent to ask DOT to continue with the design of the project and to provide for a warrant article requesting funds for the Town's share of the proposed project.

Mr. Marsh stated that he had received 3 or 4 positive comments regarding the proposed project. Mr. Marsh stated that he would like to see the completed design of this project be brought to voters for their consideration.

The consensus of the Board is to ask the NH DOT to move forward with the final design of the project.

e. Mosquito Commission Update

Ms. Sarah MacGregor of Dragon Mosquito, the vendor supplying mosquito control services to the Town, was present and provided the Board with an overview of her firm's mosquito control activities in North Hampton during the past few months.

Ms. MacGregor stated that in addition to control activities, her firm has placed two "traps" in Town that serve to capture mosquitoes that are tested for diseases. To date, mosquito disease testing has proven to be "negative". Ms. MacGregor acknowledged that now is the time of year when mosquitoes are found to carry diseases such as eastern equine encephalitis (EEE). She also noted that there have been some recent cases of EEE in New Hampshire communities.

Ms. Pat Moreanis Dodge, Chair of the Mosquito Commission, spoke next on the idea of future aerial laticiding and the budget process related to the funding of such an effort in the FY 2007-2008.

f. Questions and Comments on Above Topics

Mr. Strout, Road Agent, asked the Board for their opinion regarding the chipping of brush located in front of residences on roads maintained by the State.

The consensus of the Board, in agreement with Mr. Strout, was to utilize Town of North Hampton Highway department staff to chip and remove brush from alongside the State roadways where North Hampton residents are impacted.

Mr. Strout spoke next about the hands of the clock on the Old Town Hall and how the hands are out of balance, resulting in the clock displaying inaccurate time. Discussion ensued as to the status of the Old Town Hall Building Committee and what their future recommendations might be with regard to refurbishing and/or moving the building.

The consensus of the Board was to not expend funds on balancing the hands of the clock located on the Old Town Hall at this time as the future of the building and clock remain unknown, pending the recommendations of the Old Town Hall Building Committee etc.

The Board next discussed the status of the C.A.T.V. Committee, asking Mr. Marsh, the Board's representative to said committee for an update. Mr. Marsh stated that he has a list of 7 or 8 people interested in participating on this committee. Mr. Marsh stated that he would work to move this initiative forward before the next Board of Selectmen meeting, scheduled for 9/11/06.

Ms. Creighton stated to Mr. Marsh that much work has already been done for this effort and that she suggests he contact Mr. Brad Gregg at the school for additional information.

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

Motion / Vote: Mr. Gould 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 (a,d,e) for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter, the acquisition, sale or lease of real or personal property and a legal matter. Ms. Creighton seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously 3-0.

Motion / Vote: Mr. Gould made a motion to reconvene the public portion of the meeting at 9:19 p.m. Ms. Creighton seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

IV. Administration / Business

A. Town Administrators Report

1. FD – Received Letter of Thanks from North Hampton Mobil Home Park for actions following microburst storm
2. PWD – Many staff hours spent on generator effort. Expect to install on a Saturday due to need to turn-off power at school for entire day – leaves Sunday as a back-up day as well
3. PWD – Line painting – action pending due to delays resulting from rainfall
4. PWD – Brush chipping in front of residences located on State roads
5. PWD- Working on shoulders along recently paved section of Mill Rd.
6. PWD – Clock at Old Town Hall – hands are out of balance causing time to be incorrect. Should we spend funds from trust fund to pay for clock hand balancing?
7. CEO – Many hours spent on generator project – used P/T CEO services to address code related issues such as signs etc.
8. PD – Hope to pick-up “Car-54” equipment on 8/29 and have installation of equipment in new vehicles occur very soon
9. AA – MS-1 has been completed and is ready for BOS signature – due to State on 9/1/06
10. TA – Budget (Draft) requests made to department heads with a submission date of 10/2/06 set
11. TA – Wendy advises that a new PB member – Vince Vettraino – has been appointed
12. BOS – Please remember Payroll and Manifest. Please see Jan Tuesday / Wednesday – thank you.

B. Correspondence

None.

C. Approval of Minutes

Motion/Vote: Mr. Gould made a motion to approve the public session meeting minutes of July 24, 2006 as written. Ms. Creighton seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous 3-0.

D. Other

The Board asked Mr. Pardue to contact the Treasurer, Shirley Fuller, to determine her status as they are expecting her to attend Board meetings for the purpose of providing a monthly Treasurer's Report.

V. Adjournment

Being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Marsh made a motion to adjourn at 9:46 p.m. Mr. Gould seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Pardue
Town Administrator