

Board of Selectmen  
Minutes of February 26, 2007  
**Approved April 9, 2007**

**I. Call to Order**

Chairman Creighton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Also present were Selectmen Donald Gould and Henry Marsh, Interim Town Administrator Philip Munck and members of the public. Mr. Munck served as the Recording Secretary for this session.

**II. Selectmen Items**

a. Mr. Paul Cuetara gave a presentation of the work of the Old Town Hall Committee's work to date. He said that the Committee is preparing an application for a planning grant for the restoration of the building and that it wishes to proceed with repair of the building's steeple as a first step in the restoration. After the presentation and some discussion, it was determined that the correct process for work on the steeple was to prepare a Request for Proposals (RFP) to repair it based on a scope of work to be developed by an engineer qualified in historical restoration. Mr. Cuetara also solicited letters from the Board certifying that the building is publicly owned and supporting the restoration planning effort.

**Moved by Mr. Gould, seconded by Mr. Marsh to have Mr. Mabey prepare a RFP for repairs to the Old Town Hall Steeple with technical assistance from an engineer qualified in historical restoration with the costs of such assistance taken from the Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund. Motion carried unanimously.**

b. The Board continued its discussion of holding a ceremony to swear in all new officials elected on March 13, 2007, and the desirability of making a tradition of it.

**Moved by Mr. Marsh, seconded by Mr. Gould to have a swearing in ceremony for newly elected officials at 6 p.m., Monday, March 19, 2007, if possible. Motion carried unanimously.**

c. Mr. Munck said that there was nothing new to report with respect to the residential/commercial/industrial properties near Lafayette Terrace.

There was a lengthy discussion between the Board and some residents in the vicinity of the Town's property on Cherry Road. Mr. Munck said that he, Mr. Maybe and Mr. Strout would prepare a report on the on the conditions and uses of the property to be delivered to the Board at its March 26, 2007, meeting.

d. The Board discussed the work needed to proceed with Route 111 Sidewalk Construction project as approved by the N. H. Department of Transportation. Ms. Creighton said that she believes that a committee should be established to insure that

the Town is prepared to proceed with the project to be sure that the work program is feasible without the Town incurring non-reimbursable costs. Mr. Marsh said that before beginning the project it is important that we have agreements for the necessary right-of-way for it.

**Moved by Mr. Marsh, seconded by Mr. Gould that a five-member committee, the Route 111 Sidewalk Committee, be established consisting of Mr. Robert Landman, Chair-Pro-Tem, Ms. Joan Breen, Mr. Robert Strout, Mr. William Mabey and a member to be appointed by the Board of Education to oversee the sidewalk construction project.**

e. Robert Landman, a North Hampton representative to the Seacoast Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and the Rockingham Planning Commission told the Board that because of demographic changes that a more logical realignment of MPO's in southeastern New Hampshire is possible and asked the Board to endorse re-designating the existing Seacoast MPO and the Salem-Plaistow-Windham MPO into the Strafford MPO and the Rockingham Region MPO, respectively.

**Moved by Mr. Marsh, seconded by Mr. Gould to endorse re-designating the existing Seacoast MPO and the Salem-Plaistow-Windham MPO into the Strafford MPO and the Rockingham Region MPO, respectively. Motion carried unanimously.**

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

**Moved by Mr. Gould, seconded by Mr. Marsh to go into a non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(c) to take up a matter concerning a persons reputation. Roll Call: Yeas – Ms Creighton, Mr. Gould, Mr. Marsh. Nays – none. Motion Carried.**

**Moved by Mr. Marsh, seconded by Gould at to return to the public portion of the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Ms. Creighton, seconded by Mr. Marsh to seal the minutes of the preceding non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(c) for the reason the Board entered the non-public session. Roll Call: Yeas – Ms Creighton, Mr. Gould, Mr. Marsh. Nays – none. Motion Carried.**

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

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

Mr. Munck reported that he is still working on the Fire Department Organization Study RFP. He said that the street light changes have been ordered from PSNH. He said that he had received a communication from the Town of Rye that they are ready to begin the survey of the towns' joint line as part of Rye's perambulation.

Mr. Munck told the Board that he will continue to hold requests for appointments and reappointments to various Town bodies until the new Board is seated after the election.

He said that the Town has received notice from the N.H. Department of Revenue Administration that the Town's 2006 assessment ratio was 74.9% and that 2008 was the scheduled year for North Hampton's assessments to be recertified.

**B. Minutes**

**Moved by Mr. Gould, seconded by Mr. Marsh that the minutes of the non-public session of January 29, 2007, and the regular meeting of February 12, 2007, be approved as amended. Motion carried unanimously.**

**V. Non-Public Session - RSA 91-A: 3, II (b)**

**Moved by Mr. Gould, seconded by Mr. Marsh to go into a non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(c) to take up a matter concerning hiring. Roll Call: Yeas – Ms Creighton, Mr. Gould, Mr. Marsh. Nays – none. Motion Carried.**

Hiring procedures were discussed.

**Moved by Mr. Marsh, seconded by Gould at to return to the public portion of the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.**

**VI. Adjournment**

At 9:55 p.m., moved by Mr. Marsh, seconded by Gould to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip Munck  
Interim Town Administrator