

Board of Selectmen  
Minutes of July 9, 2007  
Approved July 23, 2007

## **I. Call to Order**

Chair Creighton called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Also present were Selectmen Gould and Salomon, Interim Town Administrator Philip Munck and members of the public. Mr. Munck served as the Recording Secretary for this session.

## **II. Selectmen Items**

a. Dalton Tree Farm Acquisition. Chris Ganotis and Phillip Wilson of the North Hampton Forever Committee presented the recommendation of the Conservation Commission that the Town acquire the property on Exeter Road known as the Dalton Tree Farm and an adjacent wetlands parcel (Tax Map-Lot numbers 9-23 and 9-62, respectively) for \$215,000. Mr. Wilson said that a recently completed appraisal places the value of the Map 9 Lot 23 parcel at \$275,000 by itself and that all of the land on the other parcel had previously been classified as wetland. He said the sellers have agreed to pay the closing costs.

**Moved by Mr. Gould, seconded by Ms. Creighton that the Board of Selectmen approves the acquisition of the parcels at the prices stated and authorizes the Conservation Commission to acquire the property. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Ganotis and Mr. Wilson explained that additional information received has resulted in decreasing the price for the Robie property to \$1,438,000 and that the Committee plans to move quickly to allow the deal to be closed pursuant to options that will expire in the near future. He said that with the Jenkins and Dalton Tree Farm properties there will be a need for a \$1,887,000 Bond Anticipation Note against the North Hampton Forever bond issue.

b. Bass Beach. The Board discussed a request by a Seacoast resident for assistance in the form of a trash can to allow volunteers to pick up trash on the beach. The Board asked Mr. Munck and Highway Supt. Strout to look into what can be done.

## **III. Administration/Business**

a. Chair Creighton reported that she attended a meeting and presentation on energy independence that was sponsored by the Seacoast Issues Forum and North Hampton Democrats. North Hampton resident Pat Moreinis Dodge hosted the event at the Town Library. After the event, Ms. Dodge reached out to attending residents to mobilize energy self-sufficiency in North Hampton. These residents are coordinating dates for a meeting to discuss what can be done in our Town. Ms. Creighton raised the possibility that this group might form the

energy independence committee requested by the voters at the last Town Meeting. Mr. Salomon agreed to contact Ms. Dodge and to be the Board's representative to the committee.

b. East Coast Greenway Advisory Committee. Ms. Creighton reported that three persons, Kate Resnicek, Larry Murphy and Michael Brousseau, have expressed an interest on serving on the Greenway Advisory Committee.

**Moved by Mr. Gould, seconded by Mr. Salomon that Ms Resnicek, Mr. Murphy and Mr. Brousseau be appointed to the East Cost Greenway Advisory Committee as representatives from North Hampton. Motion carried unanimously.**

c. The Board discussed possible criteria to be used in deciding who should be the recipient of the Boston Post Cane but reached no conclusion on the subject. Ms. Creighton volunteered to circulate a policy draft for this tradition.

d. Mr. Gould reported that he has circulated a draft of the newsletter article for the Board to review.

e. Minutes Approval

**Moved by Mr. Gould, seconded by Mr. Salomon that the minutes of the Board's meeting of June 25, 2007, be approved incorporating corrections proposed by Ms. Creighton and Mr. Gould.**

#### **IV. Non-Public Session pursuant to RSA 91-A**

**Moved by Mr. Salomon, seconded by Mr. Gould that the Board enter non-public session to discuss applicants for the Town Administrator's position. Roll Call: Yeas: all, Nays: none.**

The Board entered non-public session with Mr. Munck present. The applications forwarded by the Local Government Center were reviewed and the LGC was requested to forward its recommendations before proceeding further. The Board agreed to meet at 9 a.m. Wednesday, July 18, 2007, to further screen applications.

**Moved by Mr. Gould, seconded by Mr. Salomon that the Board leave non-public session. Motion carried unanimously.**

#### **V. Adjournment**

At 8:42 p.m., moved by Mr. Gould, seconded by Mr. Salomon to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip Munck  
Interim Town Administrator