

Board of Selectmen

Minutes of September 24, 2007

Approved: October 29, 2007

I. Call to Order

Chair Creighton called the meeting to order at 7:02 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. Chief Fire Officer Recognition. Richard Mason, of the New Hampshire Fire Standards and Training Council, presented Fire Chief Thomas Lambert with a certificate from the Fire Commission on Professional Credentialing designating him as a Chief Fire Officer. The Board and visitors extended him their congratulations.

b. Energy Committee. The Mary Lou Wollmar of the ad hoc Energy Conservation Committee described the progress that had been made by the committee and asked the Board to make it a permanent committee.

Moved by Mr. Salomon, seconded by Mr. Gould that the Board of Selectmen establish the North Hampton Energy Conservation Committee as a permanent committee of the Board and that Mary Lou Wollmar, Pat Moreinis Dodge, Dietrich Ebert, Robert Landman, Paul Ogier, Loreen Keating and Mary Pat Dolan be appointed members. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Wollmar told the Board that Judy Day has agreed to be legislative liaison and Joanne Lamprey has agreed to be liaison to the Chamber of Commerce.

c. Heritage Society Lease. The Heritage Society submitted a proposed three year lease for the use of the Historic Room at the Town Clerk/Tax Collectors office building

Moved by Mr. Gould, seconded by Mr. Salomon that the Board executed the lease. Motion carried unanimously.

d. Recycling Committee. Alan Bucklin discussed problems that the Committee has been having in establishing goals and conducting meetings. Mr. Salomon volunteered to attend one meeting of the Committee to serve as parliamentarian and help the group resolve questions.

e. Coalition Funding. Mr. Munck told the Board that by error, payment of the funds from the 2006-07 fiscal year had not been transmitted to the Coalition.

Moved by Mr. Gould, seconded by Mr. Salomon that the \$2,000 appropriated in Fiscal Year 2007 be encumbered and sent to the Coalition along with the \$3,000 budgeted for the current year.

f. Tax Collector's Deeds. The Board discussed the recommendations of the Conservation Commission to acquire four parcels of property with unredeemed tax liens on them as provided by New Hampshire law. Mr. Salomon said that the Board should retain the deeds for a year in the event that a former owner might want to redeem the properties. Mr. Munck said that the owners of the Mace parcel have approached the Town and requested that the land be taken for conservation purposes.

Moved by Mr. Gould, seconded by Mr. Salomon that the Board accept the deeds when tendered by the Tax Collector for four parcels of property (Lots 15-8, 12-29, 9-4 and 3-32) and hold them for a period of one year except that Parcel 3-32 be transferred to the Conservation Commission as soon as the paperwork can be processed. Motion carried unanimously.

III. Administration/Business

a. ZBA Recording Fees. Mr. Munck said that in 2000 the ZBA asked the Board of Selectmen to set fees for its operations. At the present time the ZBA is requesting a fee be established for recording its letters of decision.

Moved by Mr. Gould, seconded by Mr. Salomon that the Town charge a fee of \$20 plus the actual costs of recording for recording ZBA letters of decision. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Revaluation Proposals. Mr. Munck said that four proposals had been received and that the MRI assessors said that two were very close. The Board asked that Assessor Joseph Lessard interview the low bidders, obtain price adjustments to make them comparable and recommend one of them to it.

c. North Hampton Forever Bond. Mr. Munck told the Board that the deadline was nearing for submission of the bond application to replace the Bond Anticipation Notes and finalize financing for properties under the \$4 million authorization from 2001. The Board discussed the maximum amount that could prudently be borrowed. Mr. Munck said that it is generally possible to fine tune the actual bond amount later in the Bond Bank approval process.

Moved by Mr. Gould, seconded by Mr. Salomon that the bond application be prepared based on the total amount of projects formally approved by the Board of Selectmen. Motion carried unanimously.

d. Elderly Exemptions. Mr. Munck advised the Board that if elderly exemptions are to be revised in light of the pending revaluation, Town Meeting action would be required.

e. 9-1-1 Database Liaison. The Board designated Fire Chief Lambert as the Town's liaison to the 9-1-1 ALI Database.

f. Town Meeting Deliberative Session. The Board set the date for the 2008 Town Meeting Deliberative Session as February 2 with a backup date of February 9 (if weather requires) at 8:30 a.m. at the North Hampton School.

g. Minutes.

Moved by Mr. Gould, seconded by Mr. Salomon that the minutes of August 27 and September 11, 2007, be approved as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Non-Public Session

Moved by Mr. Gould, seconded by Mr. Salomon at 8:15 p.m. that the Board go into Non-Public Session to discuss a personal matter and Town Administrator recruitment. Roll Call: Yeas – all, Nays – none. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Mr. Gould, seconded by Mr. Salomon that the Board leave Non-Public Session. No decisions were rendered. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Adjournment

At 8:37 p.m., moved by Mr. Gould, seconded by Mr. Salomon to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip Munck
Interim Town Administrator