



TOWN OF NORTH HAMPTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
SELECT BOARD

APPROVED MINUTES (MAY 27, 2009)

MEETING – FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2009 –11AM
EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, TOWN OFFICES

These minutes were prepared as a reasonable summary of the essential content of this meeting, not as a transcription.

1. Call to Order & Call of the Roll

Vice Chair Michael Coutu called the meeting to order at 11:08 AM. Vice Chair Coutu stated that Chair Salomon would be a few minutes late. Present were Selectman Rineman.

At 11:15 AM Chair Salomon entered the meeting.

2. Meeting with the Town Assessor Scott Marsh to review the abatements.

Selectman Coutu stated that the revaluation process is complicated, but not scientific. He also stated that the Select Board have been very involved in the process for the past year, and that the Select Board wants to be sure that the process was completed fairly and equitably during these troubled times.

The Select Board reviewed the abatement application for Barbara Ellis and questioned the substantial increase in the value of the land that lacks frontage on any town road.

Chair Salomon stated that he felt that a valuation of \$20,000 on a land locked parcel is not likely to be sold at that price, unless it was purchased by an abutter in order to create a subdivision.

Tax Assessor Scott Marsh explained to the Board that the basis for the increase in valuation was two sales of one-acre land locked parcels sold for \$5,000 each in 2007.

Chair Salomon, as well as Selectman Coutu and Selectman Rineman all agreed to table the Ellis request so that further review can be done by the assessing office and reported back to the Select Board.

Other properties also returned for further review by the Assessor's Office were, Fedele, Hammond, Mulcahy and Chimenti.

Motion by Selectman Coutu to revisit the Chimenti property. Seconded by Selectman Rineman. Motion carries 2-0-1. Chair Salomon wanted it stated for the record that he is friendly with Ms. Chimenti and would therefore recuse himself from the vote.

Motion by Selectman Coutu to approve the abatement on the Walker property. Seconded by Selectman Rineman. Motion carries 3-0.

Motion by Selectman Coutu to approve the abatement for the O'Brien property in the amount of \$2,791.78. Seconded by Selectman Rineman. Motion carries 3-0.

Motion by Selectman Coutu to deny the abatement request for the Levy property. Seconded by Selectman Rineman. Motion carries 3-0.

Motion by Selectman Coutu to deny the abatement request for the Turchan property. Seconded by Selectman Rineman. Motion carries 3-0.

Motion by Selectman Coutu to approve the abatement for the Walker property in the amount of \$537.29. Seconded by Selectman Rineman. Motion carries 3-0.

Tax Assessor Scott Marsh reported to the Select Board that the Town had received 98 abatement application requests, which represents less than 4% of all of the town's approximately 2,500 parcels.

3. Other Business

Police Chief Brian Page asked for clarification on the recently approved Teamsters contract regarding vacation time.

Selectman Coutu stated that there were no changes made to vacation time titled "days over 10," and that all parties had signed the term sheet.

No votes or actions taken.

Selectman Rineman asked to have the Town Administrator send a letter to the Audubon Society asking them to attend the next Select Board meeting to discuss larviciding in those areas currently owned by the Audubon Society.

Selectman Coutu stated that he had received emails regarding Old Home Days. The Board agreed to send Diane Wheeler a memo to see if this would be an event that could be undertaken at this time.

4. Adjournment

Motion by Chair Salomon to adjourn the meeting at 12:50 PM. Seconded by Selectman Coutu. Motion carries 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

**Janet Facella
Administrative Assistant**

