



TOWN OF NORTH HAMPTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
SELECT BOARD

MINUTES APPROVED 07/27/2009

MONDAY JULY 20, 2009 – 4:30 PM
EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM 2ND FLOOR

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

Chair Salomon called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

Those present were Selectman Coutu, Selectman Rineman and Town Administrator Fournier.

Town Administrator Fournier confirmed that the meeting had been properly posted.

Chair Salomon stated that there were two items on the agenda, one being discussion of the engineering report on the Town Hall.

Paul Cuetara, a member of the Town Hall Committee explained that the roof on the Town Hall needs to be replaced in part because some of the timbers that are in the roof, as well as the basement, have been there since the 1700's, and they are at an age where they are likely to fail.

Chair Salomon stated that he is comfortable with Mr. Emmanuel's engineering report and would rely on his expertise as well as the Building Inspector, Red Mabey's.

Chair Salomon stated that the Board had questioned why and whether or not this project should go out to bid.

Mr. Cuetara explained that the Town Hall Committee had discussed costs to replace the roof as well as using a company that is recognized as experts in the field of restoration of historical buildings. Langley Construction repaired and restored the Bell Tower in the Town Hall exactly as it had been originally, right down to every last detail.

Mr. Cuetara's stated that he felt that if the project were put out to bid there could potentially be 30-40 contractors bidding as a result of many looking for work right now, and there would be many bids for a something that isn't a typical roofing job. Mr. Cuetara stated that there is a history with Langley and his price came in under what the committee had estimated to be \$100,000.

35 Selectman Rineman asked if there is a requirement that town must go out to bid.

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37 Town Administrator Fournier stated that in the town's purchase policy there is a caveat that
38 states the Board can waive the bidding process if the vendor has a specialty.

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40 **Motion by Selectman Coutu to waive the bidding process for the roof replacement at**
41 **the Town Hall, in specific recognition that there is a high level skill associated with**
42 **doing this job correctly. Seconded by Selectman Rineman. Motion carries 3-0.**

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44 **Motion by Selectman Coutu to accept the bid offering to change out the roof on the old**
45 **Town Hall together with the supporting structure and to amend that as necessary in**
46 **the amount of \$67,960. Seconded by Selectman Rineman.**

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48 **Motion by Selectman Coutu to amend the motion to include allowing the Town**
49 **Administrator to sign a contract reflecting the price and the plans. Seconded by**
50 **Selectman Rineman. Motion carries 3-0.**

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52 **2. New Business**

53 **2.1. Review of Abatements**

54 The Select Board signed the following abatements by acclamation:

55 Map 017, Lot 082-063 approved

56 Map 020, Lot 014 denied

57 Map 002, Lot 032 denied

58 Map 001, Lot 073 denied

59 Map 017, Lot 081 denied

60 Map 006, Lot 010-B denied

61 Map 001, Lot 078 denied

62 Map 001, Lot 072 denied

63 Map 001, Lot 077 approved in accordance with the recommendation of Scott Marsh and MRI

64 Map 012, Lot 037-001 approved as recommended

65 Map 011, Lot 006-038 denied by acclamation by Chair Salomon and Selectman Coutu with
66 Selectman Rineman abstaining.

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68 **3. Adjournment**

69 **Motion by Selectman Coutu to adjourn at 5:15 PM. Seconded by Selectman Rineman.**
70 **Motion carries 3-0.**

