



TOWN OF NORTH HAMPTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
SELECT BOARD
MINUTES APPROVED 03/22/2010

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 2010 6:00 PM
MARY B. HERBERT CONFERENCE ROOM

1. Call to Order & Call of the Roll

Chair Salomon invited those in attendance to join the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Salomon introduced Select Board member Jon Rineman and Town Administrator Stephen Fournier.

2. Discussion of Resignation of Michael Coutu and Appointment of Successor

Chair Salomon stated that Mr. Coutu's resignation had come as a shock to him, and after reflecting on it a name came to his mind of someone that would effectively fill the position and someone with whom he had served before, so he placed a call to Donald Gould. Mr. Gould indicated to Chair Salomon that he would agree to serve the remainder of Mr. Coutu's term through May 2010.

Selectman Rineman stated that he too was shocked at Mr. Coutu's resignation. He further stated that he felt the entire Town owes him a big thank you, and a great deal of respect.

Selectman Rineman stated that he had received a call from Don Gould and stated Mr. Gould had told him that Chair Salomon had called him regarding nominating him to fill the remainder of Mr. Coutu's term. Selectman Rineman stated he was in favor of Mr. Gould filling the remainder of the term.

Chair Salomon made a motion to nominate Donald Gould to complete the term of Michael Coutu through May of 2010. Seconded by Selectman Rineman. Motion carries 2-0.

Mr. Gould thanked the Board for having confidence in his ability to serve as a member. He also thanked Mr. Coutu for his work and hoped that he would be able to "fill his shoes."

Chair Salomon asked Selectman Rineman if there was any further business, and Selectman Rineman stated that the Select Board agreed with the Budget Committee to take away the Deputy Chief's position in the Fire Department for next year, and asked them to leave the police the way it is, but that he still has some angst about it, and wondered if perhaps they should prepare a report of what it would cost if the position had been filled in the fire department, and that the voters can vote for themselves on.

Selectman Rineman also asked if a report could be prepared showing what the impact on the tax rate would be if the position was filled and what it would be if the position is not filled.

3. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Chair Salomon. Seconded by Selectman Rineman. Motion carries 2-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet L. Facella