



TOWN OF NORTH HAMPTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
SELECT BOARD
MINUTES APPROVED 04/26/2010

REGULAR MEETING – MONDAY APRIL 12, 2010 – 7PM
MARY B. HERBERT CONFERENCE ROOM

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 7:00 PM. Those present were Chair Salomon, Selectman Jon Rineman, and Selectman Don Gould.

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

2. Non-Public Session – 6:00 PM in the Executive Conference Room 2nd Floor, pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 (e)

Motion by Selectman Gould to come out of non public session. Seconded by Selectman Rineman.

Roll call:
Salomon – Aye
Gould – Aye
Rineman – Aye

Motion by Selectman Gould to seal the minutes of the non public session. Seconded by Selectman Rineman. Motion carries 3-0.

3. Consent Calendar¹

Chair Salomon asked to remove the fourth item on the calendar and take it up at a non public session.

Motion by Selectman Rineman to remove item 4, which is an assessment issue on Map 012, Lot 070, Richard Skowronski, from the consent calendar. Seconded by Selectman Gould. Motion carries 3-0.

Motion by Selectman Rineman to accept items 1, 2, 3, and 5 on the consent calendar. Seconded by Selectman Gould. Motion carries 3-0.

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¹ These items are routine in nature and are approved without discussion. Should a member of the Board request to have an item removed, it shall be placed on the agenda under new business. The consent format is to expedite the business of the Board when adequate backup material has been provided.

4. New Business

4.1 Swearing In Of Police Officer Ryan Kane

Chief Page stated that the Town Clerk had just closed her office and would be coming as soon possible.

Chief Page requested that the swearing in take place further on in the agenda in order to give Sue Buchanan, Town Clerk a chance to close up.

Chair Salomon stated that it would be fine, and they would move on to the next agenda item.

4.2 Update on Town Hall Renovations – Red Mabey and John Hubbard

Building Inspector Red Mabey handed out a diagram for the ADA ramp off of the back of the building.

Mr. Mabey explained that that the list of repairs to be done to the Town Hall is quite extensive, and that the Town must be ADA compliant before the September elections. He further stated that the Public Works Department would be doing a lot of the demolition and excavation.

Mr. Mabey stated that he had received a price of \$7,000 to remove the asbestos flooring.

Chair Salomon asked what the status of the building would be for Memorial Day, and Mr. Mabey stated that he hoped to have the front of the building finished by then, however the front door might not be ready at that time, but the buntings would be up.

Chair Salomon asked whether the current plumbing and electricity would be replaced, and Mr. Mabey stated that it would be.

Chair Salomon stated that one of his concerns for the primary in September is to have electrical service that is not dangerous, and that the bathrooms are working.

Mr. Mabey explained that the main part of the building, electrical, and bathrooms would be ready for the elections in September.

4.3 Discussion of replacing telephone system for Police/Fire/Town Offices/Library – Red Mabey

Chief Dennis Cote explained to the Select Board the grant that he and Chief Page have applied for to cover the costs of a new telephone system, which will replace the Nortel system that is currently being used, but will no longer be able to be serviced.

Chief Cote explained that the only cost to the Town would be for the handsets for the Town Offices and Library, which is roughly \$225 per phone.

Motion by Chair Salomon to withdraw not more than \$4,000 from the Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund to buy the telephones conditioned upon receipt of the grant. Seconded by Selectman Gould. Motion carries 3-0.

4.4 Award Town Campus Study Bid

Motion by Selectman Gould to accept the proposal from Warren Street Architects of Concord, NH to begin a Town Campus Study in an amount not to exceed \$29,500 and to authorize the Town Administrator to prepare a scope of work with the firm for future approval by the Select Board. Seconded by Selectman Rineman.

Discussion: Chair Salomon stated that there was vigorous debate among the three finalists.

Selectman Gould stated that he felt it was important that the people know that Warren Street Architects had two very important qualities in his judgment. One was that they were the low bidder, by a very significant amount, and he felt that they offered more in the way of services.

Chair Salomon stated that what he liked about them was that they understood the concern that had been voiced by several citizens about the importance of community input. Motion carries 3-0.

4.5 Approval of Road Cut on Birch Road– John Hubbard

Public Works Director, John Hubbard presented an overview of the flooding situation at two residences on Birch Road due to the ground water rising during the last rain storm event, which resulted in Fire Chief Dennis Cote declaring an emergency situation. Arrangements were made with homeowners on Birch Road where the water flows, to pump water down to that location. In order to do this, hose was run across the top of Birch Road. A dry culvert has been requested by the neighbors to put the hose in now, and also if in the future water needs to be pumped again, as well as for safety issues, water would be pumped through this dry culvert. All expenses will be borne by the neighbors, but they asked for approval from the Select Board to cut into the pavement on Birch Road.

Chair Salomon confirmed with Mr. Hubbard that the neighbors would be bearing the expense of the culvert, the excavation and the re surfacing.

Chair Salomon confirmed with Mr. Hubbard that permission has been granted from the homeowner where the water is being pumped.

Chair Salomon stated that if the Town assents to the installation of the culvert, it implies that the water from those residences are going to perpetually end up on one of the neighbors property, and in the absence of a written and recorded easement, he is concerned that the Town might find itself on the wrong end of a legal dispute.

Chair Salomon stated that certainly the idea of having the culvert installed at their expense, assuming the contractor meets with Mr. Hubbard's approval, and has worker's compensation, and liability insurance is a good one.

Selectman Gould stated that he agreed with Chair Salomon, and that currently, the Town is facilitating pumping water from homes "A" and "B" to a home "C" down the street. He further stated that he would like to see something in writing that basically absolves the Town of any liability, whether indemnification or easement or combination of the two so that the Town is not continually revisiting the issue of water problems and people pointing their finger at the Town.

Selectman Rineman asked what happens when the water gets pumped down to homeowner "C".

Mr. Hubbard explained that there is a holding pond down at the location, and the holding pond runs out through the natural drainage out to Little River.

Selectman Gould asked Red Mabey if there were any type of wetlands issues, and Mr. Mabey stated there were not.

Chair Salomon stated that he would like to see a more detailed plan, with Mr. Mabey and Mr. Hubbard reviewing, as well as the Planning Board if they have jurisdiction.

4.6 Acceptance of Red Fox Road – John Hubbard

Mr. Hubbard explained to the Select Board that he had received a request for the Town to approve Red Fox Road as a Town road. He further stated that he pulled the plans on the road and also did an inspection. Mr. Hubbard stated that the road has been there since 2003.

Motion by Selectman Gould to accept Red Fox Road as a town road pursuant to the recommendation of the Director of Public Works. Seconded by Selectman Rineman. Motion carries 3-0.

At this point in the meeting, Officer Ryan Kane was sworn in by Town Clerk/Tax Collector Susan Buchanan.

5. Items Laid on the Table²

5.1. Select Board Rules and Procedures

Chair Salomon stated that before he leaves office on May 11, 2010 he would have his recommendations.

6. Minutes

6.1. Regular Meeting March 22, 2010

Motion by Selectman Gould to adopt the minutes of March 22, 2010 as amended to include changes on line 31 and line 61. Seconded by Selectman Rineman. Motion carries 3-0.

Motion by selcot board to recommend the budget as sub mby budget comm. As amended by the floor of the deliberative session of 6150.00 seconded by jon rineman motion carries 3-0

7. Adjournment

Motion by Selectman Rineman to adjourn the meeting at 7:50. Seconded by Selectman Gould. Motion carries 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet L. Facella

² Items laid on the table shall remain on the table until a member of the Select Board makes a motion to remove such item from the table.