

TOWN OF NORTH HAMPTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE Draft Minutes Select Board Meeting

REGULAR MEETING – MONDAY, JULY 26, 2010 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 Wollmar called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM. Those present were Selectman Jon Rineman, Selectman Jim Maggiore and Town Administrator Stephen Fournier.

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

2. Consent Calendar¹

Motion by Selectman Maggiore to approve the items on the Consent Calendar. Seconded by Selectman Rineman. Motion carries 3-0

3. New Business

3.1 Recognition of Service to the Town

The Select Board and the Town Administrator presented Cemetery Superintendent Kendall Chevalier with a certificate and an engraved clock, and thanked him for his 47 years of service to the town.

3.2 Acceptance of Donation to North Hampton Recreation from Ocean Properties

Motion by Chair Wollmar to accept the donation from Ocean Properties to the North Hampton Recreation Department. Seconded by Selectman Maggiore. Motion carries 3-0.

3.3 North Hampton State Beach - Brian Warburton, New Hampshire State Parks & Recreation

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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.

Mr. Warburton explained to the Select Board that he made the decision to close the bathrooms at the beach as they were not in working order, and the State has incurred the cost of having seven portable toilets which are cleaned daily.

Mr. Warburton outlined improvements that have been done to the North Hampton State Beach, and one improvement that he would like to see in the future would be to hook up to the Hampton sewer system which would help resolve the bathroom issues.

Mr. Warburton spoke about the possibility of leasing six more parking spots to the town.

3.4 Ocean Boulevard/Beach Plum Parking – Police Chief Brian Page

Chief Page stated that the police department has an obligation to keep things safe and that is the way he is looking at the situation on Ocean Boulevard.

Chief Page stated that the use of the beach has increased substantially, and the number of parking tickets issued has increased. Because of the increase in people as well as traffic, it would be a danger to remove the "No Parking" signs along Ocean Boulevard as the police department would no longer be able to enforce that area and it would create an unsafe area.

Chief Page stated that his police officers are currently spending between four to six hours a day on the weekends patrolling the Ocean Boulevard/Beach Plum area.

Chief Page stated that he does not recommend removing the "No Parking" signs.

Bill Lambert, State Traffic Engineer for the State of New Hampshire explained to the Select Board who has the authority to regulate the parking and erect signs along a state road.

Mr. Lambert stated that as a general rule, it is preferred to have cars parked off of the highway.

Mr. Lambert stated that the State is more than willing to work with the town, but would defer to the local governing body's decision as to the decision of whether or not to remove the "No Parking" signs along this segment of the highway on Ocean Boulevard.

Bob Lee, owner of the Beach Plum Restaurant presented the Select Board with pictures that he took of parking alongside Ocean Boulevard from North Hampton into Rye.

Mr. Lee stated that parking is allowed along most of the areas through Rye on Ocean Boulevard and he can't understand why North Hampton wouldn't be allowed the same privilege.

Joan Fowler, 20 Ocean Boulevard addressed the Select Board and stated that she is concerned with the safety issues if the signs were to be removed.

Ms. Fowler stated that she is an abutter to the Beach Plum, and on the weekends it is impossible for her to get out of her driveway due to the number of cars parked in the "No Parking" areas which abut her property.

Town Administrator Fournier read letters from two North Hampton residents who are opposed to the removal of the "No Parking" signs.

Selectman Rineman stated that perhaps the Select Board should visit the Beach Plum to see firsthand what the parking situation is.

Motion by Selectman Rineman to hold a meeting at the Beach Plum on Saturday, July 31, 2010 at 12:00 PM. Seconded by Chair Wollmar. Motion carries 3-0.

3.5 Exeter Road/Dearborn Park Parking –Police Chief Brian Page

Deputy Chief Michael Maddocks addressed the Select Board and stated his concerns for safety along Exeter Road when there is a snow storm and people park in the bike path to go sledding at Dearborn Park.

Deputy Chief Maddocks stated his recommendation of erecting "No Parking" signs along Exeter Road.

Selectman Rineman suggested having a Winter Parking Ban.

Selectman Maggiore stated that it is very busy at Dearborn Park in the summer with soccer and baseball and it isn't possible to fit everyone in the parking lot.

Town Administrator Fournier suggested having Winter Parking Ban signs erected and that the Police Chief could "bag" them for special events, such as Winter Fest.

Chief Page stated that if the Select Board approved adding signs, they would need at least 24.

Motion by Selectman Maggiore authorizing the Town Administrator to send a letter to Mr. Lambert, NHDOT, that would allow the town to purchase Winter Ban parking signs that state no parking from November 1 through April 1 to be erected along Exeter Road adjacent to Dearborn Park. Seconded by Selectman Rineman. Motion carries 3-0.

3.6 Lease/Purchase of Loader – John Hubbard, Public Works Director

Town Administrator Fournier stated that the voters approved, at Town Meeting, to authorize the lease/purchase of a front end loader up to \$31,000.

Mr. Hubbard had sent out bid proposals with the lowest received at a bid of \$30,000 for the first payment, and the remaining four payments in the amount of \$30,652 with Beauregard Equipment.

Motion by Selectman Maggiore to accept the terms of the lease purchase agreement with Beauregard Equipment, and to authorize the Town Administrator to execute the document for that purpose. Seconded by Chair Wollmar. Motion carries 3-0. 3.7 Perambulation of Town Lines with the Town of Hampton

Motion by Selectman Rineman to appoint the Town Administrator and the Director of Public Works to act as the Select Board's agents to perambulate the town lines with the towns of Exeter, Stratham and Hampton. Seconded by Selectman Maggiore. Motion carries 3-0.

3.8 Approval of Circuit Rider Planner Assistance from Rockingham Planning Commission

Motion by Chair Wollmar to approve the continued assistance from the Rockingham Planning Commission Circuit Rider in the amount of \$8,003.00 which has been budgeted for in the FY 2011 budget. Seconded by Selectman Rineman. Motion carries 3-0.

3.9 Junkyard Licensing

Selectman Maggiore briefed the Select Board on research that he had done, as well as the Planning Board regarding the licensing of junkyards. Selectman Maggiore stated that the town does not currently have any type of licensing, and that it is the Select Board's responsibility to enact one. He further stated it would then be up to the Code Enforcement Officer to make sure that the rules are then being followed.

Town Administrator Fournier suggested that this item be tabled until the second meeting in August so that he can draft a policy and have legal counsel review.

Chair Wollmar stated that this item would be tabled until the second meeting in August.

3.10 Capital Improvement Plan – Laurel Pohl

Laurel Pohl presented the CIP memo, task list, and schedule that shows when capital items are due from department head's and when all CIP'S must be completed in order for the budget committee to review them before their final budget meeting.

Ms. Pohl stated that she needs to have the final CIP done four weeks prior to the final budget meeting, which, as of now, will be the second week of March.

Chair Wollmar stated that the Agricultural Commission was left off of the list of "addressee's" and he would like to see it added.

Ms. Pohl stated that she is looking for volunteers to join the CIP Committee.

Ms. Pohl stated that she does most of the work, and that there are only approximately four meetings.

She further stated that she would like to have a message requesting volunteers posted to Channel 22 and the town's web site.

4. Items Laid on the Table²

4.1 Request to use Bandstand

Town Adminsitrator Fournier stated that he is drafting a policy for the Select Board's review.

5. Town Administrator's Report

The Town Administrator updated the Select Board with a lawsuit that is going to be filed against the town's noise ordinance, renovations at the town hall, and three draft policies for the next agenda. Town Administrator Fournier also gave the Select Board an update on the meeting that he had with the Town Administrators of Rye and Greenland regarding purchasing electricity.

6. Minutes

6.1. Regular Meeting July 12, 2010

Motion by Chair Wollmar to accept the July 12, 2010 minutes with the changes as noted. Seconded by Selectman Rineman. Motion carries 3-0.

7. Adjournment

Motion by Selectman Rineman to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Selectman Maggiore. Motion carries 3-0.

Respectfully submitted

Janet L. Facella Administrative Assistant

 $^{^2}$ 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.