



**Non Public Session
Meeting Minutes
Town of North Hampton
Zoning Board of Adjustment
Tuesday, March 23, 2010
Town Hall, 231 Atlantic Avenue**

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

Attendance

Members present: Richard Stanton, Chair; Richard Batchelder, Vice Chair; Ted Turchan; Michele Peckham, and Robert Field, Jr.

Members absent: None

Alternates present: David Buber, Jennifer Lerner, Chuck Gordon, and Debbie Wood

Staff present: Wendy Chase, Recording Secretary

Preliminary Matters; Procedure; Swearing in of Witnesses; Recording Secretary Report

The Board entered into Nonpublic Session at 6:45pm pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (a),(c),(e) – Personnel.

Mr. Stanton named everyone present, including himself, for the record: Primary Members Richard Batchelder, Robert Field, Michele Peckham, and Ted Turchan; Alternate Members: Jennifer Lerner, David Buber and Debbie Wood; Staff: Planning and Zoning Administrator Wendy Chase and Town Administrator Steve Fournier.

Mr. Field asked if anyone present knew of the subject matter to be addressed. Mr. Fournier said that he did not divulge the subject matter to be addressed to any of the members. The members confirmed that they did not know.

Mr. Fournier explained that the meeting was requested by staff, so he requested that a meeting be held in Nonpublic Session.

Mr. Fournier introduced himself and explained that as Town Administrator he is the Chief Administrator of the Town and overseer of day to day operations, as well as, overseer of all the Town Staff, and their Stead. He said that the Select Board is aware of this meeting and the subject matter to be discussed.

Mr. Fournier turned the meeting over to Wendy Chase.

Ms. Chase explained to the Board that she felt that the members were dissatisfied in the way she prepared the meeting minutes. She explained that she does not do the minutes verbatim or by capturing the "flavor" of the meeting.

It was a consensus of the Board that there is no issue with Ms. Chases' performance in taking the meeting minutes.

Mr. Fournier said that if any member had an issue with a town employee, they should address the issue with him or the Select Board, and that no town employee should ever be telephoned at home.

Mr. Field questioned why the meeting was called into Nonpublic Session and questioned which section of the RSA it pertained to.

Mr. Fournier said that it is a personnel issue, and that the employee has the right to discuss issues in Nonpublic Session.

Mr. Fournier provided copies of a memo from the Attorney General's Office regarding RSA 91A (the right to know law), and a copy of an outline on how to prepare meeting minutes from the Local Government Center.

*Mr. Field disagreed that the memo provided by Mr. Fournier did not pertain to the issue being discussed.

Mr. Fournier explained the procedure for coming out of Nonpublic Session.

The Meeting adjourned to Public Session at 6:51pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy V. Chase
Recording Secretary

*Amendment made by Mr. Field.

The minutes were approved as amended on April 27, 2010 (Ms. Wood; aye, Mr. Field; aye, Mr. Turchan; aye, Mr. Stanton; aye, and Mr. Batchelder; aye).

These Minutes were unsealed by a majority vote of the Primary Members at the October 23, 2012 Zoning Board Meeting. (Mr. Field; aye, Mr. Buber; aye and Mr. Fullerton; aye).