

Board of Selectmen  
January 22, 1996  
Library Meeting Room  
Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairwoman Carolina Kiggins. Selectmen present included John Ryerson, Cynthia Paine and Ira Wood. Selectman David Ernst was absent. Acting Town Administrator William Hinchey was also present.

The Acting Town Administrator discussed ambulance fees. Discussion included:

- a) restrictions on use of fees
- b) dependability of fees as a source of income
- c) anticipated use of funds (ambulance replacement, operating expenses, capital projects) - excess is a source of revenue to consider for use to fund new services as proposed by the Fire Department
- d) annual review of status of fund

There was a consensus that Fire Department personnel will prioritize the list of requested additional services for consideration by the Board next week.

Chairwoman Kiggins noted the recent death of Conservation Commission Chair, Ezra Sheffres, and indicated that Louise Wallace would be willing to serve to assist the Commission. Commission member Joan Platt was in attendance and indicated that Commission members would appreciate the appointment of Ms. Wallace due to her experience and expertise. On a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Louise Wallace to fill the unexpired term of Ezra Sheffres on the Conservation Commission through June 30, 1998.

On motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of January 2, 1996 as printed.

On a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of January 12, 1996 as printed.

On a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted 3-0-1, with Ryerson abstaining (he had not attended the meeting), to approve the minutes of January 16, 1996 (audit exit meeting) as printed.

On a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of January 16, 1996 (budget meeting) as printed.

On a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of January 17, 1996 as printed.

Chairwoman Kiggins and Selectwoman Paine reported on their attendance at the annual MMA conference.

The Board reviewed and discussed the contract with John P. Hinckley, Jr. for his service as Town Administrator. On a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to sign the employment contract with John P. Hinckley, Jr.

Open Session:

- Ann Bronsdon addressed the Board regarding school budgets and Charter school funding.

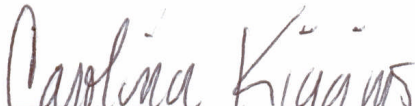
The Acting Town Administrator discussed his exit summary list and Chairwoman Kiggins requested that "communication between the Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator" be stressed.

On a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted unanimously at 8:55 p.m. on a roll call vote (Kiggins, Ryerson, Paine, Wood - yea) to enter executive session to discuss contract negotiations and not to reconvene in open session.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda Smulligan  
Administrative Assistant



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Carolina Kiggins, Chair



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John Ryerson



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Cynthia Paine



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Ira Wood