

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MINUTES  
February 8, 2010**

**PRESENT:** JAMES L. STEWART, CHAIRMAN; PRISCILLA R. LINDQUIST, SELECTMAN; RICHARD H. HARTUNG, SELECTMAN; SALLY THERIAULT, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, TINA HARRINGTON, RECORDING SECRETARY

Chairman Stewart called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 pm  
Present at the meeting: P. Williams, J. Forbes

**Public Announcements**

- A presentation concerning recycling will be given by Pat Bracken, Chairman of the Solid Waste Committee at the Library on Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. and again on Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.
- Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010, the Conservation Commission is hosting a moonlight snowshoeing walk starting at 7:00 p.m. at the West Road parking lot. Mr. David Treat is leading the walk, which will take a little over one hour.
- Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010 the Sunset Lake Association will also be holding a bonfire starting at 4:30 p.m. at the Town Beach.
- Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010 (Second Session) the polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Hampstead Middle School.
- Waste Oil, fluorescent light bulbs, car batteries and thermostats are collected at the Town Garage on the first and third Saturdays of the month. Books may be dropped off at anytime.

**Visitors Comments**

Julia Forbes, Co-Chair Friends of Ordway Park Committee- Mrs. Forbes thanked the Conservation Commission and Mr. Roger Sanborn for the land deal that is currently going through which will abut the Ordway Park property. She noted that it was 14 years ago almost to the day that she first volunteered. She went on to explain how she had researched old records from the Conservation Commission from back in the 1980's and saw that there was talk about a wanting a greenway. There had also been talk about connecting to the Derry Trail Systems. Ordway Park is very excited about the ability to have a connector from the trails to their park. She stated that there is a "metaphoric representation" by having the town go from fields to field forest to woodlands. She also explained that there were concerns about the land and she can tell that the timber on the parcel is healthy. There was timber management there and it looks like the timber is in its second growth. They are high quality trees and are very healthy. There are no plans to disturb the site and it is to stay as woods. She explained that the land and the process are in good hands. The Conservation Commission will acquire the land and it will be under their management and FORPARK will work with the Conservation Commission. Mrs. Forbes stated that FORPARK would have moved forward with trying to acquire the land if they had the resources to do so. The Conservation Commission has the statutory authority to manage the land. It could be made part of Ordway Park in the future, but that she sees no need to do so.

One of the other concerns is the ATV use of the property. There is currently no sign of ATV use on the parcel and that it isn't attractive for use. There are new houses across from the park and believes that will deter people from trying to get an ATV onto the park. She noted that if there is a problem, there are ways to make it difficult to get in. She trusts that those that use the trails are responsible riders and states that there has always been access to the park and there has never been an issue.

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Another concern is use of the site and park for parties. She stated that the Town regulation requires the park closed dusk to dawn. The parking lot is next to an abutter's house, which would make any people using the park after hours noticeable. There are two granite posts near the entrance, and a rail could be put there if necessary to close the park. The access to the new lot is into the right further back and not behind the abutter's house. She thanked the Conservation Commission, Mr. Sanborn and the Selectmen and stated that they look forward to continuing to work with the neighbors.

Chairman Stewart had five questions. First one: Was this a managed lot? Mrs. Forbes responded that it was. There were selective cuttings. Second Question: Will there be a future harvest? Mrs. Forbes responded that it would be up to the Conservation Commission and that Ordway Park could provide the access if needed. Third Question: Are there trails now, or will there be? Mrs. Forbes stated that the intent is up to the Conservation Commission. There is a place along a non-boundary stone wall that could be made into an access route. Fourth Question: If one is at the Depot Road ballfield, how long will it take to get to Ordway Park along the trail system? Mrs. Forbes stated that the trail in Hampstead is one mile long and it is ½ that to the park. Fifth Question: ATVs? Opening it up for ATV use could result in problems, but there are stop gaps in place. She explained that it is a short walk from the trail and it would be boring for an ATV to go to the park to ride. The purpose would be to park along the trail and picnic in the area. A final question is the status of the purchase. Mrs. Forbes stated that it is under review by the Planning Board and will be presented again at the next PB meeting. It is being treated as a subdivision to separate out one lot and to keep it as a separate parcel under conservation purposes. No motorized vehicles are allowed in the park currently (except wheelchairs).

### Department Heads

There were none present.

### New Business

#### Deliberative Session Update:

Selectman Lindquist noted that she has been to many town meetings and deliberative sessions and felt that this was one of the best. There were differences of opinions, but everyone treated each other well and there was even humor. She stated that the department heads that spoke did a fine job. She also stated that the Town Clerk, Tricia Curran did a wonderful job with the written ballot. There have been issues in the past and she believes it was handled well.

Chairman Stewart explained that there are some articles that were amended at the deliberative session that will look confusing to the voters and explained each one.

Article 14: Amendment was presented to change the article to read "To move" by the majority present. An article must keep its intent, which in this case is the verb to move.

Article 15: Was amended the same way to read "Remove"

Article 16: Was amended by the same process to read "Reduce"

These are legally clear and appropriate amendments to stay on the ballot. The language is removed and the "intent" is left behind. This is following a court case of Grant vs. Barrington.

Article 17 was amended to add the words "and disposal".

Article 2, The operating budget and default budget were amended down by \$14,000. Chief Carrier was thanked for finding a more cost effective insurance plan that allowed the reduction.

Candidate's night will be held on Wednesday March 3, 2010 at 7:00 pm. Mrs. Gallo arrived and explained the format for this year and announced that with Mrs. Clark running for moderator, Mr. Nick Pangaro will be the moderator for the Candidate's night. People will be allowed to call in to 329-4100 ext 0 with questions for the candidates.

DOT Update-There was a Department of Transportation (DOT) public hearing held at our town hall on February 3, 2010 to discuss three projects. The three projects are 1: Paving along Route 111 2: Safety

improvements at West Road and Route 111 (traffic lights). 3: Stone box culvert under Route 121 near Cambridge Road. This work will close Route 121 for about two weeks.

Selectman Hartung motioned to approve all three projects. These will not cost the town any money, but need to be approved by the governing body of each town where the work is being done. Selectman Hartung amended the motion to be to accept the project descriptions listed as Hampstead 15606, 15663, and 15655. Selectman Lindquist seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

There needs to be a corrected copy and the Selectmen will sign when it is received.

RPF Associates- They performed an air quality test at the police station after some complaints from an employee. They did a comprehensive study and found that there is nothing for immediate concern. There are some changes they would like to see that would help, such as housekeeping a little more than being done currently, change the filters more frequently and to use a HEPA filter for the vacuum. Mr. Harms is working on these recommendations. They have suggested that the employees keep a log to document and track air issues. Any water leaks need to be addressed right away. Chairman Stewart stated that he was happy with the outcome and applauded the company for their thoroughness. He hopes that the employees at the police station have comfort seeing that the station was given a clean bill of health. Selectman Hartung had a question as to when the back was added to the police station. The station itself was built in 1941 by the Hampstead Firemen's Association at a cost of \$2500. The date on the back is unknown.

### Old Business

#### Liaison Report

##### Selectman Lindquist

There was no report.

##### Selectman Hartung

CERT- Selectman Hartung and EMD Sandy Koleque-Spalaris attended a 6 hour training course on Psychological first aid. He stated that it was a pretty intense overview.

##### Chairman Stewart

There was no report

### Administrative Assistant Report

#### Household Hazardous Waste Day

The Grant for the Household Hazardous Waste has been completed. Hampstead will be hosting the event on Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at the Fire Station from 9:00 to noon. There is no May date set yet, which is normally held in Plaistow. The state funding for these collections is for the fall collections only.

### Grant from the State

The Town just received the State's portion of the December, 2008, ice storm grant in the amount of \$12,791.25, which represents 12 ½ % of the storm related costs.

### Town Report

Mrs. Theriault has been working on the Town Report and expects that it is going to the printers on Wednesday.

### Website update

There are a couple of items that need to be posted to the website, such as the zoning book, trail maps and other forms. Mrs. Theriault will be able to start working on updating of the website later this week.

**Action Items**

- o Disposition of Municipal Records – After town election
- o Meetinghouse exterior – On going
- o Wage and Salary Classification Study – In the hands of Wage and Salary Committee. Chairman Stewart stated that the anticipated roll out after a recommendation from Wage and Salary is for the BOS to consider any recommendation, meet with the department heads. Then meet individually with the department heads on their employees and finally the department head with the employee. Selectman Lindquist stated that they are not in a rush and want to get this done correctly.
- o Perambulation documentation to Towns and State – Danville was contacted and Selectman Hartung would like to finish it with the Danville Road Agent. This will complete all the towns. Chairman Stewart would like to see that the bounds are done with GPS co-ordinates next round.

**Appointments**

- o Energy Committee
- o Cable Committee volunteers
- o ZBA, alternate (1)
- o Solid Waste

**Correspondence**

Rockingham Planning Commission (RPC) has a 2009 program report showing what was done by the RPC in 2009 and how the money was spent.

CART- It was noted that there have been some complaints about CART. It was suggested that anyone with concerns to contact the town office. The budget for CART is a significant amount of money and the town should be getting the services for it. Chairman Stewart noted that the Executive Director of CART is sensitive to issues on efficiency and effectiveness.

**Visitors Comment**

There were none present.

**Future Agenda Items**

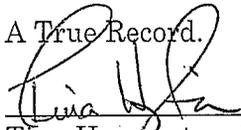
Senior Committee- Chairman Stewart stated that this will be looked at after town meeting.

Town Manager- Selectman Lindquist likes the idea that Selectman Hartung had regarding a Town Administrator first. She believes that it is worth looking into. She also stated that it would need to go to town meeting for approval, but that it is a step before Town Manager. The Board of Selectmen set the job for a town administrator whereas a town manager is set by RSA. Selectman Lindquist stated that there are several towns around here and that we should collect some of the job descriptions and keep a file. Selectman Hartung agreed.

Non Public Minutes- The Selectmen reviewed the non public minutes and signed off.

Selectman Lindquist motioned to adjourn at 8:32 pm. Selectman Hartung seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

A True Record.

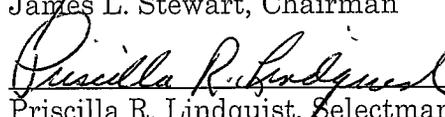


Tina Harrington, Recording Secretary

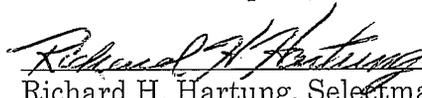
Approved By:



James L. Stewart, Chairman



Priscilla R. Lindquist, Selectman



Richard H. Hartung, Selectman