

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MINUTES  
August 23, 2010**

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

The Selectmen agreed to meet with a resident regarding their property taxes at 6:15 pm.  
Present along with the Selectman, T. Curran, resident

**Selectman Hartung motioned to go into non public session under RSA 91-A: 3, II c (reputation). Selectman Lindquist seconded the motion.**

**Roll call vote: Roll call vote, Selectman Lindquist, yes; Selectman Hartung, yes; Chairman Stewart, yes. Motion passed**

The Selectmen discussed with the resident their options regarding outstanding tax payments.

**Selectman Lindquist motioned to come out of non public session under RSA 91-A: 3, II c. Selectman Hartung seconded the motion.**

**Roll call vote: Roll call vote, Selectman Lindquist, yes; Selectman Hartung, yes; Chairman Stewart, yes. Motion passed**

**Selectman Lindquist motioned to seal the minutes of the non public session. Selectman Hartung seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.**

Chairman Stewart called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 pm

There were some technical difficulties at the start of the meeting with cable

Present at the meeting: Chief Beaudoin, J. Worthen, and Chief Carrier

**Public Announcements**

- Stage Road near Cambridge will be closed until August 23<sup>th</sup> while the culvert is replaced.
- Tuesday, August 31<sup>st</sup>, the Cable Advisory Committee is sponsoring Barry & Holly Tashian at 6:30 p.m. at Meetinghouse Park.
- Household Hazardous Waste Day is scheduled for October 30, 2010, in Hampstead at Central Fire Station from 9-12.
- The Public Library Annual Book Sale is going on now until August 28<sup>th</sup>. Books at a great bargain.
- Waste Oil, fluorescent light bulbs, car batteries and thermostats are collected at the Town Garage on the first and third Saturdays of the month 8 am to 1 pm. Books may be dropped off at anytime.

**Visitors Comment**

There were none

**Department Heads**

*Police Department- Chief Beaudoin*-Recently Chief Beaudoin had Steve Harms at the Police Station working on the leaks in the roof. The windows are too low to the roof and the flashing can't be done from window to the roof so when it rains, the water gets into the building. The drainage is a PVC pipe as well and there is not a tight seal, which also allows water to leak into the building. He needs to find money to have the roof work done and the windows replaced. He estimates that the roof would be around \$4900-\$5000 and work on the windows with new sheet rock and paint might be an additional \$6500-\$7000. He also needs to look at replacing the bathroom floors. There was a pipe that burst and destroyed the floors. Every rain storm, he stated, it leaks in the station. If they move forward this year with a request for the new police station, the building, he assumes, would still be used by a town department and would need to

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be maintained. Selectman Lindquist asked him if these were issues he was having back in March, when money could have been added to the budget and also asked if it could wait until the 2011 budget. Chief Beaudoin stated that it can keep getting fixed as the issue arises, as it is now, but eventually it will come in, and he doesn't want to see all the money invested into the computers be destroyed by the water. He stated that he does not have the money in this years budget and was hoping that the Selectmen could find the money within the budget. He was told to draw up specifications for what is needed. They can decide what needs to be done and what can wait. They discussed one contractor doing all the work instead of one for the roof and one indoors and agree that one would be better. Chief Beaudoin did state that he will need to meet with the Heritage/Historic Commission before doing any work, whereas the police station is in the historic district. He also announced that the Police Building Committee is meeting on Tuesday August 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the Police Station. All the current members had been notified.

Highway Department- Jon Worthen- Mr. Worthen announced that Route 121 is now open. On August 25<sup>th</sup> they will be paving, which will allow one way traffic.

Mr. Worthen stated that he met with the Conservation Commission and Department of Transportation last week to discuss Johnson Pond and the water issues back to Marilyn Park Drive. The thoughts are to drop Johnson Pond down to its original level many years ago, which is down another 3 feet from the current level. Selectman Lindquist stated that the water and dam have nothing to do with the town. She said the town does not own the dam. Mr. Worthen explained that this was the first meeting with the State and Conservation. The state wasn't prepared for all the questions so there will be a second meeting on September 1<sup>st</sup>. Selectman Lindquist asked why they went to Conservation and not the Selectmen. Chairman Stewart explained that it was part of the whole watershed. Johnson Pond feeds into Hog Hill Pond which effects the wetlands near the Conservation land. They are discussing getting the levels back to where they were before Route 111 was built. Lowering the dam at Johnson Pond will help with the water issues along Marilyn Park. Chairman Stewart stated that the town has some responsibility to have the issue corrected. He stated that they are looking into having it siphoned out. The dam can't be lowered with water behind it, but can be lowered if it is dry. Selectman Lindquist asked if the State was doing this. Chairman Stewart explained that the State was involved by the residents on Marilyn Park Drive after the issues they have been having. He said it sounds like the state is looking for help from the town and land owners. Selectman Lindquist was concerned that the State would be pushing off the cost of any work onto the town. Mr. Worthen explained that the State has no problem, it is Hampstead that has a problem with residents having an issue and that the State is trying to alleviate the problem. None of the problems are on State land. The culvert under Route 111 may be a problem, but it can't be inspected until the water drops down in the culvert. It is currently at the top of the culvert. Once it gets down, the water should flow correctly. Mr. Worthen stated that he will meet with DOT on September 1<sup>st</sup>, with Conservation and then bring the information to the Selectmen on the September 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Chairman Stewart asked Mr. Worthen if he has started crack sealing yet. He replied not yet.

### **New Business**

There was none

### **Old Business**

Continued discussion about Legislative Policies- The Selectmen went through numbers 1-10 under PEQ (Planning and Environmental Quality) of the legislative policies from the LGC.

They support the stand of the LGC on the following articles

#1, #3, #4, #6, #7,(as long as it does not tie local hands) #8, #9, #10,

don't support #5 because it doesn't state what the change is and need more information on #2 from our ZBA and Planning Boards. They will discuss #2 at next Selectmen's meeting.

Discussion on Statewide Mosaic Parcel Map-

Mrs. Theriault stated that she has spoken with Mr. Dollard and Mr. Marsh about the Mosaic Maps. It is a seamless mapping for the State of New Hampshire and a GIS program. The towns in NH need to provide their map (or their mappers need to provide) the maps to the State. For most parts the mappers are being compliant, but have some reservations. It is expected that there is no cost to the Town of Hampstead, but any fees will be between the State of NH and Mr. Dollard. Mr. Marsh stated that if there is any cost, it would be minimal, such as a new program to use the information. Mr. Dollard explained that he is working with the State of NH to make sure his product is being handled correctly. Chairman Stewart asked if any other states were doing the same thing. Mrs. Theriault wasn't sure, but believes it came up in New Hampshire a few years ago after the tornado caused widespread damage. So far only about 40 towns have supplied the required information.

**Liaison Report**

**Selectman Lindquist-**

Cable Committee- The new contract with Comcast is due in 2013. There is a hearing to be held on September 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 pm for the public to express the future needs and required to review the performance of Comcast under the contract. She also explained that under the current contract, an I-Net was installed back in 1998-1999. Currently the school has a connection that allows the two schools to talk with each other and share the cable line. Selectman Lindquist would like to see if the same could be done for the town offices. Currently each building has its own Comcast connection and bill. She asked for permission to move forward and look into what the I-Net offers. According to the Cable Committee, the I-Net is the responsibility of the Selectmen. The I-Net was added to the action list and she was given permission to move forward with the research.

**Selectman Hartung-**

Selectman Hartung stated that it has been quiet on his front. There was a meeting of the Rockingham Coordination Council on Transportation. He will continue to attend those meetings and update the others.

Elections- The Town Clerk and Chairman of the Supervisors of the Checklist went to a recent election class. He reminded people that the primary is Tuesday September 14<sup>th</sup> and the election is Tuesday November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Selectman Stewart-**

Recreation- The summer program just ended and had 244 kids participate. The beach is scheduled to close on August 26<sup>th</sup>. Junior Olympics will be held on September 25<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of September 26<sup>th</sup>. The HRC formally approved the skate park, tentatively to be located past the new parking lot, down behind the softball field and soccer field. It is an all volunteer group doing the fund raising and may do the work in phases as they have the money.

Conservation- There was a presentation from the Dam Bureau and DOT as explained by Mr. Worthen. There was also a request from resident Cindy Lanouette and another member of the Big Island Pond Association for the Conservation Commission to look at the invasive weed growing in Shop Pond. She explained that it is an invasive weed called fanwort that when the seeds reach bottom, they sprout up. The concern is that Shop Pond feeds into Big Island Pond and they have been working hard at getting rid of milfoil there. The Big Island Pond Association have a contraption that pulls up the weed by its roots. They gave an estimate of \$3,000 the first year to work on Shop Pond and the 2<sup>nd</sup> year would be less whereas it would be maintenance only.

There is grant money that might be available from DES. The Conservation Commission was going to look into whether or not they could ask the Civic Club and Tel Noar for a donation to cover the cost of removing the weeds. Shop Pond is under Conservation Commission and a dredge and fill was completed about 20-25 years ago. Mrs. Theriault will look into the grant requirements and see if Tel Noar abutts the pond.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

Item #1- The estimated cost for a generator to run the whole building is \$23,000 to \$25,000 plus the added costs for installation and electric connections. Mr. Emerson suggested that when the Selectmen are serious to move forward there should be a meeting to discuss the actual location of the generator. Where it is located could add to any potential costs.

### **Administrative Assistant Report**

#### **Property Fraud Alert**

While doing some research on Town property Mrs. Theriault came across a notice from the Registry of Deeds about a Fraud Alert that people should look into regarding their properties and mortgages. She will also look at putting a link from our website to the registry.

#### **Updated Contact Sheet**

Mrs. Theriault attached an updated contact sheet that lists the members of boards and committees. Yearly a request is sent out to the committees so that the contact sheet can be updated. This is the results of responses.

#### **Public Notice Regarding Comcast**

A public notice has been sent out regarding the Comcast franchise. The date of the hearing is scheduled for September 13<sup>th</sup>, the next regularly scheduled Selectmen's meeting. Mrs. Theriault has been in contact with Jay Somers, a representative from Comcast who said that he was previously advised of the upcoming hearing by a member of the Cable committee. Mr. Somers said he will try to be in attendance. Clay Shaw, Chairman of the Cable Committee came down and announced that he had been in touch with Mr. Somers and asked him to attend.

#### **Contract for Quint**

The contract for the Quint is ready to be signed. It has been reviewed by both the Chief and Town Counsel. There is an addendum to the contract based on the recommendations of Town Counsel, which has already been signed by the vendor. One of the Selectmen asked if the Treasurer had reviewed the paperwork. Mrs. Theriault announced that he had been copied on everything.

#### **Minutes**

The meeting minutes of July 26, 2010 have been signed and need to be approved at this time.

**Selectman Lindquist motioned to accept the minutes of July 26<sup>th</sup> of 2010 as amended.**

**Selectman Hartung seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.**

### **Correspondence**

#### **Appointments**

- Call for candidates :
  - Ordway Park, full members and alternates
  - Cable Committee volunteers
  - ZBA, alternate (1)
  - Solid Waste and Recycling Committee
  - Capital Improvements
  - Rockingham Regional Planning Commission/Technical Advisory Committee

**Visitors Comment**

There were none present.

**Future Agenda Item**

Energy Committee  
Hampstead Senior Committee  
Town Administrator

Non Public Session

Selectman Hartung made a motion to go into non public under RSA 91-A: 3 II (a) employee matters at 8:30 pm. Selectman Lindquist seconded the motion.

Roll call vote, Selectman Lindquist, yes; Selectman Hartung, yes; Chairman Stewart, yes.

Motion passed.

Chief Carrier was present.

Selectman Lindquist motioned to come out of non public at 9:28 pm. Selectman Hartung seconded the motion. Roll call vote, Selectman Lindquist, yes; Selectman Hartung, yes; Chairman Stewart, yes. Motion passed.

Selectman Hartung motioned to seal the minutes of the second non public. Selectman Lindquist seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

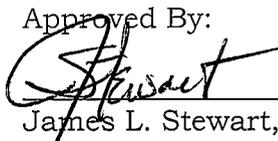
*Selectman Hartung made a motion to adjourn at 9:28p.m. Selectman Lindquist seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

A True Record.



Tina Harrington, Recording Secretary

Approved By:



James L. Stewart, Chairman



Richard H. Hartung, Selectman



Priscilla R. Lindquist, Selectman