

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
January 24, 2011**

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

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

Guests: Penny Williams from Tri-Towne news, J. Worthen, S. Murphy, E. Lanpher, P. Thrasher, State Representative R. Birdsall

Public Announcements

- January 25th, Christmas Tree pickup by Boy Scout Venturing Crew 121, call 329-4362 to arrange a time, Donations are gladly accepted.
- Sign up for Town office is ongoing until Friday January 28th, 2011. Those interested in running for a school position need to sign up at the Hampstead Central School or at the SAU in Plaistow.
- Friday, February 11, 2011, is the First Session of the Town Meeting "Deliberative Session" at the Hampstead Middle School beginning at 7:00 p.m.
- Friday, February 18, 2011, moonlight snowshoe walk on conservation land at 7:00 p.m. West Road parking lot.
- 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

Highway Department- Jon Worthen, Road Agent

Mr. Worthen explained that when he asked for plow driver rates to be increased, he had not included the loader that is left at the highway department for use. He researched the rates and found out that the last increase on the loader was in 2004/2005. The Town rents it by the hour when they use it, even though it is there all the time. Mr. Worthen explained that he contacted other places to see what the cost would be to rent a loader by the hour as well as what is being paid to the other vendors. The cost he gathered was around \$100 per hour without an operator. The current rate that Jamma is being paid for the loader is \$65. He asked that the rate be increased to \$75. He was asked if he kept track of the hours and he stated that he does. Selectman Lindquist asked who operates the loader. Mr. Worthen responded that he does $\frac{3}{4}$ of the time and the rest of the time it is the drivers loading their trucks, ie not the owner. Chairman Hartung asked how it is fueled. Mr. Worthen responded that the town pays for the fuel, but that not much is used. Selectman Lindquist asked who pays for maintenance. Mr. Worthen explained that it depends, in the past while it was being driven by someone from the town, then the town paid for any thing that may have broke during operations and does routine maintenance on it.

Selectman Stewart motioned to accept the recommendation of the Road Agent to increase the contracted price for the loader to \$75. He explained that it is still a good deal based on the other rates. Selectman Lindquist seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Hartung asked Mr. Worthen how the salt supply is, and asked him to stay ahead of it.

Library- Peggy Thrasher, Director

Ms. Thrasher reminded the public that if they are looking into doing something warm, that museum passes are available. She gave some of the places where passes are available: Museum of Fine Arts, Aquarium, McAuliffe Planetarium, Children's Museum, JFK Library, Peabody Museum, Essex Museum, and the Children's Museum. Some of the passes have small fees at the museum and usually admit 2-4 people. They are free for the resident to get from the library. Selectman Stewart asked if usage is up and Ms. Thrasher stated that it definitely was over the last few years.

New Business

2011 Warrant- the Budget Committee has made their recommendations on the warrant articles and they have been added to the warrant. The warrant is complete and required the signature of the Selectmen. All three signed after corrections were made on the warrant.

Old Business

Roadside memorial policy- The final draft was sent to Town Counsel and is now complete. There were a couple of housekeeping changes made tonight (punctuation changes). Chairman Hartung stated that he spoke with Mr. Emerson, the Chief Building Official, and it was suggested that the effective date be 4/1/11, when the roads are accessible.

Selectman Stewart motioned to enact the policy as of 4/1/11 as corrected at this meeting (total of 4 changes). Selectman Lindquist seconded the motion.

Mr. Lanpher asked if the existing signs would be grandfathered and whether or not it applied to state and town roads, or just town roads. Chairman Hartung stated that it was still to be determined. He also noted that he corrected the RSA to be 41:11. Selectman Stewart stated that the town policy applies unless the state has one that passes the towns. Chairman Hartung noted that they will still be talking to the state about it. This policy allows them to take a position as a board, and it can be amended as time goes on.

The motion passed unanimously.

Liaisons Reports

Selectman Lindquist- Nothing to report

Selectman Stewart-

Recreation Commission- the HRC approved a new policy regarding use of the fields. They have opened the fields to use by a non Hampstead group, but that there is an order of priority, which now totals 7 types of groups. The fees and insurance information is provided on the permit form. Selectman Stewart will place a copy in the read folder for the other members to review.

Library Trustees- There are a lot of things going on at the library. They are currently looking at upgrading the facility with items such as a new sign, work in the foyer with a new sign over the library and the new windows which are about 3/4 % complete. He did note that they realize they are now getting cramped for book space.

School Board- The deliberative session for the school is on Tuesday February 8th at 7:00 pm at the Middle School. The Town's is scheduled for Friday February 11, 2011, at 7:00 pm at the Middle School. He noted that all positions for the school are up this year, two school board members, the School District Clerk, School District Treasurer as well as the School District Moderator. All sign ups are at the Central School with Mrs. Lacasse or at the SAU in Plaistow.

Chairman Hartung-

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He noted that he attended the wake of the Sandown Firefighter, Harold Frey and that it was well attended, including Governor Lynch.

He worked on the Roadside Memorial Policy and attended a VFW banquet for the VFW State level on January 22nd. At the banquet there were awards for the Voice of Democracy (High School level competition), Patriot's Pen (Middle School campaign) and 3 teachers of the year awards. He was proud to announce that Hampstead received two awards. Patrick Keefe an 8th grader at the Middle School was noted as the Patriot's Pen Award and Katie Wolfe, a teacher at the Middle School was named a Teacher of the Year. On Wednesday the 26th, there will be a regional public health meeting in Derry.

Administrative Assistant Report

Grants

The request for grants from both the Fire Department and Selectmen's office were submitted to the State for consideration. The Town is asking for approximately \$25,000 in grant money to install a generator.

Progress on Town Report

Reports from various departments within the town are being received. Next week Mrs. Theriault will start to organize and format the Town Report.

Chairman Hartung noted that he received a return call from the EPA regarding the missing reports. He told them that the reports would be in around the beginning of February and he also explained the reason for no report being filed in 2009 and 2010. Mrs. Theriault confirmed that she will be working on them this week.

Minutes

Activity Log

The activity log was updated and reviewed. Selectman Lindquist asked that when there is a signature page for a document that it not be on a page by itself. She explained that it makes it difficult to know what the page goes with.

Correspondence

There was a letter received from Mr. Lanpher regarding a recent ZBA decision and he asked that the Selectmen review the decision and look at filing an appeal. The matter was settled prior to the meeting tonight. One of the members of the ZBA will be asking the other members to reconsider. There was discussion about whether or not any interested abutters should also apply and it was suggested that they should file as well. The reconsideration may not be for the same reason as an abutter might have and if they don't file, they might not meet the 30 day statue to ask for a rehearing.

Appointments

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

Selectman Stewart announced that there is a resident interested in being appointed to the Recreation Commission as an alternate and that she would be present at the next Selectmen's meeting to introduce herself. The applicants name is Tracey Flaherty of Beverly Drive.

Visitors Comment

There was none.

Future Agenda Item

Energy Committee

Hampstead Senior Committee

Town Administrator

Non-public RSA 91A:3 II (a) and (c), employee matters and reputation

There was a motion made by Selectman Lindquist to go into non public session at 7:48 pm under RSA 91A:3 II (e) litigation. Selectman Stewart seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Selectman Lindquist: yes; Selectman Stewart: yes; Selectman Hartung: yes

Mrs. Theriault presented the Selectmen with a number of BTLA settlement recommendations from the Assessor, Scott Marsh. If the settlements are accepted, the BTLA case will be withdrawn. There were 3 properties, each with two years of abatements. Each comes with the recommendation of the Assessor.

Selectman Stewart motioned to accept the recommendation of the Assessors and accept the settlement agreements with the years 2009 and 2010 with three property holders.

Selectman Lindquist seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Stewart motioned to come out of non public session at 8:17. Selectman Lindquist seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Selectman Lindquist: yes; Selectman Stewart: yes; Selectman Hartung: yes

The Selectmen discussed the town report and whether or not there would be any dedication and if the proposed police station drawing should be in the town report for 2010. The final deadline for Mrs. Theriault is 2/4/11. The Selectmen discussed thanking the various committees as a dedication with pictures of the various things they have done.

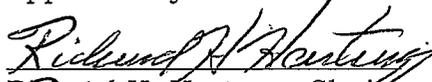
Selectman Lindquist made a motion to adjourn at 8:19 p.m. Selectman Stewart seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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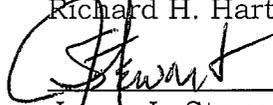


Tina Harrington, Recording Secretary

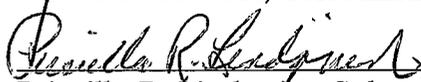
Approved By:



Richard H. Hartung, Chairman



James L. Stewart, Selectman



Priscilla R. Lindquist, Selectman