

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Work Session and MEETING MINUTES
July 25, 2011

PRESENT: RICHARD H. HARTUNG, CHAIRMAN; PRISCILLA R. LINDQUIST, SELECTMAN; SEAN P. MURPHY, SELECTMAN; SALLY THERIAULT, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Chairman called the work session to order at 6:30 pm.

Present: Frank Dumont, Resident Power: Tad Dziemian, White Columns Office Solutions, LLC: Penny Williams, Tri Town News, Mrs. Dziemian, Peggy Thrasher, Jim Stewart

The Selectmen had requested that Mr. Dumont attend a meeting to answer some additional questions they had regarding his program. Mr. Dziemian is a resident that also works connecting businesses with energy suppliers.

The work session began with Chairman Hartung asking what Resident Power could do for Hampstead. Mr. Dumont recapped what had been discussed at a prior work session. He stated that his company is registered with the PUC and are able to work with small KW electric users. They are also able to reach residents and have them join Resident Power. Collectively they use all the KW to pool into a large supply purchase. He stated that they are the only company legally allowed to offer this to residents. Other companies that are working as energy suppliers are doing so for businesses, not residents. The more that is purchased in energy supplies, the better the rate could be. He explained that those that do enroll will see a savings in the range from 5% to 20% for the first year.

Chairman Hartung asked how people would enroll with Resident Power if the town had enrolled. He would not want to see any additional work put on the staff. Mr. Dumont stated that the town would send out a flyer explaining that they are in partnership with Resident Power and it would direct the residents to the website where they would sign up directly with Resident Power. Those that wanted to could do so could enroll by hard copy. The forms could be available at the town office. Selectman Lindquist asked if they had people actually in the plan now or were they still waiting to get to a certain number? Mr. Dumont stated that they are continuously enrolling customers. The first group that enrolled will be due to go on line soon. They will be looking to purchase their supply in October. If the town was interested, Mr. Dumont could see if they could be added to that first group going in. Selectman Murphy asked about the savings and if the 5% to 20% savings was for the residents as well? Mr. Dumont responded that yes it would be and that the bare bones minimum would be 5%. Selectman Murphy asked about the one year commitment. Mr. Dumont stated that they ask for a one year commitment at sign up. After the first year the time frame is a 3 month enrollment. The savings are guaranteed the first year. Mr. Dumont was asked if this would be a yo yo effect, when the rate is low they stay with Resident Power or when PSNH is low, move to PSNH. Mr. Dumont stated no, the commitment is the same cost for the first 12 months, and then after that it is 3 months at a time, allowing the person to cancel at the end of any cycle. Selectman Murphy asked if there was a penalty for cancelling early. Mr. Dumont stated that he didn't believe so, but that the Terms and Conditions are spelled out and if there was one, it would be noted. Selectman Murphy stated that he did not see one in there but requested that Mr. Dumont confirm that there is no penalty. The larger the purchase power, the larger the savings. Chairman Hartung asked what happens if someone moves, one in state and two out of state. Mr. Dumont stated that you could continue in state, just change the address. In New England, they are currently working with Massachusetts and Maine so that they are on line in 2012.

Mr. Dziemian- White Columns Office Solutions, LLC

He stated that he was actually a resident in town and had been for about 20 years. He is also in the business of energy suppliers and would like the opportunity to give a quote to the town. He asked what the estimated wattage for the town is and was told 300,000 kW. That does not include the schools or the library. He offered to get a firm price that would be guaranteed for 12 months. The day you sign is the price, whereas it is a quick changing industry. His overhead is low and he works out of his house. He has been doing this for about 2 years and has large customers as well as small ones. He has 8 suppliers that he does business with and his interest would be to get the town the best rate. Once we are enrolled he would supply monthly reports to show savings and overview of the energy market. He also stated that he would work with residents to enroll. Mr. Dumont emphasized that Resident Power is the only company in the State of NH that has permission from the PUC to offer it to residents. Mr. Dziemian stated that he could as well. He stated that it was a good opportunity for the town to save money regardless of who they use. The Selectmen thanked them for their participation. They were told to get whatever information they needed from the office.

Selectman Lindquist motioned to close the work session at 6:59 pm. Selectman Murphy seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

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

Guests: P. Williams from Tri-Towne news, J. Worthen, P. Thrasher, J. Beaudoin, J. Stewart, E. Lanpher

Public Announcements

- Tuesday, August 2nd, Meetinghouse Park concert series presents the John Penney Band and Don Campbell at 6:00 p.m.
- Seniors will be going to Foxwoods on August 24th with sign ups on Wednesday, August 3rd from 9-10 at the Meeting House. Cost is \$5 for residents and \$10 for non residents.
- Saturday, August 13th is bulk disposal day at the Kent Farm Facility from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. A permit is required and may be purchased from the Town Clerk/Tax Collector.
- 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

Ed Lanpher- Regarding ZBA decision on Grasso site Four Seasons Estates in East Hampstead Mr. Lanpher stated that a variance was given to Mr. Grasso by the ZBA to allow his development to go from being 100% age 55 and up to being an 80/20 split. Mr. Lanpher stated that the developer did not show any hardship on the land, which is a requirement. The developer talked about the hardship in selling the properties, which is not a land hardship, Mr. Lanpher explained. He stated that the federal and state rule on 55+ is and 80/20 split. The Town of Hampstead has it in the zoning ordinance that it is 100% to be 55 and up. He noted that the Selectmen have the authority granted to them to ask for a rehearing of the decision. The only other one that could ask is an abutter. Based on what he read in the minutes of the meeting, he doesn't understand how they reached their decision, which was 3-2. Selectman Lindquist stated that she was at the hearing and she agrees with Mr. Lanpher that a hardship per the definition was not met. She stated that based on the decision of the ZBA, Mr. Grasso would only need to make sure one resident was 55+ in the 80/20 split which is different than the zoning. She was concerned that by requiring only one member be 55 or over changes that make up of the households, which will affect the septic system. The system was designed and calculated based on all the units being 55 and up with no children. With the split to 80% 55 and up the design is still sufficient, but with only one needing to be 55 and up, the septic flow needs to be looked at. A family of four with one member of 55 could now move into that development. She also spoke

with Kris Emerson and he also had concerns about the size of the septic system to hold what the ZBA approved for residency. She emphasized that they were not stating that the ZBA didn't do a good job, just that the questions need to be examined and a rehearing granted. All three members agreed that it was worth asking for the ZBA to look into the case again and move forward with a rehearing. The office will draft a letter that all three members will sign. There is a time frame to ask for a rehearing of 30 days.

Jim Stewart, Chairman, Police Station Building Committee

Mr. Stewart came to update the Selectmen and the public as to how things are proceeding with the new police station. He explained that at the last meeting they all agreed on a design layout. It is for a one story building of about 3727 square feet and a full basement. He thanked the design team that put a lot of work into it, including visiting various stations. Those members are Chris Dane, Tony Ramsay and Kris Emerson. They may actually go down and stake the area. Another committee, called the Communications Group, made up of Joe Tabbi, Neil Lynch, Judy Graham and Jim Stewart, met with Sean Thomas of Congressman Guinta's office. He offered to help them to access all matching grants that are out there. They believe that the Department of Energy and Homeland Security have some grants. The committee would then need the expertise of Mrs. Theriault as well as maybe Chief Carrier to work on grants.

Mr. Stewart stated that he plans on meeting again with the Firemen's Association to show why it is not feasible to add onto the current fire station to make a complex. A summary of the study group is that a public safety complex will be good for the town, but Little's Lane is not the place to have it. Most complexes are built from the ground up and not added onto. Building the station on Veteran's Way is the best way and least costly. The teams are working hard. There are no meetings scheduled right now.

Selectman Murphy asked if they were looking to bringing dispatch services to town. Mr. Stewart stated that would be very expensive. The equipment is one thing, but the manpower would be costly and the current dispatch is less.

Chief Beaudoin stated that it has been great working with Mr. Stewart and that the current proposal has been a great compromise. Dispatching in house would be 5-10 years down the road, if wanted. The committee has looked at a lot of departments, talked to them to see what works and what doesn't. They removed items that were requested by the police and added stuff as part of the compromise.

Department Heads.

Highway Department- Jon Worthen-

Mr. Worthen announced that Depot Road would be closed tomorrow, July 26th while two culverts are being replaced. They expect to be there from 6:45 until 5:00. Signs are out there warning the travelers. Vehicles will be detoured through Kent Farm Road or Beverly Drive. Trucks accessing Owens Court will be traveling Kent Farm Road for the day. Mr. Worthen has notified the police department so that they can monitor it.

Highway Department-Depot Road Deer Crossing Sign-

There was a request from a resident on Depot Road for a deer crossing sign on both sides of the road. There had been a lot of deer going back and forth and a few accidents already. Chairman Hartung asked Mr. Worthen what he suggests. There was discussion about the Highway Safety Committee reviewing, but Mr. Worthen stated that he could get a couple of signs out there if the Selectmen were okay with that. Chairman Hartung stated that either way was okay. He suggested that Mr. Worthen speak with the residents to that they could place them correctly where the issue is. Mr. Worthen kiddingly asked how they would teach the deer to cross in that area.

Highway Department-West Road-Route 111 guard rail-

Chairman Hartung stated that he has a call in to Jim Marshall regarding the guard rails at Route 111 and West Road. The placement of the guard rails will make plowing difficult. Chairman Hartung did note that the placement was on the plan.

Library- Peggy Thrasher, Director-

Mrs. Thrasher stated that the summer reading program is lots of fun. Tonight was Hampstead Idol and those that didn't sign up, or attend should catch next year's. There are two more weeks in the summer reading program with August 5th the finale. The last day will be a joint presentation with the Recreation Program at Depot Road. One August 2nd there is a movie for adults about Daffodil. She also noted that there is a raffle for adults with drawings and prizes. Each book read earns a raffle ticket. All are invited to the library.

Police Department- Chief Beaudoin-

Chief Beaudoin presented the Selectmen with an invoice from the Southern NH Special Operations Unit for \$5,000. This is the annual dues for being a participating member of the SWAT team. Chief Beaudoin asked that the invoice be paid from the Police Sp. Duty Account. Selectman Murphy asked what the cost would be if Hampstead needed the SWAT team 4 or 5 times in one year. Chief Beaudoin replied the cost would be zero as a paying member.

Selectman Lindquist motioned to authorize the payment for the Southern NH Special Operations Unit for \$5,000 from the Special Duty Revolving Fund Account. Selectman Murphy seconded the motion. Chairman Hartung noted that he agreed with paying it out of there this year, but would need to review come budget season.

The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

There was no new business listed

Old Business

Social Media Policy-

Town Council has reviewed the policy and made a number of updates, most of them minor changes. Selectman Lindquist had a correction on page 2, under 5.0 Policy first paragraph. She suggested that where it states "Town of personal use while on duty" should be corrected to "the Town of Hampstead or for personal use". All agreed on the change and asked that the amended policy be forwarded to the department heads for their review and input. The policy will be on the agenda at the next meeting for adoption. Mrs. Thrasher asked if the policy was just for Fire Department personnel and was told no, it was for all town employees.

Energy Suppliers

The Selectmen met in a work session with a couple of suppliers of energy prior to this meeting and there should be more information coming from them. Selectman Murphy mentioned that he had spoken with Mike Hall, Facilities Director for the Hampstead School District, regarding their energy supplier. Selectman Murphy was told that the school has just entered into a contract with Standard Power to be their energy supplier broker. He did state that Mr. Hall was open to having the town join in with them for the next contract in 2012, as well as allowing the town to work with them on getting a better oil rate. Selectman Lindquist asked that Mrs. Theriault look into this with Mr. Hall. If we could get in with the school, there could be a better rate. Selectman Murphy stated that Mr. Hall told him that heating oil is heating oil. There is no better grade over another. The school has not yet set their fuel costs and it might be worth pooling. Mrs. Theriault will look into it and look into including the library.

Liaison Report

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Selectman Lindquist

She has been busy, but no committee reports this week.

Selectman Murphy

He had nothing specific to report

Chairman Hartung

He will be attending a CART meeting on Tuesday in Derry.

The members of the Board of Selectmen met with Town Council last week to discuss the PILOT agreement with Camp Tel Noar. There is a request to meet again on Tuesday August 2nd at 11:00 am. Everyone will check their schedule.

Administrative Assistant Report

Insurance Requirements for Town-owned Property

The Recreation Commission is requesting a letter from the Board of Selectmen, which reaffirms the insurance policy requirements for Town-owned property. Organizations using Town-owned property are required to have its own liability insurance. The policy needs to be signed whenever the composition of the Board changes.

Workers' Compensation Insurance

Primex is offering a multi-year discount of 5% over a three-year period and a not to exceed increase of 8% for the next three ensuing years. The contract needs to be signed by August 15, 2011.

Selectman Lindquist motioned to accept the three year agreement with Primex for workers compensation insurance and to authorize the Chairman to sign. Selectman Murphy seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Property Liability Insurance

Local Government Center is offering a multi-year contract with increases in premiums not to exceed 6% the first year and not to exceed 9% per year for the next two subsequent years. This contract needs to be signed ASAP.

Selectman Lindquist motioned to accept the three year agreement with LGC for the Property and Liability Insurance and authorize the Chairman to sign. Selectman Murphy seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Auditor's Report

The Independent Accountant's Compilation Report for 2010 requires signatures. This report is completed yearly. A copy goes to the Department of Revenue Administration.

The Selectmen signed off on the three copies.

Meeting Minutes

The following meeting minutes of May 23rd and June 27th have been signed and are ready for your approval at this time.

Selectman Lindquist motioned to approve the minutes of May 23, 2011 and June 27, 2011 as amended. Selectman Murphy seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Activity Log

Meeting House- the log will be adjusted to state the bell tower needs to be painted.

Energy Supplies will be adjust to read finalize quotes with a time frame of Summer 2011.

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Plow Driver Policy- There was a spreadsheet sent to the Selectmen with the results of the survey done. Chairman Hartung suggested that a work session be held in August to discuss the plow drivers etc.

The social media policy can be amended to final review to Dept. Heads with next meeting for due date.

Oil Contract will be added.

The others had no change

Correspondence

There was a request from a resident, Casey Gilman, a member of the Military Support Group at Pinkerton Academy, to have a box at the town office to collect letters for service people. The Selectmen agreed that it wouldn't be a problem and that it should be announced at future meetings.

Windfield Alloy would like to host a free electronic recycling day again this year for Hampstead and Atkinson. They would like to have it scheduled for Saturday August 6th. The normal process has been that Atkinson and Hampstead each provided a detail officer, which the towns did not bill Windfield for. This year Atkinson is choosing to bill Windfield for anytime a detail officer would be needed. Mrs. Harrington stated that she spoke with Lt. Frazier and they don't need to have a detail officer, and if a situation arises they would place one there. Mrs. Harrington asked if the Selectmen were okay moving forward with the collection day and to not have a detail officer present. The only possible question was whether or not the Knight Ride was the same day, as has happened in the past. She was told to confirm with Chief Beaudoin that it wouldn't be an issue.

Appointments

- Call for candidates :
 - Ordway Park, full members and alternates – monthly meetings
 - Cable Committee volunteers – monthly meetings
 - Recycling and Waste Disposal Committee – monthly meetings
 - Capital Improvements
 - Technical Advisory Committee (RPC) – quarterly meetings

Visitors Comment

There were none present

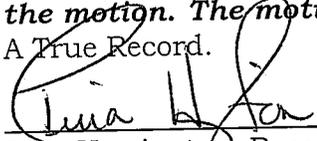
Future Agenda Item

- Energy Committee
- Hampstead Senior Committee
- Town Administrator

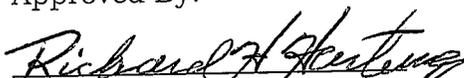
The Selectmen adjourned the regular portion of the meeting to review non public minutes, which were reviewed and signed.

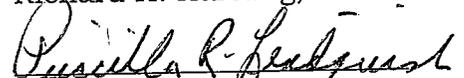
Selectman Lindquist made a motion to adjourn at 8:16 p.m. Selectman Murphy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

A True Record.


Tina Harrington, Recording Secretary

Approved By:


Richard H. Hartung, Chairman


Priscilla R. Lindquist, Selectman


Sean P. Murphy, Selectman