

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
June 25, 2012**

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

The public session began at 7:00pm (non public sessions held at 6:45 pm)

Guests: J. Worthen, P. Williams, J. Beaudoin, P. Bracken, B. Nugent

Public Announcements

- Tuesday, June 26 at 6:00 the Meetinghouse Park Summer Concert Series begins with the John Penny Band and The Reminisants.
- The 4th of July celebration will be held on Saturday, June 30th. The events begin at 3:00 pm with the frog jumping contest and end with the fireworks.
- Saturday, July 14th the Kent Farm Facility is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. a sticker is required and may be obtained from the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office during regular business hours.
- 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

Department Heads

Highway Department- Jon Worthen, Road Agent

Mr. Worthen stated that the Highway Safety Committee met recently and agreed to move forward with the shutting off of some of the street lights. When Mr. Worthen spoke with Elizabeth LaRocca from PSNH, he was told that the program is for the high pressure sodium lights (HPS) and the majority of the lights in Hampstead are the old Mercury lights. If we changed out the lights there would not be much savings. If we had the HPS lights we were looking at a potential \$10,000 in savings. He will look into what other options are available through PSNH. He does not know if it is worth moving the mercury vapor lights to the HPS or wait until the LED lights come down in cost.

Police Department- Chief Beaudoin

Chief Beaudoin announced that Officer Joe Touma's last day with the Hampstead Police Department was on June 22nd. He handed the Selectmen a draft of an ad that he would like permission to put into the paper asking for a full time certified officer and to advertise for part time officers to increase his pool. Chief Beaudoin noted that he currently has 4 part time officers and with the new changes to the NHRS regarding retired officers working part time being limited to 32 hours combined with all employees (that participate in NHRS), he currently has a few that are retired from full time service and now have to watch their hours.

New Business

Trash limit update – RAWD

Mr. Bracken was asked to respond to an email from a resident regarding the errors in the barrel sizes and the bag sizes. Mr. Bracken explained that since recycling began in Hampstead, the limit on the bag and barrel has been 15 gallon bag and 30 gallon barrel. The Committee did not change that with the recent changes, they only cut in half the amount allowed. Mr. Bracken did

apologize if the committee was using those numbers and they are not the current sizes that can be purchased. If the common barrel size that can be purchased is a 32 gallon one, then the 2 gallons will not make any difference. The concern was the volume of trash. In March of 2012 the average household in Hampstead was putting out 32 pounds per week, but the regulations were allowing them to put out 120 to 240 pounds per week. The newest regulations that cut it in half allow 60-120 pounds of trash, which is still more than most households are doing, he stated. Mr. Bracken stated that in the email the resident was concerned about putting a 32 gallon barrel out for recycling and stating that he was concerned that it wouldn't be picked up. Mr. Bracken emphasized that there is no limit on the recycling and they could use a barrel. There were stickers available to put on the barrels so that the trash company knows it is recycling. Mr. Bracken stated that based on the current 2012 tonnage recycled and extending them out for the year and then multiplying it by the current trash tonnage rate of \$63.50 shows that town saving \$44,089.32 by recycling. He responded to the comment in the email that the committee had an agenda and that what they are enforcing was unreasonable. Mr. Bracken responded that the committee meets monthly in public and its minutes are available. They as a committee have no authority to make any changes, but can only recommend them to the Selectmen who make the decision.

There was some confusion by the resident in that the 2003 regulation refers to no more than a 40 gallon barrel and the flyer that went out refers to a 30 gallon barrel. Chairman Murphy stated that if a 30 gallon barrel is not available, then the regulations should be updated to reflect the norm.

Mr. Bracken announced that on Thursday, June 21st there was an educational forum held at the Town Office and there were three committee members present plus Selectman Lindquist. Only one member of the public came forward and that person was already into recycling but was able to get more information from the committee. There was a date published incorrectly in one paper that had the forum on the 26th so Mr. Nugent will be at the Town Office on that evening in case anyone does come for the educational forum then.

Scenic byways update – Rick Hartung

Selectman Hartung explained that Brian Vass, Rob Morris, Tina Harrington and himself attended many of the meetings held to discuss the Robert Frost/Old Stagecoach Road Scenic Byway application. To finalize the application request, each of the participating communities are required to sign a letter of understanding and recommendation. A letter was drawn up for Hampstead and was on the counter for the Selectmen to review. Selectman Lindquist asked why it was called the Robert Frost/Old Stagecoach Road instead of Old Stagecoach Road. Mrs. Harrington explained that when the process started with Atkinson asking Hampstead and Chester to continue the Old Stagecoach Scenic Byway that they started, it crossed two planning commissions. It turned out that the Derry area was looking at a scenic by way that incorporated some of the same area and it was agreed to combine the two applications into one. The Robert Frost name is recognizable and therefore the committee agreed to put that name forward first. Selectman Lindquist noted her disagreement with the order of the names.

Selectman Hartung motioned for the Town of Hampstead to enter into the memorandum of understanding and to authorize the Chairman to sign the letter. Selectman Lindquist seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. If the application passes, there will be ongoing work on the Corridor Management Plan

Re-allocation of funds for mower- Chairman Murphy

Chairman Murphy was approached by Steve Harms regarding a new mower. The Cemetery Trustees and the Buildings and Grounds Department are looking into purchasing a new mower and splitting the cost between the two departments. The Cemetery budget has half of the

estimated \$10,000 in their line item for equipment. The problem is where to find the money in the buildings and grounds budget.

Mrs. Theriault also noted that the Selectmen did not allow her to budget for the Generator grant, in the event it was awarded and since they have been awarded the grant, the buildings and grounds budget will need to find about \$12,500 to cover the town portion. Chairman Murphy looked quickly at the highway budget at Selectman Lindquist suggestion and asked Mr. Worthen about the \$5,000 in Engineering fees that has not been spent. Mr. Worthen responded that it was for Shop Pond work. Selectman Hartung suggested that the line item just be overspent instead of trying to find one particular line item to transfer the funds from. Chairman Murphy questioned whether or not there were funds available. Selectman Hartung stated that things look good and that they should be in good shape come tax rate setting time in October. He noted that he would like to see more money moved into the fund balance where it has been drawn down in the last few years.

It was suggested to get a true cost by putting the mower out to bid and once the value is known, look for the money then.

Selectman Lindquist asked about getting a smaller mower.

Selectman Hartung motioned to have the AA put out a bid for the mower working with the Cemetery Trustees. Selectman Lindquist seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Liaisons Reports

Selectman Lindquist

Historic Commission- The work on the Meeting House is coming along and the bell tolled for the first time since 1994 last week. The bell will ring at midnight on the 4th of July as tradition has been. The public may not be allowed to ring it, but it will ring. The Commission would like to give the work done some more time to make sure there are no issues. She thanked Rob Morris, Chip Hastings, D. Dupouy, Mr. Frahm (provided the crane), and Pentucket Bank for all their work and support. MMR is expected to be in soon to do their portion of the work.

RAWD- The RecycleBank program flyer has been mailed to residents. The Town of Hampstead is the only community in the State of New Hampshire that was selected to participate. There is one community from each state that has been chosen to participate. Each resident's flyer has a code on it that they would use to email that they recycled that week, or to call it in. The town that has the largest increase in recycling in the six month period (July to December) will win a \$100,000 grant towards a sustainability project. Individually, when you respond to the recyclebank program you earn points that can be converted to gift cards for stores or restaurants.

Selectman Hartung

CART- There was a meeting held here in Hampstead for the CART members. They worked on the 2013 budget. Selectman Lindquist asked when the Hampstead route would be starting. She felt that Hampstead was paying a lot of money and not getting much in return.

SENHHMAD- The annual meeting was held last week at the Searles School in Windham. The Board of Directors and the Operations group prepared the 2013 budget and held annual elections. Selectman Hartung is now the Vice Chair and Deputy Fire Chief Gilmartin is the Treasurer. Richard Snow of Candia is the new Chairman. He stated that the cost for Hampstead next year will be up about \$100.

Rockingham Planning- Selectman Hartung will be attending his first TAC (Technical Advisory Committee) meeting on Thursday in Exeter. He has about 16 pages of prep paper to review for it.

Selectman Murphy- Had nothing to report.

Administrative Assistant Report

Change in the location of the propane tank for the Town Office generator.

The location of the propane tank for the generator will be located closer to the actual generator, which will require less trench and pipe work. The changes have to be submitted to FEMA for their approval. Last year we took the 50/50 share for the generator out of the budget. The grant requires the Town to contribute approximately \$12,500 towards the generator. Mrs. Theriault noted that they should start to consider where the funds will come from.

Response to the Department of Labor

The letter outlining the updates for the DOL inspection has been sent. There were only about two items that needed additional attention. The Department of labor will come back to re-inspect the Town buildings.

Electric bill savings

The May electric bill savings due to the wholesale electric supplier rate was \$162. Year-to-date savings total \$972. White Columns does not have the capacity at this time to offer savings to individual residents. However there are companies that offer wholesale electric supplier savings. Chairman Murphy asked if it was a one year contract and Mrs. Theriault stated that she believed it was.

VALIC

A representative from Valic provided the Administrative Assistant with copies of a sample proposal for the self-funded employee 457 (b) deferred compensation plan. The representative assured her that there are no fees for the employer to start up the plan. Mrs. Theriault has a copy of the sample proposal for each member to review. The sample proposal can be discussed in greater detail at the next meeting.

Meeting Minutes

Regular meeting minutes of June 15th have been approved and are ready to be accepted. There is one non-public meeting minutes that need to be reviewed.

Selectman Hartung motioned to accept the minutes of June 15th as written. Selectman Lindquist seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Activity Log

It was reviewed and the following items can come off, Town Facilities Committee and the Sustainable Grant request from RPC.

Re- Appointments/Appointments

Re-appointments

At a previous meeting it was announced that the Selectmen were interested in reappointing Chief Carrier to another three year term.

Selectman Hartung motioned to appoint Fire Chief Michael Carrier to a new three year term with beginning July 1st, 2012 and ending June 30, 2015. Selectman Lindquist seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- o Ordway Park, full members and alternates – monthly meetings
- o Cable Committee volunteers – monthly meetings

- o Recycling and Waste Disposal Committee – monthly meetings
- o Town Facilities Committee
- o Scenic Byways project
- o Hampstead Police Building Committee.
- o Rockingham Planning Commission member

Correspondence

There were two documents from Chief Carrier asking for the Selectmen to sign. The first is the contract with KME, which is the company that was awarded the tanker truck. The second is the contract with Granite State Fire Protection for the sprinkler system at the Central Station. Selectman Hartung asked that the other members allow him to sign the contract with Granite State Fire Protection as the liaison.

Selectman Lindquist motioned to allow Selectman Hartung to sign the agreement with Granite State Fire Protection. Selectman Murphy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2012 Dog Warrant- the warrant was given to the Selectmen for their signature. As of June 25th there are 207 dogs still not registered

Visitors Comments

There were none

Future Agenda Item

- Energy Committee
- Hampstead Senior Committee
- Town Administrator

There was a request for a nonpublic under RSA 91A:3 II (C) reputation.

Selectman Hartung motioned to go into non public session under RSA 91A:3II (c) reputation at 8:16 pm. Selectman Lindquist seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Selectman Hartung, yes; Selectman Lindquist, yes; Selectman Murphy, yes

The Selectmen are in negotiations with a taxpayer and discussed the value they would be looking for.

Selectman Hartung motioned to come out of non public session at 8:29 pm. Selectman Lindquist seconded the motion. Selectman Hartung, yes; Selectman Lindquist, yes; Selectman Murphy, yes

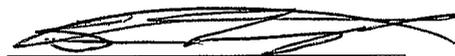
Selectman Lindquist made a motion to adjourn at 9:08 p.m. Selectman Murphy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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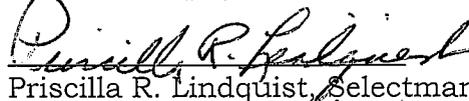


Tina Harrington, Recording Secretary

Approved By:



Sean P. Murphy, Chairman



Priscilla R. Lindquist, Selectman



Richard H. Hartung, Selectman