

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
October 22, 2012**

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

Guests: P. Williams, Chief Beaudoin, E. Lanpher, S. Londrigan, Eagle Tribune, B. Vass, J. Graham, R. Birdsall, J. Rausch, T. Dziemenian, E. Emerson, T. Ramsey, S. Koleque-Spalaris, one scout

The public session began at 7:00 pm

Public Announcements

- Tickets for the Senior Dinner (age 62 and up) are on sale at the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office at \$5.00 per ticket. The dinner is being held at the Granite Rose on Sunday, December 2nd.
- Wednesday, October 24th is Senior sign-up for the last trip of the year to Venus de Milo Restaurant in Swansea, MA. Doors open at 9am at the Meetinghouse. The trip is being held on November 15th
- Saturday, October 27 is Household Hazardous Waste Day in Kingston from 9am to noon at the old Sanborn High School.
- Wednesday, October 31st is Trick or Treat from 6pm to 8pm.
- Tuesday, November 6th is Election Day, the polls will be open from 8am to 8pm at 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 8 am to 1 pm. Books may be dropped off at anytime.

Visitors Comment

State Senator Jim Rausch- Senator Rausch introduced himself and stated that he is the District 19 Senator and covers 3 communities. He noted the committees that he has served on and explained how he helped find the \$7.8 million dollars that Pinkerton Academy received to build a new CTE building. He noted that he hopes it stops the trend of students leaving the State of NH. He stated that he was happy to represent Hampstead and hoped we would re-elect him.

Representative Regina Birdsall- Rep. Birdsall introduced herself and explained that she represented District 13 (Hampstead and Kingston). She stated that she was focused on businesses in NH and how to help. She asked that she be re-elected.

Julia Forbes- East Road- Mrs. Forbes read a prepared letter outlining her concerns with the Town Maps for 2012. She explained that back in 2010 she noted an error on the dimensions of her lot on the town map and asked that it be corrected. She recently looked at the new ones that just came in and the dimensions are still incorrect. She asked that this be corrected and that she be notified of the correction by the vendor. She also asked in her letter for the setbacks for propane tanks as well as the schedule for the inspections of these tanks. She also wanted to know when the last time an inspection was done at the Hampstead Hospital. Selectman Lindquist noted that the maps are under the jurisdiction of the Planning Board and asked Mrs. Forbes if she has made them aware of the issue. Mrs. Forbes stated that she had been in with Mrs. Hastings, Secretary to the Planning Board. Selectman Hartung noted that they will make

sure what needs to be corrected is and that Mrs. Forbes is owed an apology as well as an explanation of the error.

Department Heads

New Business

Police building funding discussion Police Station Building Committee- Chairman Steve Londrigan Mr. Londrigan asked to speak with the Selectmen to help settle an impasse with the committee regarding how to move forward to fund a new station. They are currently at a deadlock regarding bonding or putting money aside each year in a capital reserve fund. He explained that they decided to move forward with the same design as the one last year with no changes. There is a handout that will be available on the website outlining the information for the public to look at. Mr. Londrigan stated that they reviewed the voting over the last ten years to see if there were any trends to how the voting went. He hasn't been able to pinpoint any one thing as to why the bond article has not met the 60% majority that is needed. There is no statistical significance that he can determine.

The issue they are having as a committee is if the bond goes on the ballot this year, they have been running 55% of votes. . The other option would be a capital reserve, putting so much aside each year such as \$200,000. They believe this would take about 11 years to accomplish, if the town approved it every year and taking into consideration the increase of building the current design. There was a suggestion of a one and done- do the whole thing in one year with no bonding. There was discussion about having the bond article as well as a capital reserve article on the warrant next year but wasn't sure how it would work if both passed.

The Selectman agreed that 11 years is too long to wait and Chairman Murphy suggested the two options be all in one year and along with bonding. The discussion ended with clarification needed from Town Counsel or the LGC as to how it would work. Chairman Murphy suggested the article with the largest majority would win but it would need to be explained to the voters and on the ballot.

Someone suggested a ¼ of the cost for a capital reserve fund instead.,

Chairman Murphy motioned to direct that 2 articles be brought forward, one for the outright building cost to be in one year and the second to be the bond article. Selectman Lindquist seconded the motion. The motion passed with two in favor (SM, PL) and one against (RH). Selectman Hartung stated that he wasn't against the station, but would like to get something and is afraid they could end up with nothing doing the ballot this way. Chairman Murphy would like to see the bond, but has heard the request to have it all done in one year. The issue is how it is determined. Mrs. Theriault will get further clarification.

Mr. Londrigan noted one more issue that they encountered. A lot of people wanted to know what was going to happen to the current police station if the new one passed. They need the Selectmen to answer that. Mr. Londrigan was told that there are 5-6 possible uses for the building.

Hazard Mitigation Plan public hearing

The Hearing was opened at 7:40

The Selectmen received the draft of the Hazard Mitigation Plan and some changes have to be made and sent to the EMD. The HMP needs to be approved by January, 2013, and renewed and reviewed every five years. It was noted that even if the Selectmen have some changes, there is nothing of value to stop it from being approved. Selectman Lindquist noted that she had not yet read the plan.

The public hearing was closed at 7:42 pm. The Selectmen will approve the plan once they have it back from FEMA.

EOP Annual Concurrence- It was noted that the contacts need to be updated and verified. Mrs. Theriault read from one section stating what would constitute a need to open the shelter and the plan stated " a significant diseaster".

Discussion concerning energy wholesaler bids

Mrs. Theriault reviewed the bids and described them to the Selectmen. She noted that currently PSNH is at .0711 and is scheduled to increase in January, 2013. There was an article in the Union Leader stating the PSNH has received funds from a energy supplier vendor and that the funds are to be used to help reduce the energy supply portion of the electric bills.

We are currently doing business with White Columns and their rate was proposed at .0698 for 2012-2013.

Freedom Logistics is the name of the company that oversees Resident Power which is the one that residents can participate in as well as assign a % of the savings to go to the Town of Hampstead. After reviewing the information and talking with the vendors she recommended that the Selectmen move forward with Freedom Logistics. The rate is a variable one and can change month to month but also allows the option of moving back to PSNH when the rate is lower there. White Columns did have the ability for residents to participate as well, but at that point it wasn't worth the move for them whereas PSNH had dropped their rates. By going to Freedom Logistics there was concern on how the moving back and forth would work. Mrs. Theriault noted that rates are set ahead of time so there should be time to swap.

Selectman Murphy motioned to accept the recommendation of Mrs. Theriault and move forward with Freedom Logistics). The motion was seconded by Selectman Lindquist. Mr. Dzieman of White Columns asked to speak and stated that a variable rate is a high risk for towns and as a resident would be disappointed if the Selectmen went that way. He explained the natural gas rates and how they effect the energy supplier rates and that if the town was with a fixed rate it would work better for them.

Mrs. Theriault stated that she didn't know how much risk was there because we are allowed to change and the potential for savings may be greater. The worst case scenario is that the town has to pay the PSNH rates. Selectman Lindquist noted that she is not a risk taker.

The motion passed with two in favor (SM, RH) and one against (PL).

Old Business

Liaisons Reports

Chairman Murphy

No updates

Selectman Lindquist

No updates

Selectman Hurting

Patriotic Purposes- The Veteran's Day services will be held on November 12th at 11 am at the Middle School. The Middle School will also be hosting a breakfast for veteran's on November 13th at 9:15 am.

Elections- Selectman Hartung went over some of the changes for residents when they go to vote on Tuesday, November 6th. Picture IDs will be required and people should be prepared to wait. There will be more ballot clerks than normal to try to keep things moving. The Selectmen will have a table at the polls for those that don't have an ID and they will issue an affidavit (the person swears they are whom they say they are. The Selectmen will be able to sign these affidavits and they can then be taken to a ballot clerk for a ballot

Administrative Assistant Report

Presentation by Family Mediation

Mrs. Theriault tentatively scheduled representatives from Family Mediation to provide information to the Board of Selectmen regarding the agency services that are provided and costs for the same.

Public hearing on grants

Public notice has been issued for a public hearing regarding grants that were received in 2012. The date of the public hearing is Monday, November 26th.

Fireworks contract

Mrs. Theriault has the fireworks contract for next year from Atlas. The display is scheduled to be held on June 29th the Saturday before the Fourth of July with a raindate of the following day.

Setting the tax rate

Mrs. Theriault had spoken with Jeanne Samms from the Department of Revenue Administration and Selectman Lindquist had spoken with Barbara Robinson, also from the DRA. There are 224 towns that need to set its tax rates. Only 36 towns have been placed on the "queue", which means a date can be set for a tax rate appointment. Hampstead is not one of the 36 towns that are listed. As a side note Barbara Robinson is retiring on October 31st. Selectman Lindquist stated that she would contact DRA again in the morning.

Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes of September 10 and 24, 2012 have been signed and are ready for approval. The meeting minutes of August 27th are ready and there are also three sets of non-public meeting notes that need to be reviewed and signed.

Selectman Hartung motioned to accept the minutes as amended for August 27th, September 10th, and September 24th. Selectman Lindquist seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Activity Log

The list was reviewed and it was agreed to take off the facility committee.

Appointments- Reappointments- Resignations

There was a letter of resignation from George Gallo, Trustee of the Trust Funds. The Selectmen accepted the resignation and opened the position to the public.

Jim Stewart and Neil Lynch both submitted their letters of resignation from the Police Station Building Committee due to commitments with other committees.

The Selectmen motioned to accept the resignations of George Gallo, Jim Stewart and Neil Lynch. The motion was seconded by Selectman Lindquist. The motion passed unanimously.

Library Alternate- There was a request from the Library Trustees to appoint Cheryle Bartolo as an alternate Library Trustee.

Selectman Hartung moved to appoint Cheryle Bartolo as an alternate Library Trustee. The motion was seconded by Selectman Lindquist. The motioned passed unanimously.

There was a request from Chief Beaudoin to have Sabrina Londrigan appointed as a part time temporary dispatcher at the Police Department. She will fill in for Mrs. Beaudoin while she is on her leave of absence.

Chairman Murphy motioned to appoint Sabrina Londrigan to be hired as a temporary part time dispatcher at the police department effective 10/22/12. Selectman Lindquist seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence-

There was correspondence from RPC regarding zoning amendments. This was forwarded to the Planning Board.

Ed Lanpher- Mr.Lanpher sent the Selectmen a request to ask for a rehearing with the ZBA regarding the property at the corner of Route 111 and Stage Road for the variance they were given. He explained in his letter that he saw no hardship. If the Selectmen decide to move forward and ask for a rehearing, it needs to be done by November 7th, the next ZBA meeting. The Selectmen will review the information and talk with Kris Emerson to determine what the next step should be. They noted that they could call a meeting of the Selectmen to discuss it with proper notice.

Visitors Comments

There were none.

Future Agenda Item – Selectman Lindquist suggested that the following be taken off the agenda t save room. The others agreed.

- Energy Committee
- Hampstead Senior Committee
- Town Administrator

Non public #1

Selectman Hartung motioned to go into non public session at 8:33 pm under RSA 91-A: 3 II (a) employee matters. Selectman Lindquist seconded the motion. Roll call vote.

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

Mrs. Theriault just updated the Selectmen on an employee that had been out for a short period of time.

Selectman Hartung motioned to come out of non public session at 8:19 pm under RSA 91-A: 3 II (a) employee matters. Selectman Lindquist seconded the motion. Roll call vote.

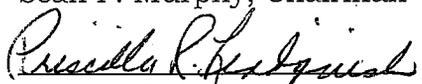
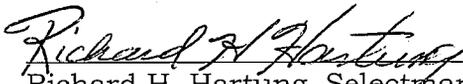
Selectman Hartung, yes; Selectman Lindquist, yes; Selectman Murphy, yes;

Selectman Lindquist made a motion to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. Selectman Hartung seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

A True Record.


Tina Harrington, Recording Secretary

Approved By:


Sean P. Murphy, Chairman

Priscilla R. Lindquist, Selectman

Richard H. Hartung, Selectman