

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MINUTES  
November 7, 2012**

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

Guests: P. Williams, Chief Beaudoin, B. Vass, M. Murphy, Melanie Nesheim; Family Promise and Cliff Sinott, RPC

The public session began at 7:00 pm

**Public Announcements**

- Saturday, November 10, Kent Farm Facility is open for bulk disposal
- 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 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Sunday, November 18th is the ecumenical service at the Meetinghouse at 4:00 p.m.
- 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**

None

**Department Heads**

Chief Joe Beaudoin said that he would like the following purchases to come out of the Special Duty Fund:

\$1,450 for lights for the leased motorcycle because it is difficult to see the blue motorcycle lights in the daylight. At the time the motorcycle was initially leased it didn't have the LED lights that the police would like to install. Chief Beaudoin also wants \$900 for medical kits for the cars. Two of the cruisers already have defibrillator kits.

Selectman Hartung made a motion to authorize Chief Beaudoin to spend \$2,350 from the detail fund for the lights for the motorcycle and six medical kits for the cars. Selectman Lindquist seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0.

**New Business**

**Family Promise presentation**

Melanie, a representative from Family Promise of Greater Rockingham County, provided highlights regarding the organization, which is looking for \$5,000 in funding for 2013. She stated that there are 158 homeless families in the 16 town service area (20 mile radius). There are a number of reasons families become homeless and it is mostly due to unemployment. She provided her personal account as to why she is interested in helping those who need affordable housing. The program involves churches that become host sites that provide the homeless with a place to eat and sleep. This is done on a rotating basis. A day center will provide a place

where the homeless can get referrals, assistance with job searches and networking. The organization needs \$140,000 funds per year to operate. To get up and running by January, the organization needs \$60,000. Several positions will be paid positions. There are 10 host sites, which are the local churches. The day center is the Calvary Baptist Church. Family Promise is asking the Town for \$5,000, which would basically house one family for a 10-week stay. This is the average stay for a family. Part of the program requires families to bank 75% of their income so that they can move into affordable housing in the future. There is no limit on the number of families any one town can refer to the program. The same program has been operating in the seacoast area for nine years.

Selectman Lindquist asked if there had been any homeless in Hampstead. The response was yes. If people don't have any family or friends that they can live with, they are referred to shelters. Family Promises has a screening process, the program is not appropriate for everyone who is homeless.

Matt Murphy asked which agency is going to be removed from the budget to offset the expense of Family Promises? Selectman Lindquist said that this would be a warrant article that requests such as these need to be voted on by the residents. Selectman Hartung said that he would put the warrant article on the ballot.

#### **Rockingham Planning Commission presentation**

Mr. Cliff Sinnott was present to discuss what RPC provides to the town and what it offers as it relates to dues paid. He provided the background of the Commission, which is comprised of nine regions. This is enabled under NH RSAs and is strictly voluntary. It is similar to a school district but can't impose taxes. There are several primary purposes: to provide technical planning assistance, land use books and advice, and participate in the lecture series and workshops.

The dues are small but are a central piece for additional funding. Some funding comes from the State; the rest is contract work with communities.

Mr. Sinnott provided a breakdown of what services have been provided to Hampstead and gave each member of the Board of Selectmen a copy. Through the Hazard Mitigation Plan, the town has been able to get grants such as Hazard Mitigation grants and a grant for the Master Plan.

Chairman Murphy asked about the Sustainable Communities Initiative. Mr. Sinnott said that the last time there was a regional update was in 1983. This is merely advisory and there has been a lot of confusion with Sustainable Communities. He didn't believe that this initiative was presented well and therefore there was a lot of misinformation out there. Selectman Lindquist said that she saw on the plans where houses were to be placed, such as the Middle School property. According to Mr. Sinnott it was supposed show where potential housing could be placed in certain areas and was not meant to identify exactly where and how many structures were to be located. The rate/fee structure is based on per capita of the town's population.

Mr. Murphy asked if RPC was part of CART? Mr. Sinnott said that RPC was part of the planning process for CART and is not part of the organization

Mr. Matt Murphy was also worried that the Sustainable Communities would have unelected people becoming part of the grant process and would also give up sovereignty of the Towns. Mr. Sinnott said that rumors that the Towns are giving up its sovereignty have zero truth to it. The State has delegated land use authority to the towns and can only be changed through zoning at Town Meetings. Mr. Murphy asked why was it necessary to sign a memorandum of understanding? Mr. Sinnott said that it was in order to show support, but since the Hampstead didn't sign it, the Town is under no obligation.

### **Tax rate**

The tax rate has been set at \$21.94

### **Board of Selectmen's Budget**

The Board of Selectmen reviewed it's budget. The following changes were made:

#### **Executive**

41301-81000 was decreased to \$50

41302-74000 will remain at \$1. Sally Theriault asked the Board if they would consider purchasing computer/copier equipment for the Tina's office in 2012. Because of a reduction in staff, approximately \$3,000 was saved in 2012 in the Human Services department. The Board said that they would consider this provided there was money in the budget from 2012.

#### **Legal**

41531-32000 went down from \$15,000 to \$10,000

#### **Government Buildings**

##### **Ordway Park**

41945-49004 was decreased to \$2,000

#### **Athletic Fields**

41948-43002 went down from \$1,000 to \$500

41948-43003 went down from \$5,000 to \$2,500

#### **Insurance**

41961-48000 went down from \$61,000 to \$51,000 due to a credit of \$10,000 that is expected next summer. However, it is very likely that this line item will have to be increased in excess of \$61,000 for 2014.

41961-26000 was increased by \$500 due to a typographical error.

A couple questions came up regarding year-to-date expenditures and bills applied to certain line items. Those items can be reviewed at the next budget meeting.

## **Old Business**

### **Liaisons Reports**

#### **Chairman Murphy**

No updates

#### **Selectman Hartung**

Selectman Hartung advised that there are approximately 6,400 registered voters. 5,300 voted and there were 500 new voters for an 80% turnout. He took the opportunity to thank the Town Clerk and the staff. Everything went well, especially with the new voter ID law. There were 21 affidavits.

#### **Selectman Lindquist**

Selectman Lindquist agreed that the Town did very well in comparison to other towns. The Town Clerk and the Moderator did a fine job.

## **Administrative Assistant Report**

### **Community Health Services**

CHS is now handling all of the Human Services requests for assistance. The website has been updated and business cards from CHS are available with contact information for those seeking assistance.

### **October hurricane**

A preliminary disaster assessment has been provided to FEMA. A form to request public assistance has also been completed. The storm related damages total approximately \$12,000.

### **Storm Debriefing**

At the Department Head's meeting there was an impromptu hurricane debriefing. PSNH will only allow one point of contact with whom to communicate. Data sheets will only be sent to PSNH by that point person. The emergency number that is given to emergency personnel is only for communication between the point person and PSNH and is not to be given out to the general public. The emergency fax reports are to provide information concerning downed wires and trees and not for reporting general outages.

### **Update on generator**

The cost of the generator will be \$20,680; the electrical hook-ups will cost \$6,168. Jon Worthen will handle the trench work and installation of the concrete pad. The work will be completed and then the bills will be sent to the state for reimbursement through the Hazard Mitigation Grant.

**Energy supplier**

During the next billing cycle, the town will see a change in its energy supplier. The town received the contract to start receiving funding through Resident Power. Chairman Murphy will review the contract.

**Meeting Minutes**

There are no meeting minutes at this time to accept

**Activity Log**

No changes were made

**Visitors Comments**

There were none.

**Non public #1**

Selectman Hartung motioned to go into non public session at 9:15 pm under RSA 91-A: 3 II (d). Selectman Lindquist seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Selectman Hartung, yes; Selectman Lindquist, yes; Selectman Murphy, yes;

Selectman Hartung motioned to come out of non public session at 9:35 pm under RSA 91-A: 3 II (d). Selectman Lindquist seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Selectman Hartung, yes; Selectman Lindquist, yes; Selectman Murphy, yes;

Selectman Lindquist made a motion to seal the minutes. Selectman Hartung seconded that motion. VOTE: 3-0-0.

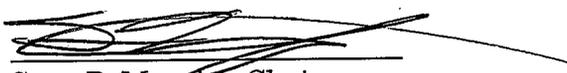
Selectman Lindquist made a motion to adjourn at 9:35 p.m. Selectman Hartung seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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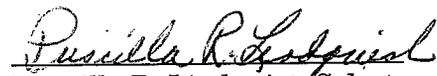


Sally Theriault, Administrative Assistant

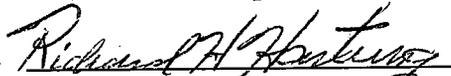
Approved By:



Sean P. Murphy, Chairman



Priscilla R. Lindquist, Selectman



Richard H. Hartung, Selectman