

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
January 14, 2013**

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

Guests: J. Worthen, M. Murphy, R. Birdsall

The public session began at 7:00 pm

Public Announcements

- The Town Offices will be closed on Monday, January, 21st in observation of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Day.
- First day to sign up for town office is January 23rd and ends on Friday, February 1st. The Town Clerk will be re-opening from 3 pm to 5 pm on February 1st for signups only. The positions up this year were read, one Selectman, 2 Budget Committee, 1 Planning Board, 1 Library Trustee, and 1 Trustee of Trust Fund.
- Friday, February 8th is the Deliberative Session at 7:00 pm at the 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 any time.

Visitors Comment

Matt Murphy-Mr. Murphy stated that he read in the Union Leader today that there were 4 police officers at a private residence over the weekend for a detail where protesters were gathering. He wanted to know who was going to be pay for this detail because he didn't believe the taxpayers should be responsible. He explained that whenever he was having a gathering he needed to fill out a permit and pay for an officer. Selectman Hartung noted that he drove by the area on Sunday and saw only two officers there and a few people. Selectman Lindquist stated that the same article reported that there were 50 people present at the protest and she only saw a handful. It was noted that people standing along the side of West Road could be dangerous. Chairman Murphy responded that as the liaison to the Police Department, he would check into it. Selectman Hartung reminded them that job #1 is public safety. The Board of Selectmen made sure that the Police Department was aware of the potential gathering but everything was very orderly. Mr. M. Murphy responded that he had no problem with the protest but if it was a special duty detail, or even the patrol officer, someone should be responsible for the bill. The Selectmen agreed they needed to find out.

Department Heads

Highway Department- Jon Worthen

Mr. Worthen said that he was looking to follow up from a previous meeting and look into extending the 2012 contract for hot top with Brox Industries for 2013. He presented a note showing that Brox is willing to hold to the 2012 price of \$69.20 per ton. There is an escalator clause that if liquid asphalt goes up then the price will also go up. The same would work if the cost goes down. Mr. Worthen explained that of the \$69.20, \$33.41 is the cost of the liquid asphalt. As an example, if the liquid asphalt jumps to \$647.50, the cost for the price of pavement would jump \$2.20 per ton. If the cost of the liquid asphalt only went up a few dollars, then the cost of pavement would not go up. Selectman Hartung asked if this was more advantageous for the Town rather than going out to bid. Mr. Worthen explained that 9 of the 10

years he has been here, Brox has been the low bidder. Chairman Murphy asked if there were any guesses on whether the price was going up. Mr. Worthen responded that he had no idea. Selectman Lindquist questioned what the point was if the price was not being locked in. Chairman Murphy asked what the money threshold was for when we would be given a cost increase. Selectman Hartung said that the \$69.20 is the 2012 price. If the cost went up 8% we would see an increase of \$2.20. Selectman Hartung also suggested that he was okay with it and do it for just the one year and see how it works. Chairman Murphy asked what was in it for the Town to do this. Mr. Worthen replied that it saves going out to bid and allows the stability of the same company and trust in the work they do.

Selectman Hartung motioned to accept the recommendation of the Road Agent to extend the contract with Brox Industries at \$69.20 with the escalator clause noted. Selectman Lindquist seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Worthen also wanted to talk to the Selectmen about the racks that hold the sanders at the Town Garage. When the Department of Labor did their inspections there was a concern with the racks that are suspended to hold the sanding equipment. He needed to have an Engineer look it over and determine what work needed to be done to bring them up to par for the weight rating. Mr. Worthen recently received the estimate at \$8,000. He explained to the Selectmen that he didn't want to spend that and is instead looking to take them down to about 2 feet off the ground and put them on concrete blocks (similar to a jersey barrier). Two blocks per sander and wooden cribbing for them may cost about \$700. He felt that was more cost effective. He would need the loader to take the sanders off and on. Selectman Hartung said the Achilles heel with the current racks is if something backs into them. Mrs. Theriault asked if the engineer had offered this as an alternative because it would need to be resubmitted to the Department of Labor. Mr. Worthen agreed that he would not move forward with the change until Mrs. Theriault had been in touch with the DOL.

New Business

Winchester Drive- There was a letter from the Planning Board requesting that the Selectmen accept Winchester Drive as a Town road. Chairman Murphy put forth the recommendation that the request be moved to the warrant for March 2013. Selectman Lindquist agreed whereas this will allow for it to be traced for historical purposes. Selectman Hartung had no issue as long as it was on the 2013 warrant. It was agreed to put the new road on the 2013 Warrant as article 11 and Mrs. Theriault will get the proper language. Article 11 was the petition article to have Bailey Shore Road accepted and this will now move to article 12.

2013 Warrant Articles-

Selectman Lindquist asked for a 5 minutes recess at 7:29. She stated that the Recreation Commission had one more request for a warrant article and she requested the recess to get them from their meeting upstairs.

Kim Colbert, Chairman of the Recreation Commission, and Brian Goode, Recreation Commission member, came back into the meeting at 7:32.

Mrs. Colbert presented a warrant article to create a revolving fund for the purpose of collecting gifts and donations.

"To see if the Town will vote to establish a Recreation Revolving Fund for donations and gifts pursuant to RSA 35-B: 2II. The money received by the Town from gifts, fundraisers, and donations for recreation projects not funded by the town budget will be deposited into the fund. These funds may be expended only for the purposes authorized in RSA 35-B and no expenditures shall be made in such a way as to require the expenditure of other town funds that have not been appropriated for that purpose. The money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered part of that Town's general fund or the Town's general

surplus. The Town Treasurer shall have custody of all monies in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the Recreation Commission and no further approval is required by the Legislative Body to expend."

She explained that the purpose is to allow them to collection donations for events such as the upcoming Winter Carnival and to accept donations from outside groups. When they do receive donations, there is no place for them to put it and this would allow a source of revenue without taxation. Matt Murphy asked if this replaces article 10 regarding a fund for field maintenance. He said that the HRC was looking a little greedy right now. Mrs. Colbert responded that she understood his concern but this did not replace the fund for the field maintenance. Selectman Hartung stated that if it passes the budget line item for the field maintenance may be in jeopardy in 2014. He also stated that he supports both of the HRC articles and will show that later when the vote comes up.

Selectman Lindquist motioned to add this article for a Revolving Fund for Recreation Donations to the 2013 Warrant. Selectman Hartung seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

This article will be known as Article 12.

ARTICLE 1

To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year. (By Official Ballot).

ARTICLE 2

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling Five Million Three Hundred Sixty Three Thousand Five Hundred Eighty Dollars and Fifty cents (\$5,363,580.50) Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Five Million Three Hundred Four Thousand Two Hundred Thirty One Dollars and Seventy cents (\$5,304,231.70), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

The Selectmen voted to recommend this article 3 yes-0 against (3-0)

ARTICLE 3

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the existing Hampstead Public Library Building Maintenance Non-Capital Reserve Fund.

The Selectmen voted to recommend this article 2 yes (PL, RH)-1 against (SM) (2-1)

ARTICLE 4

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to support Family Promise of Greater Rockingham County which provides assistance to homeless families in Western Rockingham County.

Selectman Hartung informed the public that everything is in place to move forward with this new agency. There are two churches in Hampstead that will be participating with one being support and the other housing. He recommends that we help support this for the initial year.

The Selectmen voted to recommend this article 2 yes (SM, RH) to 1 one against (PL) (2-1)

ARTICLE 5

To see if the Town vote to raise and appropriate One Million Six Hundred Thirty Eight Thousand Dollars (\$1,638,000.00) for the purpose of constructing a new Police Station on town-owned land and equipping same.

It was noted that this is the article as approved by Town Counsel and DRA.

The Selectmen voted to recommend this article 3 yes -0 against (3-0)

ARTICLE 6

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Fifty One Thousand Dollars (\$51,000) for the purpose of hiring another fulltime police officer effective July 1, 2013, the sum of which represents a half year's wages and benefits.

The Selectmen voted to recommend this article 2 yes (PL, RH) to 1 against (SM) (2-1)

ARTICLE 7

To see if the Town will vote to establish an expendable trust under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a for the purpose of funding building repairs and maintenance and to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in this fund and to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend.

Mrs. Theriault noted that this has changed a little since the initial presentation. She was told that there were some new regulations that the article needs to show principal and interest will be spent or interest only.

The Selectmen voted to recommend this article 3 yes - 0 against. (3-0)

ARTICLE 8

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Twenty Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$28,500) and authorize the withdrawal of Twenty Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$28,500) from the Capital Reserve Fund to replace and upgrade the fire Department's rescue tools and equipment.

(If passed, this article will have a zero tax impact).

There was question as to the way this was amended by Town Council. The purpose of the article is to request that \$28,500 be withdrawn from the Capital Reserve Fund. It was agreed that the wording from "and authorize the withdrawal of Twenty Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$28,500)" be taken out.

The Selectmen voted to recommend this article as amended 3 yes and 0 against. (3-0)

ARTICLE 9

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to support Sad Café.

The Selectmen voted to recommend the article 2 yes (PL, RH) and one against (SM) (2-1)

ARTICLE 10

To see if the Town of Hampstead will vote to establish the Hampstead Recreation Commission Maintenance Fund, a Non-Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1-c, for the purpose of funding future projects for Hampstead recreation areas and to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Hampstead Recreation Commission as agents to expend from this Non-Capitol Reserve Fund.

The Selectmen voted to recommend this article with 2 yes (PL, RH) and 1 against (SM) (2-1)

ARTICLE 11

To see If the Town will vote to accept Winchester Drive as a Town Road. (wording to be more formal)

Selectmen voted to recommend this article 3 yes and 0 against (3-0)

ARTICLE 12

Recreation Revolving Fund for the purpose of accepting donations and gifts and to expend the same for the purposes established in RSA 35-B.

The Selectmen voted to recommend this article 3 yes and 0 against (3-0)

ARTICLE 13

Request to have the Town of Hampstead recognize "Bailey Shore Road" as a permanent Class V town road (by petition)

The Selectmen voted to recommend this article 3 yes and 0 against (3-0)

Old Business

Liaisons Reports

Chairman Murphy

Nothing to report.

Selectman Lindquist

Selectman Lindquist noted this wasn't one of her departments, but the Fire Department, through the hard work of Ben Londrigan, doing his Eagle Scout project, has a "Smokey the Bear" sign. She noted that he did a wonderful job and the sign is visible from both directions.

Selectman Hurting

He recently attended a meeting of the Regional Derry Health Alliance and that there were changes coming and they are reevaluating the regions.

He also noted that there was a meeting of CART and their parent company of RCC on Tuesday.

Administrative Assistant Report

Reports from Departments

Mrs. Theriault is in the process of obtaining reports from the different departments for the 2012 Town Report. She mentioned to the Selectmen that she will need their report as well. It was agreed that the Chairman would write the report.

Warrant

The articles for the warrant have been reviewed by both the Town Attorney and DRA; some minor changes have been made as had been discussed during the warrant votes.

Update on Resident Power

In an effort to promote the funding mechanism to the Town, Mrs. Theriault would like to post the following on the website and make copies for the School provided that they will distribute the flyer. PSNH rates have gone up to slightly over 9.5 cents KWH for the energy supplier lines. She noted that residents have other choices, but this is the only one that the Town would receive income from. Selectman Lindquist announced that she actually received a letter from Resident Power about the process. The Selectmen were okay with putting the information on the website and agreed that Mrs. Theriault could contact the school and see if flyers could go home.

Meeting Minutes

A set of non-public meeting minutes for review.

Activity Log

There are no changes to the log except to add the name of the road where we are waiting for lights/stop sign.

Correspondence

There was none to report

Visitors Comments

State Representative Birdsall announced that the "Chat With Your Legislature" will tape a show on January 22nd with the new SAU superintendent. She is also hoping to have Senator Rausch and Senator Morse to discuss the Senate version of the budget and later on the House version. She also remarked that she had been recently re-elected and is sitting on the Elections Law Committee. There are four bills before the committee tomorrow that are important to watch. There are HB 143 regarding straight ticket voting, HB148 Relative to Electoral voting, HB 150 as well as HB151 speak about duties of election officials.

Future Agenda Item

- Energy Committee
- Hampstead Senior Committee
- Town Administrator

Non public #1

Selectman Lindquist motioned to go into non public session at 8:20 pm under RSA 91-A: 3 II (a) employee matters. Selectman Hartung 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 8:55 pm under

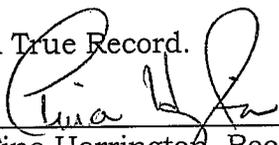
RSA 91-A: 3 II (a) employee matters. Selectman Lindquist seconded the motion. Roll call vote.

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

Selectman Hartung motioned to seal the minutes of the non public session. Selectman Murphy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Hartung made a motion to adjourn at 8:58 p.m. Selectman Lindquist seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

A True Record.

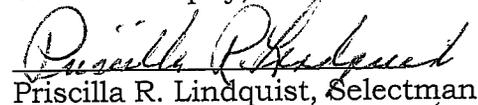


Tina Harrington, Recording Secretary

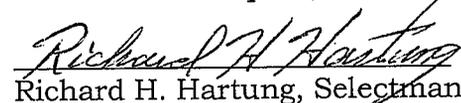
Approved By:



Sean P. Murphy, Chairman



Priscilla R. Lindquist, Selectman



Richard H. Hartung, Selectman