

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
January 28, 2013

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

Guests: P. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Galietta, Jerry Robbins, Chief Beaudoin, plus one more unknown person.

The public session began at 7:00 pm

Public Announcements

- 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 anytime.

Visitors Comment

Mr. Jerry Robbins - recent dog incident- Mr. Robbins stated that he has been a 24 year resident of Hampstead and he was recently in Florida when he heard on the news about the incident in Hampstead regarding the shooting of the dog. He stated that he was sorry to hear that a town he enjoys so much was all over the national news for such an incident. He was hoping that the Selectmen could do something to teach people how to protect their animals from something similar happening. Mr. Robbins stated that he has seen that the State Legislation was looking into what to do with people's social media sites after they die and he thought there was a better use of their time.

Chairman Murphy read a prepared statement on behalf of the Board of Selectmen.

"As you may be aware there was an unfortunate incident that occurred on West Road in Hampstead on Saturday, January 5th of this year, where a dog was shot and killed. The dog which was out of the owner's control had entered a neighboring property and was found barking at rabbits. The owner of the rabbits out of fear for the safety of his rabbits shot and killed the dog.

While this action taken by the owner was within his legal right, we the Board of Selectmen, neither condone nor condemn the actions of the owner of the rabbits.

The law in which made the rabbit owner's action lawful, is being reviewed by local state representatives to see if a change should be made to the law.

As a reminder or as a precaution to all residents with dogs, that there is a leash law in the State of NH which reads "It shall be unlawful for any dog to run at large, except when accompanied by the owner or custodian, and when used for hunting, for guarding, working or herding livestock, as defined in RSA 21:34-a, II(a)(4), for supervised competition and exhibition, or for training for such."

Additionally, the Town of Hampstead has an ordinance which reads, "All dogs except those on a leash or hunting or show dogs under the full control of a handler will be restrained to the owner's property at all times."

This will insure the safety of others and the safety of your pet."

The Selectmen agreed that this was an unfortunate incident and that our local State Representatives were looking at the law. The Town has no ability to make any changes to the law but people can contact their legislators if they had concerns. It was also noted that there was no

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history of issues with the dog running loose, but the way to address a loose dog could be to contact the Animal Control Officer. If this was an ongoing problem, it would have been documented with the ACO.

Department Heads

Police Department- Chief Beaudoin- There were some grants to be signed for the Police Department by Chairman Murphy. Chairman Murphy had signed them prior to the meeting.

New Business

Comstar-there was a request from our ambulance biller for the new contract with NH Medicaid be signed by the Selectmen.

Selectman Lindquist motioned to allow Selectman Hartung, as liaison to the Fire Department, to sign the agreement after he speaks with Chief Carrier to get more information. Selectman Murphy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

There was no old business to discuss

Liaisons Reports

Chairman Murphy

Nothing to report.

Selectman Lindquist

Nothing to report.

Selectman Hurting

Library- Selectman Hartung noted that the Library Trustees recently had a surplus in their budget and agreed to return the surplus back to the general fund. The surplus was in salaries for changes in personnel and related benefits.

Administrative Assistant Report

Town Warrant and MS6 forms

The warrant, MS6 and MS6-default forms have been posted at the Town Office building, East Hampstead Post Office and the Middle School.

Community Resource Day

St. Vincent de Paul is sponsoring a Community Resource Day at St. Anne's Parish. The purpose is to invite health agencies into the community so that residents can get a better understanding or what is available to them. Mrs. Theriault and Selectman Hartung have contacted or have asked others to contact all of the organizations that the Town supports. The event is being held on :

- Monday, March 11, 2013 (Tue., Mar. 12, 2013 snow date)
- 9:00 to 11:00 am
- St. Anne's Church Auditorium Emerson Ave, Hampstead. NH (handicapped accessible)

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Town Generator Progress Report

The Quarterly Progress Report has been provided to Homeland Security for the period ending December 31st. The Generator is on back order, however, at the time the Town was advised of the back order, there was a back order timeframe of approximately 8 weeks, that timeframe has almost lapsed. Kris Emerson will be in contact with the distributor to find out the status of the generator delivery.

Meeting Minutes

The following meeting minutes have been signed and are ready for approval:

November 26th, 2012

December 17th, 2012

January 3rd, 2013

January 9th, 2013

January 14th, 2013

Selectman Hartung motioned to accept the minutes of November 26, December 17th, January 3rd, January 9th, and January 14th as amended. Selectman Lindquist seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Activity Log

There are no changes to the log.

Re- Appointments/Appointments

Resignation of Budget Committee member, Scenic By-ways member

Brian Vass submitted his resignation from the Budget Committee effective 3/12/13 and also from the Scenic By Way Committee.

The Selectmen would like to thank Mr. Vass for his service. The position for the Budget Committee has one year left on the term and will need to be appointed whereas signups for the 2013 election have already started. There is one resident that has already submitted his request to be appointed to the Budget Committee to fill the final year of the term. The Selectmen agreed to where this is their first time announcing it, to open it up to the public and see if there are others interested as well. It was also noted that there are two open positions for the Budget Committee as well, whereas it looks like the incumbents aren't running.

Appointment of Call Firefighter

The motion was made to appoint James Degnam to a call firefighter/EMT by Selectman Hartung. Selectman Lindquist seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Call for candidates:

- 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 Hampstead Police Building Committee.
- o Rockingham Planning Commission member

Correspondence

NRRA -Annual report was received from the NRRA along with the 2013 invoice. It will be Forwarded to the Recycling and Waste Disposal Committee.

Rockingham Planning Commission- There was a Regional Transportation Project plan request for towns to submit to get on the DOT list.

Visitors Comments

There was none.

Future Agenda Item

- Energy Committee
- Hampstead Senior Committee
- Town Administrator

Non public #1

Selectman Hartung motioned to go into nonpublic session at 7:24 pm under RSA 91-A: 3 II (a) employee matters. Selectman Lindquist seconded the motion. Roll call vote.

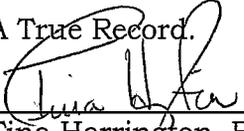
Selectman Hartung, yes; Selectman Lindquist, yes; Selectman Murphy, yes;
Chief Beaudoin was invited in around 8:23

Selectman Hartung motioned to come out of nonpublic session at 8:47 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 motioned to seal the minutes of the non public session. Selectman Hartung seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Lindquist made a motion to adjourn at 8:47 p.m. Selectman Murphy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

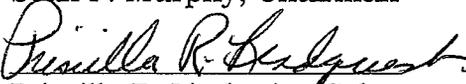
A True Record.



Tina Harrington, Recording Secretary

Approved By:



Sean P. Murphy, Chairman


Priscilla R. Lindquist, Selectman

Richard H. Hartung, Selectman