

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MINUTES**

March 11, 2013

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

Guests: P. Williams (Tri Town News), T. Lovell, M. Blaine, L. Skidmore, B. Vass, J. Beaudoin, Phil Auger

The public session began at 7:00 pm. Chairman Murphy was absent and Selectman Hartung sat in as chair.

**Public Announcements**

- Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> - Town Meeting at the Hampstead Middle School from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm.
- Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> - Rabies clinic from 9am to noon at the Fire Station on Little's Lane. The Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office will be present to register dogs.
- 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.
- Selectman Lindquist noted that the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office will be closed tomorrow, Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> for the elections.

**Visitors Comment**

Friends of the Library- Mrs. Blaine and Mrs. Skidmore found out that they need to have a permit for a game of chance for the monthly raffles that are held at the library. They also stated that they hold raffles at their auctions. Mrs. Blaine noted that they are a 501c group (non-profit organization). Selectman Lindquist asked Chief Beaudoin what they needed to do. He stated that they should go to the police department and complete the paperwork and the \$25 fee would be waived.

*According to RSA 287-a:7, "Any charitable organization desiring to conduct a raffle under the provisions of this chapter shall obtain a permit therefor from the selectmen or designee of the town, or the mayor and aldermen or designee of the city where the drawing for prizes is to be held. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the permit shall expire at the time of the drawing and shall not be transferable. At the request of the charitable organization to conduct more than one raffle, the governing body may extend the permit to one year from the date of issuance."*

The Selectmen noted that the Selectmen have delegated this authority to the police department but would make it official again.

**Selectman Lindquist motioned to designate the police department for the issuance of raffle permits and games of chance. Selectman Hartung seconded the motion. The motion passed with two in favor (Selectman Murphy was absent).**

**Department Heads**

Highway Department- Jon Worthen

Mr. Worthen noted that it is mud season and there are signs on Depot Road that state the road is to be closed February 15<sup>th</sup> to April 15<sup>th</sup>. He noted that he would like to leave Depot Road open this year and let it take the beating and leave Kent Farm Road as it is. This way Kent Farm will stay in good shape.

**Selectman Lindquist motioned to take the recommendation of the Road Agent to keep Depot Road open for mud season of 2013. Selectman Hartung asked that if anyone had a**

**reason to change this, to contact the Selectmen. The motion passed with two in favor. (Selectman Murphy was absent).**

Selectman Lindquist asked Mr. Worthen how his snow budget was doing. He responded that so far it is looking okay.

Police Department- Chief Beaudoin

A letter was given to the Selectmen asking for some equipment to be withdrawn from the Sp. Duty Account. Chief Beaudoin stated that it amounted to about \$6,203.84. Some of the items to be purchased are 4 new rifles for 4 of the full time officers (hopes to do rest in 2014), ballistic shields etc. He presented Officer Mark Conway as the new firearms trainer and he is bringing in his experience from Sp. Operations training to the department. Chairman Murphy wasn't present tonight, but he noted to Selectman Lindquist that he was okay with the purchases, as long as it came from the detail account.

Chief Beaudoin noted that overall for 2013, he will be looking to take about \$29,000 from the detail account. This would be ½ the cost of a new cruiser (about \$13,000) the SWAT team dues (about \$5,000) and the motorcycle lease (about \$3,900).

**Selectman Lindquist motioned to allow the Police Department to spend up to \$6,400 from the Police Sp. Duty Account for the equipment needed as stated by the Chief for the firearms training. Selectman Hartung seconded the motion. The motion passed with two in favor. (Selectmen Murphy was absent).**

Mrs. Harrington asked that the Selectmen vote to allow the payment for the new cruiser be taken from the special duty account as well. It is currently on order and ½ the cost would be \$13,000.

**Selectman Lindquist motioned to allow ½ the cost of the new cruiser or about \$13,000 to be taken from the Special Duty Account. Selectman Hartung seconded the motion. The motion passed with two in favor. (Selectman Murphy was absent).**

**New Business**

Phil Auger -Southeast Land Trust of NH- Mr. Auger was present on behalf of the Plaistow Conservation Commission. He is working with them to do a conservation easement for the whole property known as the Plaistow Town Forest. He noted that there were 22 parcels that were from tax deeds so they are looking to conserve the property, clarify the deeds/titles, and to possibly acquire other parcels around it. He noted that Atkinson and Hampstead both have property that abuts the Plaistow Town Forest and they were looking to square up the property lines if possible. Lot 16-43 in Hampstead abuts the Plaistow Town Forest but according to a research that was done the deed itself states, "Land to be held by the Town of Hampstead in fee to be administered by the Conservation Commission to be held forever by the town as "open space"" Selectman Lindquist said the piece was given to the town to hold in conservation and could not be transferred.

Mr. Auger agreed that whereas the parcel is clear the purpose was accomplished and that the two towns would not be able to do a swap.

**Old Business**

Electric Wholesalers- Mrs. Theriault had prepared information for the Selectmen to review where to go regarding the electric supplier wholesale issue. With the absence of Selectman Murphy, it was agreed to postpone any discussion until the next meeting and to also ask Sandown if there wanted to participate in the discussion. Mrs. Theriault will email the spreadsheet to Selectman Murphy.

**Liaisons Reports  
Chairman Murphy**

### **Selectman Lindquist**

She noted that Cable is meeting this week and they are close to a contract with Comcast.

### **Selectman Hurting**

He noted that he had attended a special committee meeting on RCC regarding federal grants for assisting CART. There was also an all Health Hazards monthly meeting that he attended with the EMD. There will be upcoming trainings

### **Administrative Assistant Report**

#### Video Book Tour

A representative from CGI is offering an opportunity to Towns by offering a video book tour on the town's websites. The video tour offers information to individuals about the town, its quality of life, businesses, recreation and other pursuits. This is at no cost to the town. The expense is born by the companies in to who wish to advertise (for lack of a better word) on the video tour. There are a number of town's in New Hampshire that participate. Two towns that share the same website host company is Londonderry NH and Bedford NH. To view the "video book tour" go to each of those town's website and click on "video book tour". If the Board of Selectmen are interested in pursuing this after they have viewed the tours, Mrs. Theriault will contact the representative of CGI and schedule the video. Selectman Lindquist noted her concern that there is enough problems with the website. Mrs. Theriault explained that once the video is created, that would be it, unless it needed to be updated. Selectman Hartung suggested that it be brought back up in a future meeting, which will give them time to review the other towns' websites. Selectman Lindquist said she assumed the webmaster was responsible for getting updated information on the website.

Selectman Lindquist mentioned that she had a call from the ZBA Chairman who noticed the minutes for the ZBA are on the website for 2009 and that is it. She asked who was responsible for getting the information up there. Mrs. Theriault explained that not all departments want their information posted. Selectman Hartung noted that the work on the website could easily take someone about 6 hours a week. There is currently no policy that directs what goes on the website. Mrs. Harrington noted that each of the departments in the town office has its own license to put information on the website.

#### Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4)

The Environment Protection Agency had a meeting last Thursday about the new reporting requirements for storm water discharge. Hampstead is required to participate in the new requirements due to our proximity to Portsmouth. There is a lot in the proposed program such as impact on endangered species, outflow maps, new bylaws or ordinances, daily maximum load of discharge etc. When the requirements first came in, an engineer worked with the town to meet those initial requirements. Mrs. Theriault will keep the board up dated. Selectman Hartung suggested that she mention it at a department head meeting.

### **Activity Log**

The MS-4 will be added to the activity log.

### **Re- Appointments/Appointments**

- Appointment of new ZBA member – Matthew Johnson

Mr. Johnson attended the recent ZBA meeting and is interested in being appointed. Selectman Lindquist motioned to appoint Matthew Johnson as ZBA alternate with a term to expire in 2016. Selectman Hartung seconded the motion. The motion passed with two in favor (Selectman Murphy was absent).

- Appointment of Beach Committee member – Jim Mize

Mr. Mize is interested in being appointed to the Beach Committee. He is currently on the Dam Committee as well. Selectman Hartung stated that he knew Mr. Mize well.

**Selectman Lindquist motioned to appoint Jim Mize to the Beach Committee. Selectman Hartung seconded the motion. The motion passed with two in favor (Selectman Murphy was absent).**

**Call for candidates:**

- Ordway Park, full members and alternates – monthly meetings
- Cable Committee volunteers – monthly meetings
- Recycling and Waste Disposal Committee – monthly meetings
- Town Facilities Committee
- Hampstead Police Building Committee.
- Rockingham Planning Commission member

**Correspondence**

DOT- There will be a meeting in Hudson NH on March 14<sup>th</sup> to discuss the proposal to put rumble strips down the middle of Route 111 and the shoulders from Route 121A to Hudson.

**Visitors Comments**

Brian Vass- Mr. Vass noted that his resignation from the Budget Committee would be effective tomorrow (March 12<sup>th</sup>) and thanked the Selectmen and the residents for allowing him to serve and that it was very educational.

Selectman Hartung reminded everyone that it was election day tomorrow and the polls would be open from 8 am to 8 pm.

**Selectman Lindquist made a motion to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Selectman Hartung seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

A True Record.

Approved By:

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Tina Harrington, Recording Secretary

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Sean P. Murphy, Chairman

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Priscilla R. Lindquist, Selectman

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Richard H. Hartung, Selectman