

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
September 23, 2013**

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

The public meeting began at 7:00 pm.

Guests: P. Williams (Tri Town News), Chief Beaudoin, B. Vass

Public Announcements

- The Hampstead Fire Dept. is hosting a blood drive on Friday, October 18th from 1 pm to 6 pm at Central Fire Station, 17 Little's Lane
- The next senior trip is scheduled for October 30th to Mohegan Sun. The cost of the trip is \$5 for residents and \$10 for nonresidents. Signups will be held on Wednesday, October 9th starting at 8:30 am.
- Halloween is scheduled for Thursday, October 31st from 6 pm to 8 pm.
- 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

There were none

Department Heads

There were none

New Business

Elderly Exemption

At a previous meeting Chairman Murphy had put together a list of area towns and what they are offering for the elderly exemptions. Chairman Murphy explained that he had a concern from a resident regarding the income limits. There is a request for a bank statement to be submitted with the application and the resident had reported to him that the money was gone shortly after to pay the bills. It wasn't extra money. Selectman Lindquist printed out all the towns in Rockingham County and their elderly exemption criteria. According to Selectman Hartung and Selectmen Lindquist feel that Hampstead is currently in the middle, not the lowest and not the highest for single income limits. Chairman Murphy tried to explain that looking at the towns directly around us, we are on the lower side. The Selectmen asked that if anyone had issues with the current levels to contact the office and they would look at. They both stated that they haven't heard from anyone with concerns and noted that if someone is just over the limits they could request a meeting with the Selectmen to explain the situation.

2014 Budget Direction

Chairman Murphy asked the other members for their input after he explained that he would like to see a level funded budget. Selectman Hartung noted that in the highway department there was already an \$80,000 reduction. He also noted that with the police station being a one time shot, the tax rate for 2014 would be in better shape. Selectman Lindquist noted that she wished they could tell the school to keep their budget level funded. Selectman Hartung stated that the Budget Committee could work with them. Chairman Murphy asked for the department heads to use the attitude of what is needed versus what is wanted and avoid the "nice to haves."

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Old Business

There was no old business

Liaisons Reports

Chairman Murphy-He had nothing to report

Selectman Lindquist

Historic/Heritage Commission- Mr. Randall signed the paperwork today to get the marker. The paperwork will be sent to the State. Selectman Lindquist said the plaque will not come from the general fund account.

Chairman Murphy asked about the work being done at the museum. Selectman Lindquist explained that the columns are rotted up at the top so there are new pieces on order and they are waiting for them to come in.

Selectman Hartung

Rockingham Planning Commission -They will be holding some upcoming meetings. One is scheduled in Hampstead on October 23rd.

CART There is a public hearing tomorrow (Sept. 24th) at 3:00 pm in Derry at the Municipal Building to discuss the services changes occurring due to funding changes. Most of the changes will affect Salem and Derry.

Administrative Assistant Report

RFPs

An RFP for a statistical assessing update should go out this fall for work that needs to be done next year. When Hampstead did the update in 2009, it cost \$90,000. MRI has provided Mrs. Theriault with a draft RFP that can go out for bid.

The contract for Assessing services also ends this year. Mrs. Theriault has a copy of a single and multiyear agreement with MRI, which she placed it on the credenza for the Selectmen to review. There is no increase in the fee charged from 2013 to 2014. Should the Selectmen opt to continue with MRI and have a multiyear contract, any increase will be based on the Consumer Price Index added in subsequent years.

Health Insurance Marketplace

In compliance with the Health Care Reform Act, the notice concerning New Health Insurance and Marketplace Coverage Option and Your Health Coverage was provided to each employee who received a paycheck on September 18th as well as copies given to the Fire Department in order for the forms to be distributed to all on-call employees.

In addition, Community Health Services has offered assistance to the residents of Hampstead in navigating the complexities of the new Health Insurance Marketplace. This will be offered without cost to the Town provided CHS receives a grant to fund this effort. The Selectmen agreed that if it is no cost to the town and a benefit to the residents, then it would be a good thing to allow CHS access to a location.

Town Office Building

The painting of the Town Office building is completed and the cost to do the two front doors and replace the downspout added \$250 to the original cost of \$1,500. Mrs. Theriault noted that the bill has been received and she approved it for payment.

Closing

The closing on the donated property located at 15 Hilltop Lane is scheduled for 9/30/13.

A motion was made by Selectman Hartung to authorize either Selectman Hartung or Selectman Lindquist to attend the closing and sign on behalf of the Board of Selectmen. Selectman Murphy seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Minutes

There is one set of non-public meeting minutes to be reviewed in nonpublic at the end of the meeting.

Activity Log

The only change to the activity log is to move the Elderly Exemption discussion to the next meeting under old business.

Mrs. Theriault updated the Selectmen on some of the items. Mr. Worthen has been in touch with Rockingham Planning to see about doing a traffic study for truck traffic on Emerson Avenue. In regards to the LED lights, they are waiting for the costs of the lights and installation costs, both from PSNH.

Re- Appointments/Appointments

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 - monthly meetings
- o Conservation Commission – monthly meetings

Selectman Hartung stated that CART needs to have someone from Hampstead to be on the Board of Directors. He has no problem continuing as the Hampstead representative.

Selectman Lindquist motioned to appoint Selectman Hartung to represent Hampstead on the Board of Directors. Selectman Hartung seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence

Paul Wentworth- There was a letter of resignation from Paul Wentworth from the New Police Station Building Committee effective September 18, 2013. At a previous meeting there was some concern regarding a conflict of interest of Mr. Wentworth serving on the committee and being interested in the Clerk of the Works for the Police Station project. Chairman Murphy spoke with the LGC (NHMA) and was told that if he stepped down from the committee there was no conflict.

Selectman Lindquist thanked him for his service to the town and the committee.

The motion was made to accept the resignation effective September 18th, 2013, by Selectman Lindquist. Selectman Hartung seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Visitors Comments

B. Vass- Mr. Vass if the information regarding the elderly exemptions could be placed on the cable channel.

Non Public Sessions

Selectman Lindquist motioned to go into nonpublic session under RSA 91 A: 3II (c) reputation at 7:32pm. Selectman Hartung seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: Selectman Lindquist, yes; Selectman Hartung, yes; Selectman Murphy, yes;

Guest: R. Lavalley, Resident

Selectman Hartung motioned to come out of nonpublic session under RSA 91 A: 3 II (c) reputations at 8:10 p.m. Selectman Lindquist seconded the motion.

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Roll Call vote: Selectman Lindquist, yes; Selectman Hartung, yes; Selectman Murphy, yes; Selectman Hartung motioned to seal the minutes of the non public. Selectman Lindquist seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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Roll call vote: Selectman Lindquist, yes; Selectman Hartung, yes; Selectman Murphy, yes;

Selectman Hartung motioned to come out of nonpublic session under RSA 91 A: 3 II (a) employee matters at 8:53 p.m. Selectman Lindquist seconded the motion.

Roll Call vote: Selectman Lindquist, yes; Selectman Hartung, yes; Selectman Murphy, yes; Selectman Hartung motioned to seal the minutes of the non public. Selectman Lindquist seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Hartung made a motion to adjourn at 8:53 p.m. Selectman Lindquist seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

A True Record.

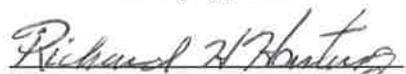


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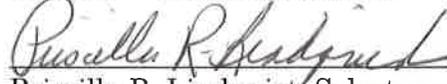
Approved By:



Sean P. Murphy, Chairman



Richard H. Hartung, Selectman



Priscilla R. Lindquist, Selectman