

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MINUTES  
September 8, 2014**

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

Visitors: Chief Carrier, J. Ahearn, K. Colbert, B. Vitale, James George, and P. Williams (Tri Town News) (The Selectmen met in nonpublic session prior to the start of this meeting with the Town Clerk/Tax Collector.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

**Public Announcements**

- Compost bins are available at the Town Offices. The cost for each bin is \$50 each.
- The NH Primary will be held on Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at the Hampstead Middle School from 8 am 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**

*Recreation Commission, Chair Julie Ahearn*

Ms. Ahearn announced that there were some changes to the Recreation Commission. She noted that Dano Anderson, Brian Goode and Dana D'Amico all resigned. She also noted that Kim Colbert will be leaving by the end of the year. She announced that they had a letter from Brian Vitale requesting to be appointed. **Selectman Lindquist motioned to appoint Brian Vitale to the Hampstead Recreation Commission as an alternate with a term to expire in 2017. Selectman Hartung seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

Mrs. Ahearn announced that the Recreation Commission will host the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Road Race on Thanksgiving. Last year they had 400 runners for their first one and expect about 600 for this year. They will be having on line registrations and a registration day at the Civic Club. She explained that at the last meeting of the HRC they reviewed the budget and wanted to talk to the Selectmen about the Senior Drop In. Both Mrs. Ahearn and Mrs. Colbert spoke on the subject. They stated that they had an individual that was interested in being on the Commission as a volunteer and to take over the oversight of the Drop in Center. The concern they had, and they stated it was first hand, that the individual was told that she would have to be there every Thursday. There was confusion whereas the HRC had nothing to do with the running of the center yet the funding is in their budget and they asked the Selectmen for clarification on a few points. The first was they felt as a committee that the person running the drop in should be on the committee either as a member or an alternate and were looking for direction from the Selectmen. The Selectmen didn't see the need for the person to be on the committee, but did agree that whereas the money falls under their budget, they have some oversight. When asked if the Selectmen wanted HRC to run the program or just leave the money in the budget with no oversight. Selectman Hartung said that the Committee doesn't need to tell them how and what to do but should be available to them like a liaison. He also noted that if the person were on the committee they wouldn't have clear oversight. Selectman Lindquist suggested that it come under the direction of the Recreation Director. Mrs. Theriault explained that there is someone right now that has been doing the running around for the center and getting it open and not sure what their expectations are. It was agreed that the HRC should talk with the coordinators of the Senior Drop In, see what is exactly going on and go forward from there, but emphasized that it is the HRC budget.

**New Business**

*Discussion concerning possible communications tower – James George, Infill Development Partners*

Mr. George introduced himself and gave a history of his company and the partners in it. The information given is attached to these minutes. He explained that he is from Plaistow where he was raised and is

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working as a project manager for the company. He noted that he is aware of the issues with the wireless phones and dead areas around town. He explained that there is a tower at Gigante Drive that currently hosts two wireless carriers, but has the ability for up to 4. There is also a tower near the Busby Construction new location on Route 111 that is currently hosting 3 carriers (T-Mobile, Sprint, and AT & T). East Coast Lumber has a tower that has 5 carriers using it. He is working with Danville, Sandown, Windham, Plaistow and Atkinson to help them get more service. It was also noted that up on Route 121 on the Chester line there is an A T & T tower. He said that Verizon gets lost around the center of town and picks back up around the AT&T Tower.

The Wireless companies have covered a lot of the main roads and are now looking at secondary markets to bring more connections in. He said bringing this into the secondary markets is good for public safety communications. The best scenario is for 2 towers on two sides of town to provide better coverage. He is interested in working with towns first, and if unable to garner any interest, will look at the private market. He explained that in the past he worked with Atkinson to get a zoning change for the town to have a tower and a warrant article to get the town to authorize the agreement for an easement. All articles required passed but because of politicking it never came to be. He is offering to work with the town on getting the appropriate articles and to work with the Planning Board through the process if the town allowed an easement on town owned properties. It was pointed out that the Town Office is in the Historic District and it wouldn't happen. The choices he presented were the Kent Farm Transfer Station and either the Fire Station or new Police Station. It was agreed that the Kent Farm Transfer Station would be a good spot with its elevation and tree line. Selectman Hartung questioned if the cell tower would interfere with public safety communications and was told no they are not on the same frequency and that it would help it. Chief Carrier suggested the Central Fire Station training tower area. Mr. George said that the Kent Farm area works great for a 185 foot tower and with the elevation may actually be about 400 feet He would have to check out the fire department area and then he would have to work something that was esthetically appealing. He noted that he could come up with all kinds of ideas like a flag pole with a 70-80 foot tower. Any cell tower would be better for the town if it was able to take multiple carriers (i.e. a church steeple would usually house only one carrier). The Selectmen agreed that a cell tower near the police station would not be something good to look at whereas it would be visible to the residents in the Irongate Development. They would like to see the Kent Farm Tower be able to transmit about 2 miles towards the center of Town. Chairman Murphy asked if any tower would have a generator for backup power. Mr. George said that they would need to know the infrastructure but the backup power would be provided by Blue Sky (the company he represents), shared with the landlord or some financial assistance would be provided. Chief Carrier said that he would welcome a cell tower because it would significantly improve public safety communications in town. Mr. George was asked what type of revenue he was talking about and Mr. George responded that it was significant, but he didn't want to say whereas there is competition out there but he has seen some at \$1,000,000 over the length of a lease. He noted that whatever is built would be built to be attractive for multiple carriers.

**Chairman Murphy motioned to allow Mr. George to work with Town employees. Selectman Hartung proposed a work session in October and lay the ground work. Selectman Lindquist seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

It was agreed to have Mr. George work with Chief Carrier and Mrs. Theriault and to schedule a work session in October and see where everyone is at so that anything that needs to be voted on is ready for the 2015 warrant.

### **Old Business**

Benefit time for part time employees

Mrs. Theriault said that she did look at the school and what they offered part time employees and it may be more involved than she originally thought and she suggested that a work session be held either after tonight's meeting or at another time. If the Selectmen agree to move forward with some benefits for part time employees she would like to see it started January 1, 2015.

Liaison Reports

**Chairman Murphy**

Had nothing to report

**Selectman Lindquist**

Had nothing to report.

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### **Selectman Hartung-**

Library- The new sign for the library is up and working. There is also a flower garden around the sign donated by the Friends of the Library and put in by the Garden Club.

Police Station- Work is coming along good and the recent meeting of the building committee was held at the new station.

Elections- State primary is Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at the Middle School from 8 am to 8 pm. He also noted that Jim Foley, Candidate for State Senator, withdrew from the race over the weekend.

### **AA Report:**

#### **Budget meeting schedule**

Mrs. Theriault gave the Selectmen the budget meeting schedule. The budget committee chairman would like a finalized schedule for the Budget Committee meeting that is scheduled for this Thursday. The Selectmen were okay with the schedule and Selectman Hartung said he would review the dates and double check the schedule prior to its release. There was one section on times that needs to be deleted.

#### **Wage and Salary Survey**

The current Wage and Salary survey was completed for the NHMA. This used to be completed yearly but now the organization only compiles the data once every two years.

#### **Flu Clinic**

A flu clinic is taking place on September 16<sup>th</sup> for the employees. If an individual does not have Health Trust as their insurance company they can get the flu shot for at a cost of \$25.00

#### **Nonpublic meeting minutes**

There are several non-public meeting minutes that need to be reviewed.

Minutes of August 11, 2014 ready to be approved.

**Selectman Lindquist motioned to approve the amended minutes of August 11, 2014. Selectman Hartung seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

#### **Activity Report**

Mrs. Theriault went over the activity log. The personnel policy changes should be added to the next agenda. The Selectman had tabled it at the last meeting until Mrs. Theriault was present to explain the purpose behind the verbiage changes under Sexual Harassment. It was agreed to look into it some more.

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

##### **Call for Candidates:**

- o Ordway Park, full members and alternates – monthly meetings
- o Recycling and Waste Disposal Committee – monthly meetings

#### **Correspondence**

RPC- There was a request to have the re-appointment done for the RPC- TAC member and Selectman Hartung said that he would continue in that role. If there is anyone else interested they can contact the office.

Vachon Clukay et al-The letter of engagement for the year end 2013 was signed by Chairman Murphy. It noted that we provided them with all the information they needed to accurately do the 2013 Audit. The MD & A was also given to each member to review and to hopefully be accepted at the next meeting to complete the 2013 Audit.

#### **Visitors Comments**

There were none.

Selectman Lindquist motioned to go into nonpublic session under RSA 91A:3 II (c) reputations. Selectman Hartung seconded the motion.

Selectman Hartung motioned to come out of nonpublic session under RSA 91A:3 II (c) reputations at 9:00 pm. Selectman Lindquist seconded the motion.

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Roll Call: Selectman Lindquist, yes: Selectman Hartung, yes: Selectman Murphy, yes

Selectman Hartung made the motion to seal the minutes of the nonpublic session. Selectman Lindquist seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Selectman Lindquist made a motion to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. Selectman Hartung seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

A True Record.



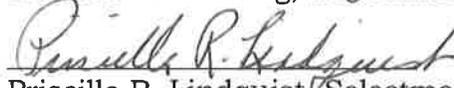
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Approved By:

Sean P. Murphy, Chairman



Richard H. Hartung, Selectman



Priscilla R. Lindquist, Selectman