

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MINUTES  
June 8, 2015**

**PRESENT:** SEAN P. MURPHY, CHAIRMAN, PRISCILLA R. LINDQUIST, SELECTMAN; CHAD BENNETT, SELECTMAN

Visitors: P. Williams (Tri Town News), Chief Beaudoin, D. Mullen, D. Longshore, G. Dowd, E. Reschberger, A. Cipriano, P. Lapointe (Lion's Club)

**Public Announcements**

- The Hampstead Fire Association will be holding a Shredding Event on Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 12 pm at the Town Office.
- Compost bins are available at the Town Offices. The cost for each bin is \$50 each.
- Waste Oil, 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**

**Lion's Club-Peter Lapointe**

Mr. Lapointe was present to ask for permission to use the field for June 27<sup>th</sup> for a money wheel. Whereas the Town is the owner of the property, they need to grant permission to the Lion's Club to apply for the gambling permit. Mr. Lapointe noted that it was for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July events and they are hoping that it will help the Lion's Club in their fundraising efforts. This year will be a trial to see how it works.

Selectman Lindquist motioned to allow the Lion's Club to have a money wheel on the field behind the Town Office (Meetinghouse Park) on June 27<sup>th</sup>. The motion was seconded by Selectman Bennett. The motion passed unanimously. The permit will be signed and available in the morning for Mr. Lapointe to pick up.

**David Longshore- 208 Main Street**

Mr. Longshore stated that he has lived in town since 1971 and that he was a product of the Hampstead school system along with being a Navy Veteran. He said that he lived away from Hampstead for a while but came back and loves living in town. He explained that he was present tonight because he had concerns with the police department. He used the 2014 Town Report as a reference and pointed out the differences between the annual report of the Fire Department and the Police Department. His problem was what the police department wasn't telling us. Based on the report it is hard to see if the town is getting what it needs from the Police Department. The Fire Department report shows the various increases and decreases and the report is large in scope. He noted that the Police budget is high and maybe they need to be told to hold the line on overtime. He even went so far as to suggest that the two departments be combined to be more cost effective. Mr. Longshore asked that the Police Department be more forthcoming with how many calls etc. Chairman Murphy responded that they would certainly pass on the request but stated the overtime rules are obligated by union rules. He also noted that they appreciated comments and will work on getting more information next go around.

**Geoffrey Dowd- 270 Wash Pond Road**

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Mr. Dowd is a member of the Board of Adjustment and brought forward his concern with a recent decision granted by the BOA. He explained that he had not sat on the board for the decision but felt the Selectmen needed to be aware of the decision because he felt it was going to open the doors. He did commend all boards for maintaining a good political environment. He noted that case was for property at 54 Shore Drive and the re-hearing was held June 4, 2015. The applicant had requested a garage to be built on their lot across from their property. The abutters were concerned with the size and impact to their property values. Mr. Dowd stated that he feels this will become a case point that others will be able to use when they want to do something on their lots. He explained that three of the members found that there was a hardship on the use of the lot but he had an issue with it because the applicant had reasonable use of the lot.

Chairman Murphy responded that the Selectmen were going to step in to ask for a rehearing in the event that the abutters did not. The concern with the Selectmen was the issue of "contiguous lots". He noted that they would take his concerns under advisement and see what the options are. Selectman Lindquist questioned whether another rehearing could be held and that the only option left might be court and that would be up to the abutters. Mr. Dowd thanked the Selectmen.

### Department Heads

#### Library Trustees- E. Reschberger

Mrs. Reschberger introduced the newest Library Trustee to the Selectmen. His name is Al Cipriano. He spoke to the Selectmen and stated that he was elected in March along with being a resident of 30+ years and that for 42 years he was a Federal Employee working in Human Resources. He explained that he has many years of working with bargaining units. He thanked the other Library Trustees for their help. He stated that the State of the Library is outstanding and they are working on a new Vision Statement. The Selectmen thanked him for coming.

### New Business

There was no new business

### Old Business

#### Liaison Reports

#### **Chairman Murphy**

No Report

#### **Selectman Lindquist**

Recreation Commission- Selectman Lindquist reported that she heard from the Recreation Chairman, Julie Ahern, recently about the tennis courts. Mrs. Ahern explained that when the proposal for the tennis courts went out there was still a lot of snow on the ground. The company that was awarded the proposal discovered a lot more cracks in the court than was thought. This will result in a higher cost to do the extra work. They agreed that they would like to move forward with the extra work with the same vendor. The Selectmen had no issue with the extra work.

#### **Selectman Bennett**

No Report

### AA Report:

#### Roadway work update

Depot road will be repaved along with, Katie Lane, Andrew Circle, Longview Drive, Page Lane and Barthlemess Lane this week.

The roof of the highway garage has been leaking. It can be replaced with a rubber membrane for approximately \$25K, or replaced with a Steel roof for approximately \$55K. Or the entire building could be

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replaced at \$288K. The BOS were asked if they wanted to put the work out to bid and if so there a preference in the scope of the project as well as what materials they want to use.

The repairs that have been done thus far to the roof are no longer working. Selectman Lindquist stated that the roof may be original to the building. Chairman Murphy suggested that they continue to patch the issues to the best they can until the cost can be built into the budget and they can plan for it. There was a question about using the Building Maintenance Fund but Chairman Murphy said that he would rather see it planned for.

### Windows at the Town Office Building

Replacement windows for this building will cost \$650 for a commercial grade window. This includes all installation costs. The Board was asked if they wanted to move forward and go out to bid for the replacement of approximately 16 windows for the 1<sup>st</sup> floor and one for the stairway. Mrs. Theriault also noted that unfortunately none of the costs for replacements windows can be offset with a grant from NHSaves. The Selectmen agreed to fix the broken one and when it comes time to do the budget discuss the rest.

### Best Possible use for Old Police Station

Mrs. Theriault presented her presentation materials used as part of the program to become a Certified Public Manager. She stated that a capstone project had to be presented and in summary, she presented the following information:

Projects that are not moving forward:

Historic Fire Museum, Senior Center/Community Center, Cable Advisory building. Hampstead School offices.

Projects that can still be considered:

Handicapped Parking for Meetinghouse Park events, Greenspace, Comfort Station for Meetinghouse Park events, multiuse building by outside organizations such as VFW, Lion's Club or Boy Scouts or finally storage and Animal Control Office.

Mrs. Theriault also reported that the JLMC had safety issues there such as rips in the carpeting etc. Chairman Murphy asked if the work needed to be done before employees could use it. Mrs. Theriault said yes and that she will give the report to Buildings and Grounds and see if a cost could be determined for the work. The Selectmen were concerned with having the ACO there because it was not supposed to incur any further costs. If there are costs more than originally thought, then the Selectmen would need to relook at having the ACO and Assistant ACO there. There was a question as to what vehicle was parked at the old station and was told it was the old one to be traded.

She also spoke with the Cable Committee Chairman and he stated that cable was not interested in the building but if the town was to move forward to put in a "comfort station" then they would put the amount of money into it that they normally pay to rent the "porta potties".

The greatest problems are sight distance issues, funding and direction.

Mrs. Theriault also announced that she received her certification as a public manager and will be using the letters CPM after her name.

### Activity Log

The log was reviewed. Mrs. Theriault stated that she has about 10 job descriptions for the Road Agent in a folder for the Selectmen to review. They agreed to get some dates together for a work session to review the job descriptions and to look at the direction they would move in along with an interview process.

Re- Appointments/Appointments

Chairman Murphy announced that Fire Chief Mike Carrier's term is up June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015 and he was looking for a new three year appointment. The Selectmen agreed that he does an outstanding job, works at helping to save money while upgrading the equipment.

Chairman Murphy motioned to appoint Michael Carrier as Fire Chief for a new three year term effective today, June 8<sup>th</sup> through June 30, 2018. Selectman Lindquist seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- Call for candidates :
  - Ordway Park, full members and alternates – monthly meetings
  - Recycling and Waste Disposal Committee – monthly meetings
  - Recreation Commission, alternate member – monthly meetings
  - Trustees of the Trust Funds, alternate members – meetings as needed

Correspondence

There was none

Visitors Comments

There was none

Nonpublic Session

Selectman Lindquist motioned to enter into a nonpublic session at 7:54 pm under RSA 91A: 3 II (a) employee matters. The motion was seconded by Selectman Bennett.

Roll Call Vote: Selectman Bennett- yes, Selectman Lindquist - yes and Chairman Murphy- yes.

Officer Doug Mullin was present

Selectman Lindquist motioned to come out of nonpublic session at 8:28 pm under RSA 91A: 3 II (a) employee matters. The motion was seconded by Selectman Bennett.

Roll Call Vote: Selectman Bennett- yes, Selectman Lindquist - yes and Chairman Murphy- yes.

Selectman Lindquist motioned to seal the minutes of the nonpublic session. Selectman Bennett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

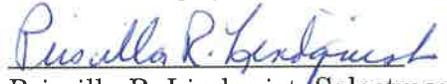
Selectman Lindquist motioned to adjourn at 8:28 pm. Selectman Bennett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

A True Record.

  
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Tina Harrington, Recording Secretary

Approved By:

  
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Sean P. Murphy, Chairman

  
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Priscilla R. Lindquist, Selectman

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Chad Bennett, Selectman