

MINUTES OF HAVERHILL SELECTBOARD REGULAR MEETING
Monday October 25, 2010
Draft Subject to Review, Correction and Approval at Following Meeting

Board Members Present: Rick Ladd, Wayne Fortier, David Joslin, Peter Heilemann and Lynn Wheeler.

Town Manager: Glenn English

Administrative Assistant/Finance Officer: Jo Lacaillade

Members of the Public Present: Stuart McDanolds, Attorney Gary Wood, Paul Forcier, and Ed Ballam from the Journal Opinion.

Call Meeting to Order:

Chairman Fortier called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda: The following items were removed from the agenda: Timber Tax Reduction and Clifford Building Signage but leaving the military recognition. Lynn Wheeler made a motion to approve the agenda as amended; the motion was seconded by David Joslin and carried unanimously.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Rick Ladd made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented; the motion was seconded by Peter Heilemann and carried unanimously.

Public Hearings: None

Scheduled Public Appearance(s):

- **Airport Commission Appointment:**
 - **Stuart McDanolds:** After a brief interview Lynn Wheeler made a motion to approve the appointment of Stuart McDanolds to the Airport Commission; the motion was seconded by David Joslin and carried unanimously.

David Joslin made a motion to suspend the meeting for a conference with the Town Attorney; the motion was seconded by Peter Heilemann and carried unanimously. The meeting suspended at 6:45 pm.

The meeting reconvened at 7:16 pm.

Town Manager's Report: None

Pending (Old) Business:

- **Powerpoint Presentation on Haverhill Common Bandstand:** Rick Ladd said that he only had the powerpoint presentation in paper form due to a computer issue; copies were

distributed. He reviewed the presentation. Lynn Wheeler said that when the project had been presented at the last meeting it was stated that it was an historical building and they did not want to tear it down, the new proposal is that it be torn down and completely recreated. Rick Ladd said that you can take down an historical building but they plan on building it back in a replica. If they were going after Federal money they would have to do an historical study which costs a lot of money but if the Precinct does the renovations they will not be seeking Federal funds. There was further discussion about the condition of the structure. There was discussion as to whether access to the structure needs to be closed to the public until repairs can be made. Rick Ladd stated that it needs to be determined whose property it is and who is responsible for repairs. Lynn Wheeler reviewed with the Board what she had found when she researched ownership of the property the bandstand sits on. She has some further research to do and will bring back further information at a future meeting.

- **Life Safety Inspection program:** Chairman Fortier said that they have been at this for a while. He stated that it appears that the Precinct of Woodsville is continuing inspections via their Fire Chief and there are mixed reports from the Commissioners as to whether they are charging a fee. Rick Ladd felt that it is difficult for any community to have 2 different inspection systems going on and that was one of the reasons they had gone the way they had with a single life safety inspector; for consistency of fees and inspections. He does not see this situation changing in the near future and he believes that it is not the right time to move forward with this concept. It is putting the Town in a bad situation by not having the consistency throughout the whole Town and it is hanging this Town up with liability issues. Time has been spent trying to get all 3 Precincts to reconfirm their desire to proceed with the 3rd Party Life Safety Inspection but it appears that it will not happen. He thinks it is time to retool and assess where they have been and how it can be approached in a different manner but the present process is not working. Chairman Fortier agreed; he said that there were some field experiences that occurred that had not been anticipated and there were conflicts with differences of opinions on how this program was going to be administered and he believes it is wise at this time to terminate the position but not the code inspections. Rick Ladd felt that the building inspection fees need to be ended also. Rick Ladd made the following motion: “That the Town 3rd Party Life Safety and Fire Code Inspector and the Inspection and Enforcement Agreement for Life Safety Code and State Fire Code in the Town of Haverhill dated May 26, 2009 be nullified effective immediately. The only fee for a building permit shall be the \$25 application fee for the cost of permit processing.” The motion was seconded by Peter Heilemann. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

- **Hazen Site ROW-possible survey:** TM English reviewed a survey done by Harry Burgess on the Hazen Site property. The survey shows the Right of Way but it is not known how that Right of Way was determined to be put on the map. After a brief discussion the Town Manager was directed to seek quotes for a licensed surveyor to research the right of way so that it will be clearly defined on the map.
- **Broadband:** Rick Ladd gave a brief overview of the Broad Band meeting that was held

the previous week at the Town Offices. Information is being gathered as to the type and speed of internet service available to properties within the Town for future infrastructure improvements. There is a website: <http://www.iwantbroadbandnh.org/> that residents can go to and test the speed of their connection. This information is also registered at the website so that a clearer picture of what internet capabilities are out there for the Town. This website can be accessed from the Town website at <http://www.haverhill-nh.com/> and more public service announcements will be forthcoming.

- **Clifford Building – military recognition:** There was a brief discussion on how to honor those who served through the Woodsville Armory. A committee will be formed to research and develop a way to accomplish this and bring it back to the Selectboard at a future date. Rick Ladd will serve as the Selectboard Rep to that committee.
- **Raffle Permits per RSA 287-A:** Cooperative Nursery School of Haverhill has applied for a raffle permit. On a motion by Lynn Wheeler and seconded by David Joslin the Board unanimously approved the permit for the Cooperative Nursery School of Haverhill.

Commission/Committee Reports: Glenn English wanted to commend the Airport Commission for all of their volunteer work done on the new hangar; this past weekend they put the roof on the building and did a magnificent job. Lynn Wheeler said that the Planning Board had met recently and with their new clerk and new members they seem to be working very well together. David Joslin said that the Recreation Commission had held their annual Haunted Happenings the weekend before and the interim Rec Director, Sherri Sargent, did a wonderful job setting it up and organizing it and it was a very successful event. He also thanked Rosie Farr and the mentoring program for all of their help.

Correspondence: None

Comments of the Public: Rick Ladd referred to some correspondence from North Country Council that relates to regional planning. There was a brief discussion about the guidelines and its impact to the planning board with regards to regional impact.

Comments of the Town Manager/Administrative Assistant-Finance Officer: None

Comments of Selectboard Members

Adjourn Meeting: Rick Ladd made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Lynn Wheeler and carried unanimously. Chairman Fortier adjourned the meeting at 8:12 pm.

Minutes transcribed by Jo Lacaillade