

MINUTES OF HAVERHILL SELECTBOARD REGULAR MEETING
Monday August 30, 2010
Draft Subject to Review, Correction and Approval at Following Meeting

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

Town Manager: Glenn English

Administrative Assistant/Finance Officer: Jo Lacaillade

Members of the Public Present: Joel Godston, Gary Scruton, Janice Scruton, Robert Roudebush, Martha Trott, Wally Trott, Byron Charles, Cecil Smith, and Ed Ballam from the Journal Opinion.

Call Meeting to Order:

Chairman Fortier called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda: David Joslin made a motion to approve the agenda as presented; the motion was seconded by Rick Ladd and carried unanimously.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

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

Public Hearings: None

Scheduled Public Appearance(s): None

Town Manager's Report:

TM English gave a the Board members a handout of assessing rules, regulations and guidelines mandated by the State of New Hampshire. He recommended that Board members come in and spend some time discussing assessing with the contracted assessor for the Town. This will give them better tools to understand this process.

Pending (Old) Business: None

New Business:

- **Land Bids:** AA Lacaillade presented the Board with a spreadsheet of the results of the bids that were opened earlier in the day. After a brief discussion David Joslin made a motion to accept the high bid received on the 11 lots available; the motion was seconded by Rick Ladd and carried unanimously.
- **Advertising Quotes:** The Selectboard asked that some more information be provided them with regard to where the advertising money is being spent and the timeliness of those ads. This item was tabled until the next meeting.

- **Recreation Programs – Transitional plan to continue budgeted recreation:** There was a brief discussion about what current recreation programs may not be able to be provided at the present time with the departure of the director and the lack of staffing to move forward with activities such as youth soccer and youth basketball. The Selectboard directed the Recreation Commission to take a comprehensive look at the program as it exists; where they would like to see it go in the future; and staffing needs to accomplish that direction. Peter Heilemann made a motion to table this item until the next meeting after the Rec Commission has met; the motion was seconded by Rick Ladd and carried unanimously.
- **Establish process for replacement of retiring Chief of Police:** There was a brief discussion regarding the Chief of Police position that tentatively will be open December 1st. TM English stated that he plans to appoint an interim Chief from within the department and take time to see if this appointment should be made permanent or whether a search from outside the department will be necessary. This approach will mean that there is an open position on the force that will not be filled until the final decision regarding the Chief's appointment is made so they will be operating short staffed and will have to increase their overtime budget to compensate for that. Chairman Fortier stated that he concurs with that approach; he said that the search process can be expensive and he feels that there are qualified people within the department currently that should be considered for the position.

Commission/Committee Reports: None

Correspondence: None

Comments of the Public:

Gary Scruton reminded the Board that the Town master plan states the importance of recreation to the community and he hopes that they will consider all of that when making decisions regarding the future of the recreation program.

Joel Godston stated that the Airport Awareness Day is scheduled for Saturday, September 18th with a rain date of the 19th and hopes that all will attend.

Comments of the Town Manager/Administrative Assistant-Finance Officer:

AA Lacaillade stated that this meeting was the deadline date that was given for the final decision regarding the Life Safety Inspector program and the collection of fees. The Selectboard stated that they were not yet ready to act on that and asked that it be tabled until the next meeting.

Comments of Selectboard Members: None

Adjourn Meeting: Peter Heilemann made a motion to adjourn, seconded by David Joslin and carried unanimously. Chairman Fortier adjourned the meeting at 6:55 pm.

Minutes transcribed by Jo Lacaillade