

**MINUTES OF HAVERHILL SELECTBOARD REGULAR MEETING**  
**Monday, February 24, 2014**  
**Draft Subject to Review, Correction and Approval at Following Meeting**

**Board Members Present:** Wayne Fortier, Tom Friel, Lynn Wheeler (in at 6:27 due to conflicting meeting) and Robert Roudebush

**Member Excused:** Rick Ladd

**Town Manager:** Glenn English

**Administrative Assistant/Finance Officer:** Jo Lacaillade

**Selectboard Clerk:** Karen Hyde

**Members of the Public Present:** Senator Jeanie Forrester, Chief Byron Charles, Edith Celley, Shirley Grilli and Susie Tann

**Call Meeting to Order:**

Chairman Wayne Fortier called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Agenda Approval (additions/deletions completed by Board consent):** Robert Roudebush made a motion to accept the Agenda; seconded by Tom Friel and carried unanimously.

**Approval of Consent Agenda:** Robert Roudebush made a motion to accept the consent agenda; seconded by Tom Friel and carried unanimously.

**Scheduled Public Appearance(s):**

- **Senator Jeanie Forrester:** Chairman Fortier stated that Senator Forrester had sent correspondence asking where the Board stood on certain Senate Bills (301, 227, 216, 228); these bills did not have much bearing on Haverhill. Senator Forrester updated the Board on the proposed gas tax of 4.2 cents and how the revenue would be apportioned. She stated that the gas tax was not sustainable revenue and she would not support the gas tax (SB 416). She then discussed the issue of expanding Medicaid to 50,000 lives. The last issue that she discussed was the proposed gambling bill.
- **Chief Charles-Extended Police Enforcement Agreement:** Chief Charles explained that the Extended Authority Agreement was an agreement between Haverhill Police Department and Bradford, VT Police Department that would allow Haverhill PD to assist Bradford PD in case of a major emergency and vice versa. Tom Friel made the motion to approve the Extended Authority Agreement; seconded by Robert Roudebush and carried unanimously.

**Public Hearing:** None

**New Business:**

- **Mildred Page Fund Request:** Edith Celley was requesting a contribution of \$5,000 from the Mildred Page Fund for an engineering assessment for a small addition to be done at Pearson Hall. It was the consensus of the Board to take more time to study the proposal and reconsider the request when the funds were available, which would possibly be in September.

**Comments of the Public:** Susie Tann and Shirley Grilli were attending the meeting to find out what the Town Attorney's research turned up on their letter regarding the Warrant Article pertaining to sludge. TM English stated that due to Attorney/Client privilege, he couldn't divulge any information. The only thing he could share with them was that the Selectmen were advised to place the Article on the Warrant because it was submitted in proper format.

**Town Manager's Report:** TM English presented to the Board a letter of thanks to Superintendent Libby, Sergeant Webster and his crew, who came in to the JRM and the RECM Buildings and did some painting. He stated that they did a fantastic job.

**Pending (Old) Business:** None

**New Business:**

- **Town Meeting Assignments:** Chairman Fortier stated that on Town Meeting day, he would be available from morning until early afternoon. Tom Friel and Lynn Wheeler would check their schedules and know what hours they could cover by the next Selectboard meeting on March 10, 2014.

**Commission/Committee Reports:** Lynn Wheeler wanted to clarify that a property that had come up for possible taking from the Town was for John Bennett Daly, Jr., 6 Dartmouth College Highway, Haverhill, NH 03765. AA Lacaillade also stated that there had been no response yet from the IRS on a pending abatement. The Board stated that they would not make a decision until they had all the information from the IRS.

**Correspondence:** Chairman Fortier stated that the Board had received a letter dated February 10, 2014 from Ed Ballam of the Planning Board. They had also received correspondence from Charter Communications. There was also information from North Country Council concerning road service management and culvert assessment programs. TM English has made arrangements with North Country Council to participate in the program.

**Comments of the Public:** None

**Comments of the Town Manager/Administrative Assistant-Finance Officer:** TM English stated that he wanted to make it clear that the Town Attorney has advised to put the Sludge Article on the Warrant.

**Comments of Selectboard Members:** Tom Friel stated that if someone needed something signed to call him on the phone rather than use e-mail. Lynn Wheeler commented that over the course of the last year or so, there have been serious adjustments in the Town offices. She feels that staff are working better together; the Board is getting more success stories. The whole office atmosphere is much better. Robert Roudebush commented that he did a ride-along with Road Agent Stuart McDanolds during the last big storm. Robert was able to watch Stuart work and make decisions that was extremely educational for him.

**Adjourn Meeting:** Lynn Wheeler made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Tom Friel and all approved. Chairman Fortier adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Minutes transcribed by Karen Hyde