

**TOWN OF HAMILTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
JUNE 8, 2009**

The Board of Selectmen met at Hamilton Town Hall at 7:02 p.m. on Monday, June 8, 2009 with David Carey, William Bowler and Jennifer Scuteri present. Town Administrator Candace Wheeler and Assistant Town Administrator Allison Jenkins also present.

Appoint Jane Lyman to Zoning Board of Appeals

David Carey entertained a motion to appoint Jane Lyman to the Zoning Board of Appeals for the following term June 8, 2009 to June 30, 2012 replacing Winfred Whitman. William Bowler so moved. Jennifer Scuteri seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

Appoint Winfred Whitman to Zoning Board of Appeals

Carey entertained a motion to appoint Winfred Whitman to the Zoning Board of Appeals for the following term June 8, 2009 to June 30, 2010 replacing Jane Lyman as an alternate. Bowler so moved. Scuteri seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

Ambulance Service Response Times

Discussion from attending resident Peter Dana who expressed his concern regarding what he believed to be a slow response time from the Hamilton police and Lyons ambulance when a woman injured herself while playing tennis last week at Myopia Hunt Club. He added that he believed there to have been a slow response also last November at Appleton Farms when a horseman fell off a horse.

Carey said the Board would speak to committee chairman Pat Roselli about the proposed ambulance contract. He instructed Town Administrator Candace Wheeler to speak to Acting Police Chief Scott Janes to understand what happened at Myopia. Carey suggested Dana attend the Selectmen's meeting in the next few weeks when the Board hears from the EMS committee.

COA Receives Grant for New Elder Van

Trudy Reid of the Wenham Council on Aging (COA) said the state Executive Office of Transportation has awarded the COA a grant of \$39,912 for a new elder van for Hamilton and Wenham. According to Trudy, the two towns will be responsible for 20% of the cost for the new eight- passenger, wheelchair ramp equipped van. There was discussion about if a green vehicle could be used and if the sale of the existing van could underwrite the cost of the new van. Reid is waiting for the contractual procedures and will make a recommendation to the two Boards of Selectmen about how to move forward.

Hamilton Troop 35 request

Carey entertained a motion to accept a donated bench from Troop 35. Bowler so moved. Scuteri seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

This bench will be located in Patton Park to honor Scout Master Jeffery Bird for his years of service. DPW Director John Tomasz will identify a place for the bench and oversee the installation at the park.

Summer Schedule

The Selectmen's summer schedule has been to meet every other week. During the weeks the Board doesn't meet Town Hall closes at 4:30 p.m. rather than 7 p.m. Carey suggested said the Board could meet and Town Hall could still close early. The Selectmen will make a decision next week.

Annual Reports – Assessor's report

Scuteri is interested in making sure the annual reports are completed, that the information contained is substantive and that the reports are disseminated such that more groups are receiving the information. Scuteri will attend the department heads meeting tomorrow morning to discuss this topic.

Municipal Finance Seminar, Tuesday, June 23, 2009

Wheeler and Treasurer Collector Cheryl Booth will attend.

Intermunicipal Custodial Agreement

Hamilton and Wenham want to jointly hire a facilities maintenance technician to maintain municipal buildings in both towns. This person would use his own vehicle to get to the different facilities as outlined in Attachment A of the agreement. Specifics about vehicle insurance from the individual and the communities might have to be added as an amendment to this attachment. Wenham has signed the agreement but the public works directors have been authorized to amend the agreement.

Carey entertained a motion to sign the intermunicipal agreement between Hamilton and Wenham for the shared facilities maintenance technician. Bowler so moved. Scuteri seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

Liaison Roles

Every Selectman is associated with various boards, committees or agencies. This does not include departments.

4th of July Banner

Carey entertained a motion to allow a 4th of July celebration banner to be hung at the old library for a week before the Community House event at Patton Park. Wheeler will look into if the banner could be hung over Route 1A. Bowler so moved. Scuteri seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

Landfill

Discussion included how the Miles River Marsh Rats gun club was willing to split the \$5,000 contribution from the two gun clubs for the lead analysis required as part of the remediation and closure by the Department of Environmental Protection at the landfill.

Resident Bill Dery asked whether or not Chebacco Road would be straightened if it were paved as part of a landfill development plan and how this would be paid for. Town officials thought it would be ideal if a developer paid for paving, drainage and utilities but this would have to be negotiated.

One-Day liquor license request

The Board used the rule of necessity to have a quorum since Carey and Bowler are both members of Rotary Club.

Carey entertained a motion to grant a one-day liquor license to the Hamilton and Wenham Rotary Club for June 25 for an event at the Pingree School from 6 until 10 p.m. for the sale of beer and wine. The licensed activity is a non-profit. There are going to be approximately 50 people so the police don't have to sign off. Bowler so moved. Scuteri seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

Appoint John Cusolito to Hamilton Wenham Recreation Board

Carey entertained a motion to appoint John Cusolito to the Hamilton Wenham Recreation Board for the following term June 8, 2009 to June 30, 2010 replacing Lindle Willnow. Bowler so moved. Scuteri seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

Annual Appointments

Carey entertained a motion to reappoint the members of the Agricultural Commission: Susan Lawrence and Susan Sandler (alternate) for the terms from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010, Camilla Rich and Andrew Rogers for the terms from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2011. Bowler so moved. Scuteri seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

Carey will review the list for 150 committee members to reappointed and determine a way to streamline the process for the Board to vote on next week. A history of the Board's vote will be included in the minutes.

Determine new date for fall STM

Selectmen proposed Saturday, November 14 as the date for Special Town Meeting.

Discussion of format of Board of Selectmen Minutes

The Board decided it wanted the meeting minutes produced more concisely to record official votes while complying with statutory requirements.

Wallace Hearing Update

Discussion as to whether the Mullin rule would apply in this case since a Board member can only miss one meeting in order to vote. Scuteri has not attended any of the Wallace hearings. June 11 was the meeting date scheduled for the next hearing at Town Hall at 4:30 p.m. It could be rescheduled for 3 p.m. at the old library. Wheeler will check to see who is available for the Board to restart the Wallace hearings.

Selectmen Projects (aka Hamstats)

The Board reviewed and updated its list of priorities. Selectmen noted that contracts for Finance Director Deborah Nippes-Mena and Fire Chief Phil Stevens have to be renewed. Wheeler will check the dates.

Carey entertained a motion to go into executive session at 8:50 p.m. not to return to open session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation. Bowler so moved. Scuteri seconded the motion. Members raised their hands for a unanimous roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted by Jane Dooley, Minutes Secretary

ATTEST: _____

Clerk