

**TOWN OF HAMILTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
JULY 20, 2009**

The Board of Selectmen met at Hamilton Town Hall at 5:01 p.m. on Monday, July 20, 2009 with David Carey, William Bowler and Jennifer Scuteri present. Finance Director Deborah Mena, Fire Chief Phil Stevens, DPW Director John Tomasz and Town Administrator Candace Wheeler also present.

Police Chief Candidate Interview 1 – Michael Murphy

Selectmen interviewed Captain Michael Murphy from the Revere Police Department for the Hamilton police chief's position.

Approve Trench Truck Storage and Use at the Fire Station

David Carey entertained a motion to apply for the trench specialized rescue vehicle and request that it be stationed in Hamilton. William Bowler so moved. Jennifer Scuteri seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

Police Chief Candidate Interview 2 – Russell Stevens

Selectmen interviewed Lieutenant Russell Stevens from the Connecticut State Police for the Hamilton police chief's position.

Appoint Essex County Fire Chief's Association municipal hearing officer

Carey entertained a motion to proceed to appoint a municipal hearing officer as described by Fire Chief Phil Stevens. Bowler so moved. Scuteri seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

Borrow from Stabilization

Carey entertained a motion to advance funds in lieu of borrowing and to approve and document by agreeing to transfer \$600,000 from the Stabilization Fund to cover the Town's cash flow needs. Bowler so moved. Scuteri seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

National Grid Pole relocation request on Willow Street

Bowler agreed to contact Steve Ozahowski in regard to a utility pole that needs to be relocated on Willow Street near his residence, view the proposed site and report to the Board. Another resident in the area is concerned about the proposed pole relocation relative to her property.

Appoint William Dery to Capital Management Committee

Carey entertained a motion to appoint William Dery to the Capital Management Committee for the term of July 13, 2009 through June 30, 2010. Bowler so moved. Scuteri seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

Senior Van

Resident Betty Dunbar suggested the Town officials review the agreement for the senior van between Hamilton and Wenham because Hamilton pays Wenham a lot of money to manage the service and more Wenham residents use the van.

Police Update

Carey provided a police update on the OEMS matter and Attorney General's office, status of some officers in regard to hearings (the hearing with Officer Karen Wallace has been rescheduled to July 29) and civil litigation with Officer Michael Marchand.

Trash in / Trash Out program for Town parks

Zach Bensley and Elisa from Hamilton-Wenham Green proposed to the Board that trash should be taken in and out by park users at Patton Park and at Town recreation fields to eliminate trash problems.

They explained that an education program would be required especially in regard to sports activities and they still need to present the idea to Wenham. The representatives will present their proposal in writing to the Selectmen, DPW Director John Tomasz and Recreation Director Melissa Roy.

Minutes Approval

Carey entertained a motion to approve the June 29, July 1 and July 13, 2009 regular session minutes. Bowler so moved. Scuteri seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

Carey entertained a motion to approve the June 29 and July 1, 2009 executive session minutes. Bowler so moved. Scuteri seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

Carey entertained a motion to go into executive session at 7:24 p.m. not to return to open session for the purpose of discussing union negotiations, non union personnel contract and litigation strategy. 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