

**TOWN OF HAMILTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
AUGUST 31, 2009**

The Board of Selectmen met at Hamilton Town Hall at 5:04 p.m. on Monday, August 31, 2009 with William Bowler and Jennifer Scuteri present. DPW Director John Tomasz and Town Administrator Candace Wheeler also present.

Reopen Warrant: Add an appropriation increase for Elections

William Bowler entertained a motion to reopen the Special Town Meeting warrant. Jennifer Scuteri so moved. Bowler seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

Set Meeting Time on September 3 to sign the warrant

A meeting was set for Thursday, September 3 at 5 p.m.

Set Meeting Date & Time for next week due to holiday

The Selectmen will meet next week on Tuesday, September 8 at 7 p.m.

SEA Engineering & Supplemental Services Agreement

Town Counsel Donna Brewer has recommended the Board not sign this contract tonight until she has worked out some details.

Government Study Committee – Special Act Establishing a Town Manager

The proposed by-law change to increase the number of Selectmen from three to five was questioned by the Attorney General. Since the Town does not have a charter that it can change, a Home Rule petition is required. A provision for this Home Rule petition will be placed in the Special Town Meeting warrant. This could probably be withdrawn at STM, after State Representative Brad Hill clarifies it.

Government Study Committee member Barbara Lawrence spoke at a hearing in regard to the change in local government structure in Hamilton to Town manager via Home Rule petition. The expected completion for this is November.

Town counsel will be asked if there has to be a placeholder for STM and asked to recommend if the Personnel by-law has to be changed.

Also there is a need to understand how the Town manager will interact with the Finance Committee (FinCom) once a Town manager is in place. Government Study Committee member Susan Wiltshire will follow-up with FinCom.

Recycling Committee Request to Report at STM

The Selectmen haven't made a decision on this yet and will talk to Town Moderator Bruce Ramsey.

Review Final draft of STM

Bowler entertained a motion to close the warrant. Scuteri so moved. Bowler seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

Bowler entertained a motion to go into executive session at 5:39 p.m. not to return to open session for the purpose of discussing union and non-union contract negotiations and pending litigation. Scuteri so moved. Bowler seconded the motion. Members raised their hands for a unanimous roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted by Jane Dooley, Minutes Secretary

ATTEST: _____
Clerk