

**TOWN OF HAMILTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SEPTEMBER 3, 2009**

The Board of Selectmen met at Hamilton Town Hall at 5:20 p.m. on Thursday, September 3, 2009 with David Carey, William Bowler and Jennifer Scuteri present. Finance Director Deborah Nippes-Mena, Town Moderator Bruce Ramsey and Town Administrator Candace Wheeler also present.

STM Warrant

The Board will sign warrant Tuesday night. The Finance Committee is going to revote two articles concerning its recommendations. Selectmen reviewed all recent warrant changes. Discussion was on how all motions have to be made orally since the Town Meeting is recorded.

Finance Director Deborah Nippes-Mena said the revised classification and compensation table to be presented at Special Town Meeting would include changes to minimum wage, ranges revised for recreation instructor and seasonal help, titles have been added for the facilities maintenance technician and the health inspector, and that all contractual agreements are open, footnote #9 changed to reflect Police Chief Russell Stevens contract.

Discussion on how PowerPoint presentations can be done at Winthrop School where the Special Town Meeting will be held. David Carey will speak to Chris Schaller about if a big screen is available or a white board. A rehearsal will be held at the school a week in advance. 350 seats could be fit in the cafeteria area. Other seating would be in the gym. The check-ins will be outside.

Discussion on how school department wants to set up a stabilization fund for capital improvements. This would require a two-thirds vote by the School Committee. A letter would be sent to the towns saying this was in the works and the communities would have 60 days to dispute it. A Special Town Meeting could be called by Selectmen or citizen groups to consider it and vote for or against it.

Carey entertained a motion to vote for favorable action on Article 2-1 (Compensation/Classification Table). William Bowler so moved. Jennifer Scuteri seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

On Article 2-2 (Appropriation Transfer – Prior Year Bill FY'08) Bowler moved favorable action. Scuteri seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

For Article 2-3 (Community Preservation Committee Projects) Selectmen will make a recommendation at Town Meeting.

For Article 2-4 (General Town FY'10 Appropriation Transfers) Selectmen will make a recommendation at Town Meeting.

For Article 2-5 (General Town FY'10 Appropriation Increases) Bowler moved favorable action. Scuteri seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

For Article 2-6 (Water Enterprise FY'10 Budget) Bowler moved favorable action. Scuteri seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

Selectmen voted again on Article 2-5, Bowler so moved to make a recommendation at Town Meeting. Scuteri seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

For Article 2-7 (Water Enterprise FY'10 Retained Earnings) Bowler moved favorable action. Scuteri seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

The article on temporary signs and banners was taken off the warrant.

For Article 4-1 (Sealer of Weights and Measures Fee Schedule) Selectmen will make a recommendation at Town Meeting.

The article on adding Personnel policy language into the Town by-laws doesn't make sense since Hamilton is working towards a Town manager form of government.

For the article on Town Manager language changes, Selectmen will make a recommendation at Town Meeting.

For Article 4-5 (Regional School Stabilization Fund), Selectmen will make a recommendation at Town Meeting. The Board asked Town Administrator Candace Wheeler to invite the school representatives to discuss this at an upcoming Selectmen's meeting on September 14.

For Article 4-6 (Paper Ballot Votes at Town Meeting), Scuteri moved favorable action. Carey seconded the motion. VOTE: 2 in favor, 1 opposed.

For Article 4-7 (Water By-law amendments to comply with DEP), Bowler moved favorable action. Scuteri seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

For Article 5-1 (Regional ECO), Selectmen will make a recommendation at Town Meeting.

For Article 5-2 (Police Regionalization), Bowler moved favorable action. Scuteri seconded the motion. VOTE: 2 in favor, 1 opposed.

For Article 5-3 (Water MGL c.40, sections 42G-I), Bowler moved favorable action. Scuteri seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

For Article 5-4 (Water MGL c.40, section 42J), Bowler moved favorable action. Scuteri seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

For Article 5-5 (Merger of North Shore Vocational Technical High School and Essex Agricultural), Selectmen will make a recommendation at Town Meeting. Superintendent Amy O'Malley will be asked to present at STM.

For Article 5-6 (Firehouse Place: Amend septic easement), Selectmen will make a recommendation at Town Meeting.

For Article 5-7 (Home Rule Petition: Increase Selectmen from 3 to 5), Selectmen will make a recommendation at Town Meeting.

For Article 5-8 (Meals Tax), Selectmen recommend taking no action.

For Article 6-1 (Free Cash Application), Selectmen will make a recommendation at Town Meeting.

Carey entertained a motion to go into executive session at 6:01 p.m. not to return to open session for the purpose of discussing union contract. 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