

**TOWN OF HAMILTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SEPTEMBER 14, 2009**

The Board of Selectmen met at Hamilton Town Hall at 7:02 p.m. on Monday, September 14, 2009 with William Bowler and Jennifer Scuteri present. Police Chief Russell Stevens, Government Study Committee co-chair Susan Wiltshire and Town Administrator Candace Wheeler also present.

Russell Stevens as ECO board member – Sept. 14, 2009 to Sept. 13, 2012

Police Chief Russell Stevens has to complete training in order to be appointed as harbormaster and a written application stating the reason for appointment has to be submitted for constable. These appointments will be held in abeyance.

Green Meadows Farm – Request for One Day Liquor License

William Bowler entertained a motion to authorize him as (acting) chairman of the Board of Selectmen to sign approval of a one-day beer and wine license for Green Meadows Farm for October 3, 2009 from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Jennifer Scuteri so moved. Bowler seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

Pending Inquiry re: Violation of liquor license

Inquiry has arisen related to an automobile accident.

Letter to Essex Regional Retirement Board (ERRB)

Bowler entertained a motion to authorize Candace Wheeler, Town administrator, to send a letter to Timothy Bassett, chairman and executive director of ERRB, formerly notifying the retirement board of Hamilton's request to have the PRIT fund manage the Town's investment funds. Scuteri so moved. Bowler seconded the motion. ERRB's fund is the lowest performing in the state. The assets would be moved in phases since some of the Town's investments such as real estate are not liquid.

Letter to Dept. Housing & Comm. Dev. (DHCD) supporting 40B at 69 Willow Street

Bowler entertained a motion to approve and send the letter of support to DHCD for the Firehouse Place project at 69 Willow Street. Scuteri so moved. Bowler seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

Discussion re: Marchand lawsuit

Magistrate Judge Sorokin heard motions for the Officer Michael Marchand lawsuit last Friday. One motion was to remove the civil rights claim. The judge didn't issue any sanctions and wants to get to the issues quickly.

Discussion of letter from AG's office re: warrant article increasing BOS from 3 to 5

Views vary about when the number of Selectmen on the Board should be increased from three to five members. Town Meeting voted the increase in spring 2009. The AG's office says a charter change could be done. Hamilton does not have a charter so a Home Rule petition and decision by the Legislature is required.

Highland Street Speed Limit – update

Traffic data being compiled in response to a resident request about what the speed limit can be for Highland Street. There is traffic on bridge that was closed for two years.

Meadow Brook Farm Cross Walk – update

Discussion was on the sight lines for the proposed crosswalk being difficult.

Proposed Assessors presentation

Assessors will address questions regarding the property assessment process in Town.

Bowler entertained a motion to go into executive session at 7:52 p.m. not to return to open session for the purpose of discussing real estate negotiations, pending litigation, and non-union personnel negotiations. 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