

**TOWN OF HAMILTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
OCTOBER 13, 2009**

The Board of Selectmen met at Hamilton Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 13, 2009 with David Carey, William Bowler and Jennifer Scuteri present. EMS Consultant Pat Roselli, Finance Committee Co-chairs Arthur Oberheim and Bob Bullivant, Fire Chief Phil Stevens, Town Moderator Bruce Ramsey and Town Administrator Candace Wheeler also present.

Presentation by Jack Akin re: Wreaths Across America 12/7/09

On Monday, December 7, the Wreaths Across America convoy will stop in Hamilton and Joanne Patton will put a wreath on the tank in Patton Park. Jack Akin will keep the Town officials updated as to what time the convoy arrives in Town.

EMS Presentation

EMS Consultant Pat Roselli told the Board that the Ambulance Committee is recommending that the Town go with a non-dedicated Basic Life Support ambulance that would be operated out of Hamilton's public safety building at no cost to the Town by Lyons Ambulance service. Hamilton would sign a 5-year contract with Lyons. Lyons would pay for any construction costs related to housing its ambulance in the Town's public safety building.

Also, that an EMS coordinator should be appointed from either the police or fire departments to have administrative oversight, maintain training records and work with state agencies.

No decision was made as to what to do with the Town's existing ambulance.

The Selectmen thought a written report could be sent to the two local newspapers and reporters could interview Roselli on the subject before the Board makes a decision on the committee's recommendation in the near future.

Warrant Hearing

Town officials met and discussed the warrant articles for the two upcoming Special Town Meetings to occur on Saturday, October 17.

The Selectmen voted to recommend favorable action on the following warrant articles: STM #2, Article 2-8; STM #1, Article 2-3, Article 2-4, 2-5, 4-1, 4-2, 5-5, and 5-6. A recommendation on Article 5-1, Regional ECO will be done at STM #1.

In regard to Article 5-7 for STM #1 about the Home Rule petition to increase the number of Selectmen from 3 to 5 the Selectmen voted 2 in favor and one opposed.

Gordon Conwell Book

Discussion on documents the Enough Is Enough (EIE) group pulled together on Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary discussions that spans 20 years. The Board thought the book should be located at the Hamilton-Wenham Public Library versus at Town Hall in the Town Clerk's office. David Carey will speak to EIE representatives about the best location for the book.

Sign letter to DA re: request for meeting minutes

The Board signed the letter to the DA.

Register for MMA Trade Show January 22 & 23, 2010

The Board will attend.

Sign Liquor License for 15 Walnut

William Bowler moved to have the Board ratify the signature that the Board put on the document. Carey so moved. Bowler seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

Discussion of proposal for technical services at landfill

Bowler said the blue spotted salamander designated area at the Chebacco Road landfill has to be re-evaluated on the maps. This would free up acres at the landfill for development and the re-evaluation would cost \$2,500.

Renewable Energy

The \$5,000 Hamilton has in the Renewable Energy fund can be used for a green communities coordinator. Technical assistance is being given to the Town for free by ICF International. Carey thought a coordinator could track a plan eight hours a week for 31 weeks at \$20 an hour with no benefits. A plan has to be submitted by November.

Carey entertained a motion to go into executive session at 9:11 p.m. not to return to open session for the purpose of discussing litigation strategy and union negotiations. 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