

**TOWN OF HAMILTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
JANUARY 11, 2010**

The Board of Selectmen met at the Hamilton Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 11, 2010 with David Carey, William Bowler and Jennifer Scuteri present. Police Chief Russell Stevens, Fire Chief Phil Stevens and Town Administrator Candace Wheeler also present.

Dan Sears – Myopia Sled Dog Race – Cutler Road

David Carey entertained a motion to approve the Myopia Sled Dog Races with limited closing of Cutler Road from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, January 16 and 17 plus time on either end to put down and remove snow and subject to a follow-up meeting in the event anything develops. William Bowler so moved. Jennifer Scuteri seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous. A 9 a.m. meeting on Friday morning was posted.

Police Station Property Room Auction

Police Chief Russell Stevens is in the process of having Property Room.com auction two flat screen televisions and two Movado watches, property confiscated as part of a credit card theft case that has been stored at the Hamilton public safety building.

To ensure the confiscated property no longer belonged to the credit card companies involved in the credit card theft case, Stevens wrote to Discover Credit Card Security and Bank of America MBNA Security in December. Hamilton received written notifications in December from both organizations turning the property over to the Town to dispose of as it sees fit.

Stevens said this is the first time there is written documentation in the file stating that the Town contacted the credit card companies about the stolen property.

The proceeds from the auction will be split 50/50 between the Town and Property Room.

Stevens has a complete list of items to be auctioned. Property Room does not handle firearms. Stevens will make sure any firearms to be auctioned from Hamilton were not

used in crimes. Town Counsel Donna Brewer will review the contract from Property Room again before the police chief signs it.

Open Discussion re: letter to District Attorney's office

Scuteri had spoken to and written a letter to District Attorney John Blodgett in regard to a letter from the DA's office citing a complaint that the Hamilton Selectmen had violated the Open Meeting Law in executive sessions held from April through July 2007.

Scuteri read her letter out loud and the Board agreed that she would share the letter with MIIA Defense Attorney Doug Louison. She supplied a copy to the Salem Evening News and discussed her intention to deliver the letter to Blodgett's office tomorrow.

Acord Food Pantry re: Affordable Housing

Harbor Light Community Partners, the developer for the affordable housing project at the Acord Food Pantry site on Willow Street, has not received funding from the State Community Housing Grant program but expects to in next round of grant approvals.

Consultant Jim Hexter has done a financial analysis and believes 20 units of senior affordable housing at the former Hamilton public library site could be viable. An architect will be hired to create a drawing of what the project could look like.

North Shore Board of Selectmen chairs meeting update

Discussion at the meeting of Board of Selectmen chairs focused on the practicality of having one contract for multiple towns that are monitoring gas at their closed landfill sites.

BOS Goals

Selectmen reviewed their list of goals. One action item is to invite the Planning Board to an upcoming Selectmen's meeting to discuss Planned Alternative Development by-law.

Approve changes to Cemetery Deeds format

Carey entertained a motion to accept the new electronic form of the cemetery deed (45-68 input). Bowler so moved. Scuteri seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

Carey entertained a motion to go into executive session at 8:45 p.m. not to return to open session to discuss criminal investigation, litigation strategy and union negotiations. Bowler so moved. Scuteri seconded the motion. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by Jane Dooley, Minutes Secretary

ATTEST: _____

Clerk