

**TOWN OF HAMILTON  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
FEBRUARY 1, 2010**

The Board of Selectmen met at the Hamilton Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 1, 2010 with David Carey, William Bowler and Jennifer Scuteri present. Finance Director Deborah Nippes-Mena, EMS Consultant Pat Roselli, Fire Chief Phil Stevens and Town Administrator Candace Wheeler also present.

**Hamilton Foundation**

The Board noted that the Hamilton Foundation is available to help any resident requesting assistance with a one-time, short-term financial need (i.e., heating, telephone bills) up to \$500. Loretta Cusick is the coordinator. Anyone interested should contact Christine Lindberg at the Selectmen's office.

**Old Library Affordable Housing – Christine Berry and Andrew Defranza**

Andrew Defranza from Harborlight Community Partners, a non-profit developer that builds affordable housing especially for seniors, spoke to the Board about building properties in Hamilton.

Harborlight is currently working on the Acord Food Pantry property that will include affordable housing on Willow Street. Harborlight is seeking state DHCD funds for this affordable housing project.

Defranza described affordable housing and assisted living projects his organization has developed in Beverly, Ipswich and Peabody.

Discussion was on possibility of creating 20 rental units of affordable housing for seniors at the former Hamilton public library building. Defranza thought there was a possibility that HUD and DHCD funds might be available for such a project.

Many Hamilton residents expressed concern about the proposed construction at the old library site. It could be renovation or demolition and new construction. Residents are keen on keeping the senior center overseen by the Council on Aging.

Discussion was on need to increase heating efficiency in the old library building. David Carey to email Hamilton resident Arthur Towne and DPW Director John Tomasz so DPW will close storm windows completely and remove air conditioner.

**Ann Marie Cullen – re: 9-1-1 Grant**

ECO dispatch coordinator Ann Marie Cullen discussed a two-year, 9-1-1 state grant. This year's \$148,000 grant will pay wages for existing personnel, update radio system equipment, provide GPS mapping from cellular telephones, and pay for chairs in the regional dispatch center that serves Hamilton and Wenham.

The ECO also received a \$5,000 annual training grant that has paid for dispatcher training.

The 9-1-1 grant money should come into the Town before Annual Town Meeting. Cullen will update the Board when the money arrives in Hamilton.

If a regional dispatch center were put in place for Essex County the grant money would go there instead of Hamilton's ECO if there was no longer a public safety answering point in Town.

**Sign Lyons Ambulance Contract**

Carey entertained a motion to have the chairman sign the contract with Lyons Ambulance Service for a term of five years and compensation of \$0, as described in the contract. William Bowler so moved. Jennifer Scuteri seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

A basic life support ambulance will be housed in Hamilton's public safety building. It will serve Hamilton and other surrounding towns including Wenham. Lyons Ambulance will pay for any retrofitting needed at Hamilton's public safety building.

**Generate Revenue/EDC – downtown septic plant**

Town officials and Hamilton residents toured New England Biolabs' solar aquatic septic system building. Discussion on if there could be any applicability for a similar system in Hamilton for the middle/high school site or for use in the business district.

**Skating on Weaver Pond**

Discussion on best way to provide skating and hockey playing opportunities to residents in Patton Park on ice at Weaver Pond or surrounding park land. Liability to Town on this use was outlined in writing by MIIA.

**Benchmarking**

Discussion on seeking comparative information from surrounding communities on costs for trash and snow removal, police and fire services as well as maintenance of vehicles.

**BOS Goals and Objectives**

Board agreed to read memo from Town Administrator Candace Wheeler on how to organize BOS goal and objectives sheet to maximize efficacy. Selectmen will email Wheeler with their suggestions to streamline list.

**Minutes Approval**

Carey entertained a motion to approve regular session minutes for December 7 (Parts 1 and 2), 15, 16, 21, 2009 and January 6 and 11, 2010. Bowler so moved. Scuteri seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

Carey entertained a motion to approve executive session minutes for December 7 (Parts 1 and 2), 15, 16, 21, 2009 and January 6, 11 and 20, 2010. Bowler so moved. Scuteri seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

Bowler entertained a motion to approve executive session minutes for January 25. Scuteri so moved. Bowler seconded the motion. VOTE: 2 in favor. Carey abstained since he did not attend this meeting.

**Sign License to use athletic fields on Sagamore Street**

Carey entertained a motion to authorize the chairman to sign the termination of license and new license for the Donovan property under the terms listed in the license contract. Bowler so moved. Scuteri seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

**Vote to deficit spend for DPW snow removal account (\$19,000 left)**

Carey entertained a motion to authorize the DPW to approve deficit spending for the snow budget in fiscal year 2010. Bowler so moved. Scuteri seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

**Unsung Heroine**

February 26 is the deadline for the Town to nominate an unsung heroine.

Carey entertained a motion to go into executive session at 8:26 p.m. not to return to open session to discuss non-union negotiations and litigation strategy. Bowler so moved. Scuteri seconded the motion. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by Jane Dooley, Minutes Secretary

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk