

**TOWN OF HAMILTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
OCTOBER 4, 2010**

The Board of Selectmen met at Hamilton Town Hall at 7:01 p.m. on Monday, October 4, 2010 with William Bowler, Jennifer Scuteri, Dave Carey, Jeff Stinson and Marc Johnson present. Finance Director Deborah Nippes-Mena, Planning Board Coordinator Marcie Ricker and Finance Committee members John McWane, Kalil Boghdan, Laurie Wilson and Joseph Santarelli also present.

Vote recommendations for Special Town Meeting Warrant

Jennifer Scuteri entertained a motion for the Board of Selectmen to make a favorable recommendation for Special Town Meeting Warrant Article 2-1 Donovan Fields. William Bowler so moved. Marc Johnson seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous. The Finance Committee is in favor of this article.

This article is for a \$733,000 appropriation (paid for in part or entirely with CPA funds). By October 30, 2010 the Town will know if it is going to receive state grant money that can be applied toward the land purchase.

Scuteri entertained a motion for the Board of Selectmen to make a favorable recommendation for Special Town Meeting Warrant Article 3-1 Estate Overlay District. Johnson so moved. Bowler seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous. The Finance Committee is in favor of this article.

Scuteri entertained a motion for the Board of Selectmen to make a favorable recommendation for Special Town Meeting Warrant Article 3-2 Willow Street Overlay District. Bowler so moved. Johnson seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous. The Finance Committee is in favor of this article.

Scuteri entertained a motion for the Board of Selectmen to make a favorable recommendation for Special Town Meeting Warrant Article 4-1 Quinn Bill Revocation. Bowler so moved. Johnson seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

The Finance Committee will make a recommendation on this article at Special Town Meeting when it understands how this relates to the Hamilton police

union contract that is still being negotiated. Discussion has been on state rescinding its 50 percent match obligation related to the Quinn bill. The Town plans to incorporate educational incentive funds to offset tuition costs in the police union contract to encourage officers to attain higher levels of education. However, the police contract is not signed.

Scuteri entertained a motion for the Board of Selectmen to make a favorable recommendation for Special Town Meeting Warrant Article 4-2 Changes to Town Bylaws. Bowler so moved. Jeff Stinson seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous. The Finance Committee will make a recommendation at Special Town Meeting.

Scuteri entertained a motion for the Board of Selectmen to make a favorable recommendation for Special Town Meeting Warrant Article 4-3 Municipal Affordable Housing Trust. Bowler so moved. Stinson seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous. The Finance Committee wants to review the related appendix and will make a recommendation at Special Town Meeting.

Discussion on flexibility this could provide the Town to purchase properties when they become available. The committee assigned for this purpose will include a selectman.

Scuteri entertained a motion for the Board of Selectmen to make a favorable recommendation for Special Town Meeting Warrant Article 5-1 Affordable Housing Restriction. David Carey so moved. Bowler seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous. The Finance Committee is in favor of this article.

Scuteri entertained a motion for the Board to approve and sign the Special Town Meeting warrant. Bowler so moved. Johnson seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

Discuss ballot language for Special Election – Senior Tax Exemption

Finance Director Deborah Nippes-Mena discussed ballot language with Town Counsel Donna Brewer for referendum question that will be on ballot during election scheduled for Tuesday, November 9 regarding senior tax exemption.

Language changes included range of total annual household income for applicants and addressed length of time an applicant had owned a property in year senior tax exemption application was made.

Scuteri entertained a motion to vote on state ballot question wording as amended and vetted by Town counsel. Bowler moved that the ballot language as discussed be placed on a referendum question on the ballot for an election to be held on Tuesday, November 9, 2010 at the Winthrop School from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Stinson seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous. Selectmen signed state ballot question document. Brewer is sending her comments in a marked up document to Nippes-Mena and Assistant Town Manager Chris Lindberg.

Sign cemetery deeds

Selectmen signed cemetery deeds.

Accept Minutes: Regular Session: September 27

Carey entertained a motion for the Selectmen to accept the September 27, 2010 regular session minutes. Bowler so moved. Scuteri seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

Other business – discuss upcoming budget season

Discussion was on Town manager creating parameters to build Town budget. Focus this budget season will be to provide two examples of the upcoming fiscal year budget: one for level services, that includes costs and increases if all services provided by Hamilton last year were repeated in the new fiscal year and another that is level-funded, illustrating where cuts would occur.

Discussion was on Selectmen’s goals checklist and importance of five Board members carrying out assigned tasks and providing status reports to monitor progress. Carey described how vital different roles for team members are to maximize Board effectiveness (i.e., visionary, task master). Selectmen noted that scheduling another retreat could facilitate forward progress on project goals.

Scuteri entertained a motion at 8:14 p.m. to adjourn. Stinson so moved. Bowler seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by Jane Dooley, Minutes Secretary

ATTEST: _____
Clerk