



# **Town of Hopkinton, NH**

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**SELECTMEN  
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2011  
6:30 pm  
Local History Room, Library  
Approved**

Chairman Jim O'Brien called a regularly scheduled business meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 6:20 PM on Monday, September 26, 2011.

**Present:**

Jim O'Brien, Chairman  
George Langwasser, Selectman  
Bryan Pellerin, Selectman  
Denis Goddard, Selectman  
Neal Cass, Town Administrator  
Robin Buchanan, Administrative Assessing Assistant

Absent: Tom Congoran

Public present: Janet Krzyzaniak, Merle Dustin, Rick Schaefer, Lester Cressy, Danny Coen

**I. ADMINISTRATIVE**

The Board approved the following:

Vendor Disbursement and Payroll Manifests  
Building/Use Permit Map 221 Lot 100; Map 106 Lot 48 (HVP); Map 237 Lot 1; Map 219 Lot 16  
For Review – Selectmen's Notes and Correspondence  
For Signature – Highway Safety Project Application (PD); Right to Bury; Intent to Cut

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Board reviewed the minutes of the Public Meeting September 28, 2011. Selectman Langwasser made a motion, seconded by Selectman Pellerin to approve the minutes of the Public Meeting. Corrections: 2<sup>nd</sup> page, 6<sup>th</sup> paragraph, first sentence add "if"; 4<sup>th</sup> sentence can "one" to "be"; 5<sup>th</sup> sentence change "of" to "taxpayers".

**VOTE:** O'Brien, Langwasser, Pellerin and Goddard voting in favor of the motion; against, motion passes 4-0.

### **III. PUBLIC FORUM**

Merle Dustin spoke to the condition of the lawn at the bandstand. Danny Coen noted the Town needs to remember when we receive gifts of property we assume the responsibility for that property. Selectmen Goddard asked Ms. Dustin to give him a list of those areas that need improvement. He asked Ms. Dustin to be specific in her request. Selectmen O'Brien stated at one time he inspected the lawn at the bandstand with Lester Cressy, Greg Roberts and Justin LaVigne. At that time it was determined the area has many uses and in order to have the lawn well manicured it would require the use of the area changed and the Board does not want to limit its use. Danny Coen commended the Board for spending money where in should be spent, noting the roof repairs to the Town Hall.

### **IV. OLD BUSINESS**

Selectmen O'Brien thanked the Fire Station Study Committee for their time. He asked the Board to consider what the next step should be.

Selectmen Langwasser stated the Fire Station has served the town for many years. At one time, it was the intention of the Town to pay off the Library and Transfer Station bonds and then fund a new Fire Station. That time has come and gone, however the needs of the town have increased. Regulations have continued to increase, those regulations place requirements on the building that the currently facility does not meet. He believes it needs to move forward with an engineering and design study. After that it should go before the voters.

Selectmen Pellerin agreed with Selectmen Langwasser. The decision needs to be the voters.

Selectmen Goddard stated the need to go ahead with this plan. He feels educating the taxpayers will be the key. The taxpayers need to understand this is not a want but a need and they will need to understand the process that the Committee went through to reach its decision.

Selectmen O'Brien stated he would like the Committee to help with any presentation to the Town.

Marion Paxton stated she agreed with the direction the Board of Selectmen is going in. She inquired what mechanism the Board will use to determine the amount of money needed for the conceptual design.

Selectmen Langwasser indicated the report from the committee shows similar buildings perhaps we could contact those towns and inquire about the cost of the plans.

Lester Cressy suggested perhaps some members of the committee would be a resource for this issue.

Selectmen O'Brien summarized the discussion noting:

Step 1-To the Town for money for a conceptual design

Step 2-To go to the Town for the money to build

Discussion ensued as to whether a RFP (Request for Proposal) was an appropriate place to start. Mr. Cass explained RFP are asking for qualifications and not specs. Discussion ensued with regards to bringing the EDC into the discussion. Selectmen Pellerin stated he would bring it up at the next EDC meeting. Discussion ensued with regards to how the current fire station would be utilized if a new one was built.

### **V. OTHER BUSINESS**

Selectmen Langwasser stated he received a phone call over the weekend with regards to someone throwing used Kleenex and toilet paper in the recycling bins. The caller was upset that someone would do such a thing. Selectmen Langwasser noted it was not a criticism of transfer station employees but

rather a criticism of the residents for dumping such items in the recycling. Mr. Cass will speak with Steve Clough. Selectmen Langwasser suggested a sign noting what is not allowed.

Janet Krzyzaniak suggested it was someone making a statement, or someone who disagrees with Pay by Bag.

Selectmen O'Brien noted a comment from the last meeting with regards to the dust on Spring Street. Mr. Cass stated Herm Blanchette was waiting for utility companies to move poles, and cut down a tree. Mr. Cass reported the tree has been cut and the pole was moved. Paving should begin soon.

There being no further business, motion by Selectman Goddard, seconded by Selectman Pellerin to adjourn the meeting. Vote 4-0 in favor of the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Buchanan  
Administrative Assessing Assistant

*These minutes are not official until approved by the Board of Selectmen at their meeting.*