



# Town of Hopkinton, NH

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### SELECT BOARD PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2015 APPROVED MARCH 9, 2015

Select Board Chair Jim O'Brien called this regularly scheduled meeting of the Select Board to order at 5:35 p.m. on Monday, February 23, 2015, in the large meeting room in the Town Hall. Mr. O'Brien introduced the members of the Board and Police Chief Steve Pecora led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Members Present:** Jim O'Brien, Chair, George Langwasser, Vice-Chair, Sara Persechino, Ken Traum, and Sue B. Strickford

**Staff Present:** Neal Cass, Town Administrator, and Robin Buchanan Administrative Assessing

**Public Present:** Ken Wilkens, Steve Clough, Thomas Hennessey, and several members of the Police Department, Art Cunningham, Gary Rondeau and Scott Bourcier

## II. ADMINISTRATIVE

### Consent Agenda

Board members reviewed documents for signature and approved unanimously (5-0) the Consent Agenda taking the following action on motion made by Mr. Traum and seconded by Mrs. Persechino:

Accounts Payable Manifest	\$105,310.39
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Payroll Manifest	\$75,804.80

### **Building Permits:**

Ambra Kutty Map 243 Lot 38  
Danny & Nghia Tran Map 251 Lot 38 renovations  
Joyce Rose Map 101 Lot 16

### **Transfer of Funds**

Sewer Fund to General Fund \$4,533.09

### **Request for Disbursement:**

Franklin Savings Bank \$500,000.00

### **PAF**

Change in employee status Fire Department

### **Contract with Independent Contractor**

**Elderly and Disabled Tax Deferral Application****Yield Tax Levy:** Duquette Map 266 Lot 4.1 \$931.54**Appointment Papers:** TJ Hennessey promoted to Sergeant**Veteran's Credit:** Map 104 Lot 36.1; Map 241 Lot 31**Abatements:**

Marianne Consoli	\$107.00
Peter Belliveau	\$ 86.95

**Approval of Minutes**

The Board reviewed the public meeting minutes of the previous meeting. Mr. Langwasser made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Strickford to approve the minutes as written of the Public Select Board Meeting held on Wednesday, February 11, 2015. There being no discussion, Chair O'Brien called for the vote.

**VOTE:** O'Brien, Langwasser, Persechino, Traum and Strickford voting in favor of the motion; no votes against. MOTION APPROVED 5-0.

The Board reviewed the non-public meeting minutes of the previous meeting. Mrs. Persechino made a motion, seconded by Mr. Langwasser to approve the non-public minutes as written of the Non-Public Select Board Meeting held on Wednesday, February 11, 2015. There being no discussion, Chair O'Brien called for the vote.

**VOTE:** O'Brien, Langwasser, Persechino, Traum and Strickford voting in favor of the motion; no votes against. MOTION APPROVED 5-0.

**III. PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS**

**Swearing In Cpl. TJ Hennessey as Sergeant.** Chairman O'Brien asked Police Chief Steve Pecora to give a brief history of Cpl. Hennessey's career. Chairman O'Brien then swore in TJ Hennessey to the position of Sergeant. Chairman O'Brien called for a 5 minute recess.

**IV. PUBLIC FORUM**

There was no public comment.

**V. OLD BUSINESS**

**Sestercentennial Parades Rules:** Mr. Traum inquired as to as to whether the parade rules prohibit people from marching in the parade. The rules do not address the issue; therefore, there is nothing to preclude them from marching. Mr. Cass stated they are not included in the rules but that does not preclude them from marchers. Mrs. Strickford asked if the ratio of 1 adult to every 4 children would over crowd the floats. Mr. Cass stated it was a state law and about safety. Mrs. Persechino stated the Sestercentennial Committee has not seen the rules; however, she would bring them to their next meeting. It was noted that the form should come to the Town Hall and not an individuals' home.

**Public Hearing Kearsarge Avenue Safe Routes of School Project:** Scott Bourcier of DuBois and King, was in to give a presentation regarding options for a sidewalk on Kearsarge Avenue. Mr. DuBois presented the three options; noting the obstacles, if any, and the advantages. Mr. DuBois took questions and comments from the public that were present. Mr. DuBois recommended having the sidewalk on the south side of the road, as there are less driveways to cross, less commercial businesses, as well, as no telephone pole would have to be replaced. It would also eliminate the need for any cross walks in the

parking lot of the school. Discussion ensued with regards to curbing materials to be used, culvert replacement, and the widening of Spring Street, as well as the impact on snowmobile trails. Chairman O'Brien closed the Public Hearing at 6:55 pm. Mr. Traum made a motion to accept the recommendations as presented by Mr. DuBois.

**VOTE:** O'Brien, Langwasser, Persechino, Traum and Strickford voting in favor of the motion; no votes against. **MOTION APPROVED 5-0.**

**Transfer Station:** Steve Clough was in to discuss the Transfer Station. Chairman O'Brien began by thanking Mr. Clough for all his work and effort on repairing the recent break in the water system. Chairman O'Brien stated the Solid Waste Disposal Committee looked at the agreement between Webster and Hopkinton and the Committee felt the agreement needed to be reworked and were looking at operational ideas and reductions in expenses. Mr. Clough stated the agreement has worked well and there has never been a split vote with regards to the agreement. Discussion ensued with regards, to raising revenues, lowering expenses and other concerns that the committee had expressed. Mr. Clough stated there are things that can be done, but it is up to the Select Board how they want to run the Transfer Station. A discussion ensued with regards to the septic lagoons and their purpose. Mr. Clough stated that he follows all the rules and regulations and has never had a problem arise. The lagoons are monitored and tested regularly. Mr. Traum inquired if Webster recycles as much as Hopkinton. Mr. Clough responded yes they recycle just as much. A discussion ensued with regards to have the Transfer Station be funded by fees only. Mr. Clough stated if the Board wants to run it by fee support; it can easily be done. Mr. Clough stated that Webster has always been cooperative in dealings in regard to the Transfer Station and as long as Hopkinton does not try to order Webster to do something, nothing should change. Mrs. Persechino inquired about the Swap Shop. Mr. Clough stated he expects that to happen during the summer months.

## **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

**Election Coverage:** The Select Board members decided on times they would be at the polls on Tuesday, March 10, 2015 as follows: Jim O'Brien after 5:00 pm, Sara Persechino 9:00 am to 11:00 am and 4:00 pm on; Sue Strickford and Ken Traum are open for most of the day. George Langwasser, who is on the ballot, will be there all day. The Board asked Mr. Cass to contact Matt DeWitt to see if he would like to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. In celebration of our 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary, cupcakes will be served at Town Meeting, as well as recognizing the members of the Sestercentennial Committee.

## **VII. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES**

Mr. Cass stated the upstairs of the Fire Department is almost complete. Issues with ice are being resolved. After much back and forth, TDS is running the telephone line and the appliances will be delivered tomorrow.

Mr. Cass stated that Jeff Earls of Cross Country met recently with the residents of Peaked Hill Condos.

Mrs. Strickford inquired if the new fountain will be completed before the parade scheduled for May 30, 2015. She also stated she received a call about signs missing from George's Park.

## **VII. NONPUBLIC SESSION**

### NON-PUBLIC SESSION II-RSA 91-A: 3 IV (c) Reputation

Mr. O'Brien moved to go into a non-public session regarding an issue which if discussed in public would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of the Select Board itself, under the provisions of Nonpublic Session RSA 91-A: 3 II (c). Mr. Langwasser seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** Select Board Members Langwasser, Persechino, Traum, Strickford, and Chair O'Brien voted in favor, and the Chair declared the motion to have carried unanimously (5–0).

The Board and the Town Administrator went into nonpublic session, as recorded separately, at 8:32 p.m. The Board returned to public session at 9:00 p.m.

Vote to seal nonpublic minutes:

Mr. Traum moved to seal the minutes of the just completed nonpublic session. Mrs. Persechino seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** Select Board Members Langwasser, Persechino, Traum, Strickford, and Chair O'Brien voted in favor, and the Chair declared the motion to have carried unanimously (5–0).

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, motion by Mrs. Strickford, seconded by Mr. Traum to adjourn the meeting. Vote 5-0 in favor of the motion. The meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robin Buchanan, Administrative Assessing Assistant