



# **Town of Hopkinton, NH**

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### **SELECT BOARD PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2015 APPROVED March 23, 2015**

Town Administrator Neal Cass called the meeting of the Select Board to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 16, 2015, in the large meeting room in the Town Hall. Mr. Cass introduced the members of the Board and Sue Strickford led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Members Present:** Jim O'Brien, Ken Traum, Sara Persechino, Sue B. Strickford, and Steve Lux, Jr.

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

**Public Present:** Ken Wilkens

## **II. ADMINISTRATIVE**

### **Election of Chair**

Mrs. Persechino made a motion to nominate Jim O'Brien for Chair. Mr. Traum seconded the motion.

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

Chairman O'Brien asked for a motion for a Vice Chair. Mrs. Strickford made a motion to nominate Ken Traum as Vice Chair. Mr. Lux seconded the motion.

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

### **Consent Agenda**

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

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE MANIFEST**

\$23,402.14 23,402.14

**TEMPORARY SIGN PERMIT-**

Judith Jones-Central NH Corvair Association

**MS-232 Report of Appropriations Actually Voted**

### **Resignation**

Jean Weld from Recycling

Richard Horner from Economic Development

**Veteran's Credit**

Glenn Woolgar Map 217 Lot 24  
William Chapin Map 227 Lot 31  
Richard Kingston Map 217 Lot 4.6

**Approval of Minutes**

The Board reviewed the public meeting minutes of the previous meeting. Mr. Traum made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Strickford to approve the minutes of the Public Select Board Meeting held on Monday, March 9, 2015. There being no discussion, Chair O'Brien called for the vote.

**VOTE:** O'Brien, Traum, Persechino, and Strickford voting in favor of the motion; no votes against; one abstaining (Lux). MOTION APPROVED 4-0.

The Board reviewed the non-public meeting minutes of the previous meeting. Mrs. Persechino made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Strickford to approve the non-public minutes as written of the Non-Public Select Board Meeting held on Monday, March 9, 2015. There being no discussion, Chair O'Brien called for the vote.

**VOTE:** O'Brien, Traum, Persechino, and Strickford voting in favor of the motion; no votes against; one abstaining (Lux). MOTION APPROVED 4-0.

**III. PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS****IV. PUBLIC FORUM**

No comment from the public.

**V. OLD BUSINESS****Town Meeting Follow-up**

Chairman O'Brien stated that everyone did a good job at Town Meeting. Mr. Cass stated it was suggested the Town begin a Bridge/Road Capital Reserve Fund. Mr. Cass stated one is slated to begin in 2017. Mr. Traum suggested a small (between \$2.00 and \$5.00) fee be added to the car registrations and those funds be dedicated to roads and bridges. Mr. Cass will look into this. Mr. Cass stated it was suggested to change the fiscal year. Although it is a good idea, getting to that point requires an 18 month budget; the Town would most likely have to borrow money, and do quarterly bills. Discussion ensued, with regards to budgeting and billing. The last suggestion that Mr. Cass received was to have the Town Meeting held before the School District Meeting. Mr. Cass stated that by law, we cannot have Town Meeting until after the Tuesday election. A discussion ensued, with regards to weight limits on roads.

Mrs. Strickford stated the Board needs to look at where we want to be in five (5) years. Chairman O'Brien stated he has been encouraged by residents who would like to see the Select Board, the School Board and the Budget Committee work together on the tax issue. The Board agreed that they need to formulate a vision for the future before meeting. Chairman O'Brien will make contact with Dave Luneau of the School Board. Mrs. Persechino stated we need to find a way to get more people to attend Town Meeting.

## **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

### **Select Board 2015 Assignments**

The Select Board Assignments are as follows:

Budget Committee	Ken Traum
Planning Board	Jim O'Brien
Press Relations	Jim O'Brien and Neal Cass
Economic Development	Sue Strickford
Open Space	Sara Persechino
Sewer	Steve Lux, Jr.
Road Committee	Ken Traum
Sestercentennial	Steve Lux, Jr.

A discussion ensued, with regards to combining Recycling and Greener Hopkinton, as they have been collaborating on several projects; as well as the loss of several members of each committee. Mrs. Persechino will speak with both committees. A discussion ensued, with regards to the Refuse Committee and the Recycling Committee. It was suggested those committees could be combined into a Sustainability Committee. Mrs. Persechino will discuss it with the Recycling Committee at their next meeting.

### **Appointment List for 2015**

The Capital Improvement Committee is looking for members, which will be a committee of 4 plus a member of the Planning Board, meetings to take place August through October. Mr. Cass will post on the website. The Board looked over the committee with vacancies or re-appointments to be made. Discussion ensued with regards to which committee members the Board would like to re-appoint and those that should not be re-appointed.

### **Orientation Information**

Mr. Cass stated included in the packets for the Select Board are handouts with information regarding the Role of Select Board and non-public sessions.

Mr. Cass also stated that in 3 weeks, Attorney Sharon Somers will be in to speak with the Board.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, motion by Mrs. Persechino, seconded by Mrs. Strickford to adjourn the meeting. Vote 5-0 in favor of the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Buchanan, Administrative Assessing Assistant