

**TOWN OF HAMILTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
JULY 12, 2010**

The Board of Selectmen met at the Hamilton Town Hall at 7:01 p.m. on Monday, July 12, 2010 with William Bowler, David Carey, Jennifer Scuteri and Jeff Stinson present. Town Manager Michael Lombardo and DPW Director John Tomasz also present.

Appoint Art Oberheim to Capital Management Committee

Jennifer Scuteri entertained a motion to appoint Arthur Oberheim to Capital Management Committee as resident-at-large for a one-year term ending June 30, 2011. William Bowler so moved. David Carey seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

Request for Water Abatements

Scuteri entertained a motion to approve water abatement for Hamilton Housing Authority for \$5,469. Jeff Stinson so moved. Carey seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous. A leaking underground pipe was replaced.

Scuteri entertained a motion to approve water abatement for Bradley Palmer State Park for \$1,145.65. Carey so moved. Stinson seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous. Public works department replaced a leaking valve at park.

DPW Director John Tomasz mentioned that there is a mandatory water ban in effect in Town, where only handheld outdoor watering is allowed from 5 p.m. until 9 a.m.

Update of Great Estates by-law

Planning Board Coordinator Marcie Ricker developed a summary of Great Estates by-law since the Town's land use boards are looking at how 10-acre or larger properties in Hamilton will potentially be developed. A draft of the by-law will be discussed at Planning Board's meeting on July 20.

Information from other towns is being modeled for by-law and a matrix will be created to compare data.

The Town is interested in bringing development to Hamilton. Preferably in soft uses such as a retreat center or health club versus a subdivision that would bring more children into Town.

Town Manager Michael Lombardo agreed to summarize emails he receives from Board members on this matter for Planning Board. A Selectman will likely attend July 20 Planning Board meeting.

Operational Audit

Board discussed RFP for consulting firms that will submit bids to perform operational audit of school district. Discussion on success of a Charlottesville audit where savings resulted from implementing ideas identified such as finding efficiencies in the delivery of instructional services.

Discussion on how operational audit done in Hamilton should not duplicate efforts already done on related issues. Also that a space needs discussion would include repurposing Center School building.

Once RFP is out and bids are received, search for a consultant to perform audit will be narrowed down to two to three candidates and public interviews will be conducted.

Discussion on how focus of audit should be on staffing not curriculum to meet Department of Elementary and Secondary Education guidelines.

Sign Myopia Liquor License to be posted

Selectmen signed approved liquor license for Myopia Hunt Club so it could be posted.

All Boards Land Use Meeting Update

A meeting was held last week with Selectmen, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Conservation Commission and Economic Development Committee where general sense was that all boards want to bring revenue into Hamilton but there is a difference in priorities about how that should be done.

There is interest in developing the Hansbury site on Willow Street. There is no expected change in use at abutting Lamson property.

Town officials are interested in having mixed use development in Hamilton's downtown combining residential and commercial uses.

It is unknown what will be future use of Winthrop School site once lease for property expires in near future.

Discussion was on importance of assessing Hamilton residents' interest in development in Town where a statistically valid survey could cost between \$5,000 and \$7,000.

The Canterbrook Farm property has recently applied for a special permit to develop a property for residents 55 years old and older.

Discussion was on importance of getting tax rate under control to an acceptable rate of growth. Lombardo will produce a spreadsheet that includes gap analysis that can be discussed at next Board meeting on July 26.

Wind Energy Siting bill

Stinson is concerned about a bill in House that is intended to give state control over whether or not wind turbines are located in a town. He suggested a letter be sent to Legislators expressing concern about loss of local control regarding siting of wind energy in communities.

Cellular telephone tower discussion

Discussion was on possibility of locating a cellular telephone tower at public safety building site. There is currently a tower located in steeple at chapel on Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary property. Carey agreed to contact a developer to identify interest.

Finance Committee municipal relief transfer

Bowler moved that Town transfer \$5,930.34 under municipal relief, M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 33b, from Department of Public Works to Health and Human Services. Carey seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

Minutes Approval

Scuteri entertained a motion to approve executive session minutes for April 12 and May 18, and May 8 regular session minutes. Bowler so moved. Carey seconded the motion. VOTE: 3 in favor. Stinson abstained because he was not on Board when these meetings were held.

Scuteri entertained a motion to approve regular session minutes for May 24 and regular and executive session minutes for June 1, 7 and 14. Stinson so moved. Bowler seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

Scuteri entertained a motion at 8:14 p.m. to go into executive session not to return to open session for the purpose of discussing union contract negotiations. Bowler so moved. Carey seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by Jane Dooley, Minutes Secretary

ATTEST: _____

Clerk