

**TOWN OF HAMILTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
AUGUST 17, 2009**

The Board of Selectmen met at Hamilton Town Hall at 5:03 p.m. on Monday, August 17, 2009 with David Carey and Jennifer Scuteri present. Finance Director Deborah Nippes-Mena, DPW Director John Tomasz, EMS Consultant Pat Roselli, CPA Administrative Assistant Christine Berry, Town Administrator Candace Wheeler and Assistant Town Administrator Allison Jenkins also present.

Appoint Annual Election workers – term August 17, 2009 to August 1, 2010

David Carey entertained a motion to accept the roster of election workers for 2009 and 2010. Jennifer Scuteri so moved. Carey seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

Water and Hazardous Waste Day discussion

DPW Director John Tomasz explained that a public notice was created in response to coliform bacteria being found in the Town's water samples as mandated by the Department of Environmental Protection. A letter will be sent to residents and notices will be posted around Hamilton. Retesting revealed the absence of total coliform.

Also discussed was a Hazardous Waste Day scheduled for September 12 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. behind Town Hall where residents can dispose of hazardous materials such as motor oil, oil-based paint and cleaning agents. Old prescription drugs will be disposed of that day as well through a process done by police in conformance with state rules.

EMS Planning Committee

EMS Consultant Pat Roselli described two proposals the EMS Planning Committee had reviewed from ambulance services: Action Ambulance and Lyons Ambulance. The committee is leaning towards recommending Lyons Ambulance for a 5-year commitment at zero cost to Hamilton contingent upon having a combined service area with Wenham.

The Lyons proposal consists of a staffed non-dedicated truck with two EMTs that would be housed in Hamilton's public safety building. Lyons would pay for upgrades to the public safety building to house personnel for overnight service.

At this point the Town's two ambulances would not be used as part of the service. The value of Hamilton's ambulances has to be determined although it has not been decided to sell the vehicles (one ambulance is practically brand new). There was discussion about using these vehicles at football games with the understanding they would not be used for transport.

Also discussed was if EMTs were to carry epi pens the Town would be required to have a Memorandum of Agreement with a hospital for medical control. An EMS administrator in Town would oversee this process.

Carey noted that there has been a recent development with an individual (David Mastrianni) who has worked for Lyons Ambulance as a result of the Office of Emergency Medical Services issue.

Selectmen will wait to receive a detailed analysis of the ambulance situation for the Town from the committee and discussion will continue in two weeks.

Asbury Grove Public Benefit Agreement

Carey entertained a motion to sign the public service agreement with Asbury Grove (Camp Meeting Corporation) for the use of the tabernacle. Scuteri so moved. Carey seconded the motion. The agreement is for 10 years. VOTE: Unanimous.

Amendment to COA Van Agreement

Management of the COA van will not be passed back and forth from Wenham to Hamilton every five years as described in the original agreement. Based on three-year rolling rider ship Wenham pays more money toward the program since more of their residents use the van than Hamilton residents.

Carey entertained a motion to modify the existing agreement so that Wenham runs the COA van continuously. Scuteri so moved. Carey seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

Appleton Farm Sign Request

Carey entertained a motion to accept and approve the request for a sign location (at Appleton Farms until its event on September 20.) Scuteri so moved. Carey seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

Willow Street Pole Relocation

National Grid will be at the Board's meeting next week. The abutters have worked out where a new utility pole will be located.

Revenue Ideas

Resident Jeff Sterling had proposed revenue-generating ideas for the Town including restricting on-street parking. This could address abandoned cars being left on the Town's streets that are eyesores and reduce visibility for vehicles traveling on the road. If a car were left on the street for a period of time, the police would monitor it and then ticket. Carey said police could be consulted about the proposed overnight parking ban since the department would be enforcing this.

Also suggested by Sterling was that wood from trees removed by the DPW could be given away to residents or sold potentially as cordwood. Tomasz will be consulted.

Carey entertained a motion to go into executive session at 6:01 p.m. not to return to open session for the purpose of discussing litigation strategy, non-union personnel and union personnel. Scuteri so moved. Carey seconded the motion. Members raised their hands for a unanimous roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted by Jane Dooley, Minutes Secretary

ATTEST: _____
Clerk