

**TOWN OF HAMILTON  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
NOVEMBER 9, 2009**

The Board of Selectmen met at Hamilton Town Hall at 7:01 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2009 with David Carey, William Bowler and Jennifer Scuteri present. Police Chief Russell Stevens, Fire Chief Phil Stevens, EMS Consultant Pat Roselli, CPA Coordinator Christine Berry and Town Administrator Candace Wheeler also present.

**Approve One Day Liquor License – The Art Center**

David Carey entertained a motion to approve the request for a one-day liquor license for The Art Center (November 12, 7 to 9 p.m., wine only). William Bowler so moved. Jennifer Scuteri seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

**Declare ambulance surplus**

The Town is interested in selling the ambulance that was purchased new for \$135,000 a year and a half ago for possibly \$80,000 with the equipment.

If the ambulance were purchased by another municipality versus a private party such as the dealer who sold the ambulance to Hamilton, there would be no need for a request for proposal to be issued.

The police and fire chiefs as well as EMS Consultant Pat Roselli recommended that the Town keep the 10-year-old ambulance for use at football games but not for transports. It's estimated value is \$5,000. Lyons Ambulance is not required to have an ambulance at football games.

Carey entertained a motion to declare the new ambulance with its equipment surplus and sell it for the highest price. Bowler so moved. Scuteri seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

Carey entertained a motion not to declare the second ambulance surplus and to use it to carry equipment. Bowler so moved. Scuteri seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

**State Ethics – appoint liaison**

Carey entertained a motion to designate the Town administrator and when hired, the Town manager, to be the municipal liaison for the state. Bowler so moved. Scuteri seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

**Sign Cemetery Deeds**

Carey entertained a motion to sign cemetery deed #1046. Bowler so moved. Scuteri seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

**Senior Affordable Housing**

Carey entertained a motion to make available up to \$5,000 for the purposes of doing a detailed financial analysis on the construction of a property based on the existing old Hamilton library site for up to 20 units of affordable senior housing. Bowler so moved. Scuteri seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

Scuteri agreed to head up a committee for this project that would include representatives from the Planning Board, Economic Development Committee, Zoning Board of Appeals, Town clerk and Council on Aging.

**Minutes Approval**

Carey entertained a motion to approve the regular session minutes for August 3, 10, 17, and September 8, 2009. Bowler so moved. Scuteri seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

Carey moved that the Board approve the regular session minutes for August 20 and 24, 2009. Scuteri seconded the motion. VOTE: 2 in favor. Bowler abstained since he did not attend the meetings.

Carey entertained a motion to approve the executive session minutes for August 3, 10, 17 and 26, 2009. Bowler so moved. Scuteri seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

Carey moved that the Board approve the executive session minutes for August 20 and August 24, 2009. Scuteri seconded the motion. VOTE: 2 in favor. Bowler abstained since he did not attend the meetings.

**Letter to Brad Hill in support of correction to MGL**

The state no longer has a double time pay holiday in October as a Veteran's Day holiday.

Carey entertained a motion to support Bob Bullivant in his clarification and correction of this double time issue by working with State Representative Brad Hill. Bowler so moved. Scuteri seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

**Sign contract for Landfill Post-Closure Compliance**

Carey entertained a motion to sign a contract for engineering and supplemental services related to landfill post-closure compliance and related solid waste activities for the first half of the year 2010. Bowler so moved. Scuteri seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

**Sign contract for work to be performed at water treatment plant**

This contract will be signed next week.

**Wind turbine update**

The wind turbine to be located at the Sagamore Hill, U.S. Air Force site would cost \$2 million to build and produce a million kilowatt hours a year or \$150,000 of electricity. The Massachusetts Technology Collaborative has set a minimum wind speed (weighted average) for any site that they fund, 6 meters per second over the year Hamilton's wind speed is 5.8 meters per second. This is not conclusive.

A meeting with a developer is occurring tomorrow. The Collaborative did pay for the feasibility study.

**Announcement that ERRB is moving funds to PRIT**

The Essex Regional Retirement Board voted to move its investments for all North Shore communities to the Public Retirement Investment Trust (PRIT) fund. State Street Bank and Trust will prepare the transfer plan and it will determine when the assets will be moved for the best performance result.

The first step is that in-kind assets such as stocks and bonds that the state PRIT already holds will be combined with existing holdings. Secondly, assets that are not in-kind will be liquidated on an appropriate market schedule to take the least loss. Lastly, real estate and venture capital can be divested at the time when contracts expire.

PRIT has had a 10% better return on its investments than ERRB. This performance could get the retirement system to be self-funding by 2028 or later.

Carey entertained a motion to go into executive session at 8:05 p.m. not to return to open session for the purpose of discussing union negotiations and litigation strategy. Bowler so moved. Scuteri seconded the motion. Members raised their hands for a unanimous roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted by Jane Dooley, Minutes Secretary

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk