

**TOWN OF HAMILTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
APRIL 2, 2010**

The Board of Selectmen met at the Hamilton Town Hall at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 2, 2010 with David Carey, William Bowler and Jennifer Scuteri present. Finance Committee members Bob Bullivant and John McWane, Planning Board member Rick Mitchell, Government Study Committee members Carin Kale and Jack Lawrence, Town Moderator Bruce Ramsey and Town Administrator Candace Wheeler also present.

Annual Town Meeting warrant discussion

An adjustment will be made to the library budget to correct an error in time for the Board's meeting on Monday.

Selectmen voted on the following articles, all others needed additional information before the Board took a vote:

David Carey moved that the Board accept the gift and grant funds into the Waste Enterprise Fund (2-3). William Bowler seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

Bowler moved that the Board was in favor of warrant article on a prior year bill for \$80 (2-4). Carey seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

Carey entertained a motion for the Selectmen to accept article for authorization of borrowing (ESCo, 2-5). Bowler so moved. Scuteri seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

Carey entertained a motion for the Selectmen to accept the compensation/classification table (2-6). Bowler so moved. Scuteri seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

Carey entertained a motion for the Selectmen to accept (2-9) Waste Reduction Enterprise Budget. Bowler so moved. Scuteri seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

Carey entertained a motion for the Selectmen to accept (2-10) North Shore Regional Vocational School District Budget. Bowler so moved. Scuteri seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

Carey entertained a motion that the Board was in favor of warrant article (2-13) reauthorization of recreation and parks revolving account. Bowler so moved. Scuteri seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

Carey entertained a motion for the Selectmen to accept (2-14) OPEB Trust Fund warrant article. Bowler so moved. Scuteri seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

Carey entertained a motion that the Board was in favor of warrant article (2-15) for prior year remittance to Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Bowler so moved. Scuteri seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

Discussion on role of Finance Committee once Town manager is on board. Newly hired Michael Lombardo will be asked for a one-page document outlining how he plans to address this situation as Hamilton's Town manager. The Board of Selectmen will discuss this at their meeting on Monday night.

Discussion was on meals tax articles (4-3) and how some Town officials want the money brought into Town from the tax directed to downtown development. Restaurateurs have been invited to the Selectmen's April 12 meeting. Andover, Peabody, Beverly, Saugus, Medford, Melrose and Gloucester have adopted the meals tax. The Board believes the tax should be linked to a stabilization fund. Appropriations to and withdrawals from a stabilization fund need a two-thirds vote at Town Meeting. Carin Kale will do a presentation at Town Meeting.

Carey entertained a motion that the Board was in favor of warrant article (3-1) for off-street parking and loading area ratios. Bowler so moved. Scuteri seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

Carey entertained a motion that the Board was in favor of warrant articles (3-2, 3-3, and 3-4) for commercial overlay district, site plan review and wind energy conversion systems. Bowler so moved. Scuteri seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

Carey entertained a motion that the Board was in favor of warrant article (4-3) for senior property tax work-off program. Bowler so moved. Scuteri seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

Carey entertained a motion that the Board was in favor of warrant article (4-4) for stretch energy code. Bowler so moved. Scuteri seconded the motion. VOTE: 2 in favor. Bowler abstained.

Carey entertained a motion that the Board was in favor of warrant article (5-1) for release of easement of Chebacco Road. Bowler so moved. Scuteri seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

Carey entertained a motion that the Board was in favor of warrant article (5-3) for Town offices closed on Saturdays. Bowler so moved. Scuteri seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

Discussion on regional school budget and what percentage increase Hamilton and Wenham were in favor of for FY'11.

Carey entertained a motion that the Board was in favor of a 2.5% increase for the FY'11 school budget. Bowler so moved. Scuteri seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

Discussion was on clock that will be included on the PowerPoint presentation screen to manage the time and move the Annual Town Meeting along.

Carey entertained a motion to adjourn at 5:28 p.m. Bowler so moved. Scuteri seconded the motion. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by Jane Dooley, Minutes Secretary

ATTEST: _____
Clerk