

**TOWN OF HAMILTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MAY 3, 2010**

The Board of Selectmen met at the Hamilton Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 3, 2010 with David Carey, William Bowler and Jennifer Scuteri present. Town Moderator Bruce Ramsey, Finance Director Deborah Nippes-Mena, Finance Committee members, Town Manager Michael Lombardo and Town Administrator Candace Wheeler also present.

Annual Town Meeting Warrant Hearing

Annual Town Meeting warrant hearing was held and all articles reviewed. Discussion on no action to be taken on Article 5-4, HWRSD Stabilization Fund, because this did not pass at Wenham's annual town meeting. Town Moderator Bruce Ramsey outlined Town Meeting details including group consent motion, timing for presentations and discussion at ATM to keep the meeting moving on Saturday in an effort to complete all warrant articles by 1 p.m.

H-W Garden Club banner request

David Carey entertained a motion to allow the Hamilton-Wenham Garden Club to hang a banner at the former Hamilton Public Library building regarding its plant sale from May 3 to May 15. William Bowler so moved. Jennifer Scuteri seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

Sign Cemetery Deeds

Carey entertained a motion for the Selectmen to approve and sign cemetery deed #1054. Bowler so moved. Scuteri seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

Senior Property Tax Abatement legislation signed by governor

The governor has signed the Town's legislation for senior property tax abatement in Hamilton for income-qualified, asset-qualified seniors. Those seniors that qualify won't have to pay more than 10% of their gross income for property tax. At Town Meeting in the fall there will be a vote to put this on the election ballot in November. This could

make the property tax more progressive for qualified seniors. Town Manager Michael Lombardo will develop a plan pertaining to the steps that have to be taken.

Discussion on the bill that the Massachusetts Municipal Association has backed that could possibly give the Town the ability to stay with the Blue Cross Blue Shield healthcare insurance plan without collective bargaining.

Carey entertained a motion to go into executive session not to return to open session at 8:24 p.m. to discuss collective bargaining – Quinn bill. Bowler so moved. Scuteri seconded the motion. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by Jane Dooley, Minutes Secretary

ATTEST: _____
Clerk