

**TOWN OF HAMILTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
JUNE 14, 2010**

The Board of Selectmen met at the Hamilton Town Hall at 7:01 p.m. on Monday, June 14, 2010 with William Bowler, David Carey, Marc Johnson and Jeff Stinson present. Town Manager Michael Lombardo also present.

Officer Michael Marchand matter

Town Manager Michael Lombardo will be meeting with Town's attorneys relative to the Officer Michael Marchand matter and report to Board at upcoming open session.

Downtown Beautification Contest Winner

Planning Board Coordinator and Landscape Designer Marcie Ricker reported judging results for 25 businesses that participated in downtown beautification contest. Lombardo and Selectmen assisted Ricker with judging.

Ricker provided \$200 in prize money for winner. First prize was given to 15 Walnut and Mary Beth's. Ricker read list of categories participants were recognized for as part of beautification contest. This list will be posted on the Town's website.

Selectman David Carey and Ricker have ideas for beautifying the downtown that would be funded by meals tax.

Warrant Hearing

The Special Town Meeting warrant for Monday, June 21 has been posted. There will only be one warrant article on an appropriation for the operational audit.

Lombardo is working on draft RFP that will be finalized and sent to Selectmen for review tomorrow in preparation for a joint meeting with Wenham selectmen. The RFP asks vendors to supply a final report by November 1.

Hamilton will be lead town on project and appropriate a maximum of \$90,000. Wenham will reimburse Hamilton its share or 32% according to regional school agreement and a three-year rolling average for enrollment.

Accept resignation of Marc Johnson from Planning Board

Marc Johnson has resigned from Planning Board after serving seven years. Until a new member can be voted in at a Town election to serve in Johnson's stead, Planning Board and Selectmen can jointly vote to appoint someone. Anyone interested in serving should contact Assistant Town Administrator Chris Lindberg or Planning Board Coordinator Marcie Ricker.

Request from Sundays in Patton Park to hang banner at Old Library

William Bowler entertained a motion to approve the request to hang the Sundays in Patton Park banner (12' x 3' to announce free concerts) from June 15, 2010 through August 8, 2010. David Carey so moved. Jeff Stinson seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

Discuss Bids received for sale of Old Ambulance

Discussion was on Town's decision to provide ambulance service through a private firm. Four bids received in response to RFP to dispose of surplus old ambulance. It is difficult to identify market rate for specialized vehicle although it could be worth as much as \$10,000. The vehicle was advertised broadly and Town officials thought it best to dispose of it now.

Bowler entertained a motion to accept the high bid of \$5,100 from G.H. Ricker, Inc. for the surplus ambulance. Carey so moved. Stinson seconded the motion. (The next highest bid was \$4,600). VOTE: 3 in favor. Bowler recused himself because he has done legal work for the high bidder.

Lombardo mentioned that July 24 is the first Saturday available to schedule a retreat.

Bowler entertained a motion at 7:39 p.m. to go into executive session not to return to open session to discuss contract negotiations. Carey so moved. Johnson seconded the motion. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by Jane Dooley, Minutes Secretary

ATTEST: _____
Clerk