

**TOWN OF HAMILTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MARCH 22, 2010**

The Board of Selectmen met at the Hamilton Town Hall at 7:02 p.m. on Monday, March 22, 2010 with David Carey, William Bowler and Jennifer Scuteri present. Finance Director Deborah Nippes-Mena, Planning Board member Marc Johnson and Town Administrator Candace Wheeler also present.

Discussion of future role of Capital Management Committee

Board discussed possibility of a joint public works department for Hamilton and Wenham. This will be discussed further and voted on during the joint meeting with the Wenham selectmen on Thursday, March 25.

Confirm agreement for Energy/Green Communities Coordinator – Sue Patroliia

David Carey entertained a motion to authorize Town Administrator Candace Wheeler to sign the contract with Sue Patroliia for the sustainability coordinator agreement and the amount is not to exceed \$5,022.72. William Bowler so moved. Jennifer Scuteri seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous. Wenham signed a parallel contract for \$4,999.00.

Shared legal expenses with Wenham to comply with Green Communities Act

Attorney Mark Bobrowski will help Hamilton and Wenham separately to comply with requirements of the Green Communities Act. Carey entertained a motion to authorize the expenditure of \$2,500 for a specialist attorney, Mark Bobrowski, to assist the Town in drafting a modification to the by-law to allow renewable energy consistent with the Green Communities Act. Bowler so moved. Scuteri seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

Approve Recognition Gift Account

Proposal came from Finance Director Deborah Nippes-Mena to create a recognition gift account where donations could be used in situations such as sending flowers. No tax dollars would be used in the account. Carey entertained a motion to set up a gift

account as described by Nippes-Mena. Bowler so moved. Scuteri seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

Discuss minutes to be approved

Selectmen agreed to get caught up on minutes approval.

Sign contracts for water treatment plant

Town Counsel Donna Brewer will look at the contracts and Board will sign Thursday.

Sign cemetery deeds

Carey entertained a motion to sign cemetery deed #1051. Bowler so moved. Scuteri seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

Annual Town Meeting Warrant

There will be a discussion on the Community Preservation Act at the Board's meeting on March 29; a placeholder will be included in the Town Meeting warrant. Discussion was on a citizens' petition proposal for an operational audit amendment related to the regional schools. Attorneys for the two towns and schools will confer.

Request for emergency fund transfer for water

Carey entertained a motion to make three transfers: \$4,717.99, \$9,373.50 and \$10,700 and authorize the chairman to sign. Bowler so moved. Scuteri seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

Notice of sale of ambulance

The notice of sale of ambulance has been completed.

Volunteer recognition

The Town has two weeks to gather suggestions on volunteers to be nominated as part of the Community House awards.

COA van

The new Council on Aging van is operational.

\$35,000 feasibility study

Developer Dennis Dyer said \$35,000 in grant money is available to towns similar to Hamilton to study the feasibility of affordable housing projects. Dyer will send information to the Board.

Carey entertained a motion to go into executive session at 7:45 p.m. not to return to open session for the purpose of discussing litigation, collective bargaining and non-union negotiations. Bowler so moved. Scuteri seconded the motion. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by Jane Dooley, Minutes Secretary

ATTEST: _____
Clerk