

Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Saturday, February 2, 2008
12:15pm Town Hall

Chairman Jan Stuart called the meeting to order at 12:20pm

Present: Chr. Stuart, Selectman Jack O'Reilly, Selectman Cosmas Iocovozzi, Administrative Assistant Beatrice Marconi

Warrant Article/Ballot for Town Treasurer Term -The Board spoke of putting a Warrant Article on this year for the Treasurer to go from a 1 year term to a 3 year term. It was the general consensus that last minute warrant articles are difficult to ensure they are presented correctly. It would have to either be a ballot for the election or a special WA with vote. No action for 2008, however would consider it for 2009.

Meeting House Grant – Chr Stuart was concerned about the stipulations that could be placed on the land should we accept the LCHP Grant. Whereas all the Town property was conjoined in that area and known as a single parcel, definition of the 'lot' could be a point of concern. Jack will talk to Peter Loughlin (Town Counsel) and a sample copy of the restrictions will be retrieved from Gail Pare.

Ballot Clerk Request for Additional Compensation – In a letter dated January 30 from Rhonda Baker-Hill, she asks the Selectmen to consider an additional compensation of \$ 10.00 per/hr on top of the stipend because of the mandates the State has placed on the Ballot Clerks with time limitations attached. To help the Ballot Clerks, the Board has purchased an additional pen scanner and set up an additional lap top with anticipation of getting the auditorium set up for a direct wireless connection prior to the election in an effort to strengthen the signal. Selectman Iocovozzi wondered if the position should just be at an hourly rate vs. stipend. Selectman O'Reilly felt perhaps this should be a warrant article, however the timing is very late in the process. The Selectmen wondered how many people in all it would effect as there are 3 ballot clerks but the letter only referred to work of two. In summary, the Board had questions and felt it was better to meet with them and discuss the process before rushing into any increases without knowing all the information. It was suggested that any increase for 2008 should come from the floor and for 2009, the Selectmen would welcome a meeting with them.

Warrant Article SCBA revote – Because the SCBA units will be purchased this year, *Selectman O'Reilly moved to delete the Warrant Article funding the units and to place the request for funds under cap out lay in the amount of \$30,000. Selectman Iocovozzi seconded. Motion passed 3-0.*

Historical District Appointment – *Selectman O'Reilly moved to appoint Albert S. Hislop to the Historical District Commission. Selectman Iocovozzi seconded. Motion passed 3-0.*
Term to expire April 2009.

Selectman O'Reilly moved to adjourn at 12:45. Selectman Iocovozzi seconded. Motion passed 3-0

Respectively Submitted,

Beatrice Marconi – Administrative Assistant - Newington