

Board of Selectmen  
Meeting Minutes  
February 26, 2015

Present: David Fullerton, Chairman; Alan Urquhart, Selectman; Laura Buono, Town Administrator.

Chairman Fullerton opened the meeting at 6:39 p.m. and asked for all in attendance to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

In Attendance: Russ Galpin, John Segedy.

**1. OPEN SESSION**

There was no public comment.

**2. APPOINTMENTS**

*Russ Galpin, Moderator* – Mr. Galpin met with the Selectmen to review information about Town Meeting such as the audio system and warrant article discussion. Mr. Galpin also informed the Board that Doug Hatfield would be standing in for him as Moderator during discussion on Article 35 since Mr. Galpin wanted to speak on it. Selectman Urquhart stated that he is planning on making a motion to move Article 36 up in order to get that discussion out of the way early in the evening.

**3. SELECTMEN BUSINESS**

*Town Meeting Preparation* – Ms. Buono briefly went over what information the Selectmen will have in front of them for Town Meeting. The Selectmen chose which warrant articles they wanted to “move” at the meeting as well as speak on if questions were asked. The Board will have a meeting before Town Meeting @ 6:30 in order to do the Consent Agenda and Manifest.

**4. MANIFEST MOTION**

Chairman Fullerton moved to authorize the Selectmen to sign manifests and order the Treasurer to sign Payroll Check numbers 8152 - 82161 a/k/a Vouchers 8 & 9 in the amount of \$164,821.10 (includes 126 direct deposit stubs) and Accounts Payable Check numbers 11380 - 11491 a/k/a Vouchers 9, 10 & 11 in the amount of \$498,347.48. Motion was seconded by Selectman Urquhart. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

\*\* A/P checks include payments to Hillsborough Water & Sewer Department for liens in the amount of \$233,445.20.

## **5. CONSENT AGENDA**

Chairman Fullerton moved to approve the Consent Agenda for February 12, 2015. Motion was seconded by Selectman Urquhart. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

- Fire Abatement – KLG Development in the amount of \$542.11
- Tax Collector Deeds – Map 13 Lot 145 & Map 13 Lot 120
- Intent to Cut – Map 1 Lot 56
- Elderly & Disabled Exemptions – Map 7 Lot 18; Map 12 Lot 83; Map 13 Lot 86; Map 14 Lot 556; Map 6 Lot 91

## **6. PUBLIC HEARING**

Chairman Fullerton opened the Public Hearing at 7:05 p.m. for the purpose of hearing public testimony on the petitioned warrant Article 7 to change the Board of Selectmen from 3 members to 5. There was no public present at the start of the hearing since Mr. Galpin had exited the meeting after his discussion with the Board.

Ms. Buono mentioned that John Segedy is the petitioner and although he said he would be at the hearing tonight, he was not present yet. Ms. Buono said state law requires a public hearing be held for such an article and reminded the Selectmen that the article is a ballot article. (Mr. Segedy entered the meeting at this time). Chairman Fullerton said considering the difficulty in getting volunteers, he doesn't see how increasing the number of Selectmen is going to work out. Said it was done a number of years ago and it's usually because someone has an agenda.

Chairman Fullerton recognized Mr. Segedy to speak on his petition. Mr. Segedy said his purpose is that because for many years, there have been acrimonious dealings on the various Boards of Selectmen and those have usually had to do with one or two people being able to control things and it only takes one other one who maybe doesn't care to have things go not well. Mr. Segedy feels by having more Selectmen it would promote a better town. Chairman Fullerton said he has seen five members work well sometimes and other times it doesn't. Mr. Segedy feels there will never be a lack of people who want to run for Selectmen. Selectman Urquhart spoke about his research on the average age of volunteers in Hillsborough and the population which show there are fewer middle aged people who volunteer and run for office. Volunteerism was discussed in length as well as the lack of people who run for the Board of Selectmen. Ms. Buono said it's pretty common in various communities where the volunteer base is low due to various reasons. Hillsborough town boards and committee vacancies were also discussed. Ms. Buono said she has served on a five member Board of Selectmen and has also worked for five member boards. Sometimes it works very well and that is usually in larger communities that have more committees where they need more ex-officios. Ms. Buono does not feel that Hillsborough has a necessity for an increased Board of Selectmen at this time.

Chairman Fullerton closed the public hearing at 7:34 p.m.

## **7. ADJOURNMENT**

Selectman Urquhart moved to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. Motion was seconded by Chairman Fullerton. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

A true record.

Laura Buono  
Town Administrator

Approved by:  
Hillsborough Board of Selectmen

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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David N. Fullerton, Chairman

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Wendy Brien-Baker, Selectman

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Alan Urquhart, Selectman