

The special meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Monday, May 1, 2006 at the Town Office Building.

**Present for the Board:** Maurice Y. Bisson, Wayne Stoddard and Timothy Huchthausen.

**Staff and Others Present:** Marti Squires, Recording Secretary.

The First Selectman called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**Item 1: *Audience for Citizens***

1.1 Margaret Haraghey questioned the status of the audit. Selectman Bisson informed her that a 15 day extension was signed so that it still has not been completed.

1.2 Dan Meade stated that the Board of Selectmen should consider a referendum to elect a Board of Education member. Discussion ensued. The First Selectman stated that they would consider this and look into laws and regulations.

**Item 2: *Board of Education Liaison Report***

2.1 **HES Board of Ed** – Gordon Hansen stated that they have a budget and that copies would be available for distribution. The next regular Board of Ed meeting is on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

2.2 **District 11 Board** - *None*

**Item 3: *Negotiation Update***

3.1 First Selectman Bisson reported that at the last meeting, it was decided that they stand firm to keep the teachers from D11 but nothing has been heard from Brooklyn.

**Item 4: *Approval of Minutes***

4.1 Selectman Stoddard requested to change item 1.1 the last sentence to read “Selectman Stoddard stated ....should be aware that no matter who ever got caught, even if one of the Selectmen or anyone, ...”

4.2 First Selectman Bisson stated that item 12.1 should be changed to read “Ms. Freeman is requesting that the additional \$3 (from \$4) fee received by the Town Clerk...”

**Motion:** Selectman Stoddard made a motion to approve the April 3<sup>rd</sup> minutes as amended and to approve the April 6<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> minutes as written. Seconded by Selectman Huchthausen. Unanimously carried.

**Item 5: *Review Financial Report***

5.1 Financial report was reviewed.

**Item 6: *Additions to Agenda – None (error on agenda)***

**Item 7: *Tax Collector Report***

7.1 Harry Baum, Tax Collector reported that during April \$41,317.25 was collected and deposited. This brings the collections on the 2004 grand list to over \$3.3 million, representing a 98.25% collection rate. Tax Collector Baum further stated that \$56,864.98 was collected in prior year’s taxes and \$63,054.51 in interest and penalties with a grand total of \$3,427,752.57.

7.2 **Tax Refunds** – *None*

**Item 8: *Appointments***

**8.1** First Selectman Bisson reported that Michael Chapel wanted to withdraw from the Scotland Withdrawal Committee. One of the Selectman should fill this position.

**Motion:** Selectman Huchthausen made a motion to appoint Selectman Stoddard to the Scotland Withdrawal Committee. Seconded by Selectman Stoddard. Unanimously carried.

**Item 9: *Committee Reports***

Minutes of the Conservation Committee for April 18th; Central Office Committee for March 22nd and 27th; District 11 BOE for April 11th; District 11 and Central Office Committee for March 27th; Hampton Elementary School BOE for March 30th and April 18th; Inland Wetland and Watercourses Commission for April 10th were reviewed.

(First Selectman Bisson noted that on the minutes for Central Office Committee for March 27th, under item 4 the motion stated Yes for K. Donahue and also No for K. Donahue. He felt that it was just a typographical error.)

**Item 10: *Old Business***

**10.1 *Discuss Town Truck Purchase*** – First Selectman Bisson reported that prices were received from Peterbilt for over \$105,000; for Sterling of over \$39,000 and an International for over \$58,000. First Selectman Bisson further stated that there had been a number of problems with Sterling therefore, will check with DOT that has this brand to see if these problems have been resolved. This will be looked into further prior to making a purchase.

**Item 11: *New Business***

**11.1 *Vote on D11 Budget to go to Referendum vote***

**Motion:** Selectman Stoddard made a motion for the D11 Budget to go to Referendum on May 2nd. Seconded by Selectman Huchthausen. Unanimously carried.

**11.2 *Set Town Meeting and Vote on Referendum***

**Motion:** Selectman Stoddard made a motion for the Town Meeting to be on May 15th and for a Referendum Vote on May 16th. Seconded by Selectman Huchthausen. Unanimously carried.

**Item 12: *Communications***

**12.1** First Selectman Bisson reported that he had a meeting with Yankee Gas and learned of a possible program that we could be involved in. Further information will be looked into prior to making a decision.

**Item 13: *Audience for Citizens***

**13.1** Rose Bisson stated that according to statutes that the BOE was supposed to submit their budget two months prior to the referendum. Discussion ensued.

**13.2** Robert Burgoyne asked when the budget would be final so that citizens could look at it prior to the town meeting. First Selectman Bisson stated that it would be available by Thursday.

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There being no further business to come before the Board, Selectman Stoddard moved to adjourn at 6: 10 p.m.; seconded by Selectman Huchthausen, unanimously approved.

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Marti Squires*

*Recording Secretary*