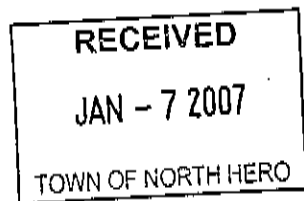


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**North Hero Selectboard
Special Meeting 6:30 P.M.
at North Hero School
December 19, 2007**



**In Attendance: Selectboard: Skip Dorwaldt, Joe Poquette,
Jim Martin and Marie Kilbride
Note: absent: Jeff Potvin
Clerk: Jo-Ann Tier
Attorney: Paul Gillies
Guest: Paula Knight (she did not sign
Guest List**

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

**Meeting was called to order by Chair Skip Dorwardit
at 6:30 P.M.**

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**Read by Chair:
The North Hero Selectboard will meet in a special meeting at 6:30 P.M.
at the North Hero Elementary School.**

**The agenda shall involve discussion of various issues with the Town
Attorney, including matters relating to the authority of the Selectboard,
location of the town office, personnel, and town meeting.**

**Some of the meeting may be held in Executive Session, if the Board so
approves.**

Date: Tuesday, December 18, 2007 8:30 A.M.

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DISCUSSIONS:

**Cemetery
Skip asked... "Can a new cemetery be opened without a fence".
Ans. With a plan in place it should not be a problem.**

Various types of fencing were referenced.

**Brief discussion took place on the publication "Digging Deep"
by Deborah L. Markowitz.**

Lease for School Space

- **The Joint Meeting with the Board (s) was reviewed.
It was noted that both Boards seem to be in favor
and no one on the Board has heard of any opposition.
Attorney Paul Gillies asked guest attending (Paula Knight)
If she heard of any opposition... Reply .. she has heard of no
one opposing the move.**
- **No article is needed to have this done**
- **Title 24 Section 872 was referenced by Attorney Gillies.**
- **Suggestion was to have a section in the Town Report
sharing with the public i.e. " great gratitude to Jack and Ruth
Miller and that the stay was longer than expected and the Town
must move on... etc "**
- **Monies currently being given the North Hero
School District for space used at the school was reviewed
= \$20,000.00
..2007-2008 rental fee (Millers) around = \$16,000.00
Note: Reference Town Report – pages 35 and 38
It was suggested that this information could be a part of the
information shared in the Town Report. Also, could be shared
at the informational meeting with the public prior to March 4th.**
- **5 – 7 year lease is something that the Board would like
to explore with an interest to stay - if advisable.**
- **Line item in the budget for transition... i.e. moving, shelving,
tables, etc. Town Clerk, Listers, etc. could be a part for
building the budget line item. This information to be shared
at the informational meeting.**
- **Vault - to be put in... vault can't be built over a waterline
or septic area....**
- **In moving – – don't bring mold with you!**
- **Space being discussed is 1800 feet.**
- **Architect with municipal experience to be involved
with the project.**
- **Attorney Paul Gillies will immediately start on working
on a lease for Selectboard to review**

**Notes: minutes from the School Board and Selectboard Meeting
held on December 19th were distributed.**

Surplus Monies

**Surplus monies over the years – invested by the Town Clerk.
It was noted that having surplus monies can be risky for any Board.
The School Board has questioned surplus monies... questioned -
who gets the money? It is Town money until it is put into the school
account?**

Question was asked

- **what it a joint decision by the Selectboard and
Town Clerk to invest the money?**
- **Does the Town have a “Capital” Budget?**
- **Does the Town have a “Capital Plan”?**

**Compliments were given to Town Clerk Ruth Miller for her
hard work in getting tax monies due and the investments she
has done.**

County Budget

Budget... request for monies... could it not be all in one budget?

Ans. yes.

**County budget meeting for December 27th was referenced.
Skip and Marie to attend this meeting.**

Highway Tax

Discussion

**Joe Poquette to chat with St. Albans on the issue of highway tax
and report back to the Board.**

Ancient Roads

Attorney Gillies asked if we did get a grant? Ans. No.

**It was noted that Marie Kilbride volunteered to work on this project.
Attorney reviewed that Town Meeting records should be reviewed and
that the Town should have a “Road” book – with all roads listed and
changes that have occurred.**

**Attorney Gillies informed Marie that he would like to work with her in
reviewing Town Meeting records, photo copy what is needed for the
referenced road book that should be put into place.**

Attorney Gillies also advised the Board to “never” give-up a road.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Jim Martin made a motion for the Board to recess this meeting and to go into Executive Session due to personnel and related issues. This motion was seconded by Marie Kilbride... hearing no further discussion... this motion was carried 4-0.

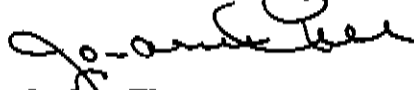
Note: the following were in Executive Session: Attorney Paul Gilles, Skip Dorwaldt, Joe Poquette, Jim Martin and Marie Kilbride.

Jim Martin made a motion to come out of Executive Session and to reconvene the meeting with no action to be taken. This motion was seconded by Marie Kilbride.. hearing no further discussion – this motion was carried 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Jim Martin made a motion to adjourn this meeting and this motion was seconded by Marie Kilbride.. hearing no further discussion.. this motion was carried 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jo Ann Tier

**C: Board: Skip, Joe, Marie, Jim and Jeff
Town Clerk
File**