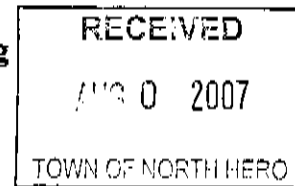


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North Hero Selectboard Special Meeting
at North Hero School
Thursday, July 05, 2007
7:00 P.M.



In Attendance: Selectboard: Joe Poquette, Walter Page, Jeff Potvin,
Marie Kilbride and Jim Martin
Secretary/Clerk Jo-Ann Tier
Guest List: Paul Cheeseman, P. Knight, Mike Sullivan
Tracy Giroux, Eileen Mitchell, Jim Giroux,
Lou Dorwaldt, M. Christina, Shelly St. Hilaire
Mario Guerrina, Jennifer Gariety and Lisa Zotto
Town Clerk: Ruth Miller

Call Meeting to Order

Chair Joe Poquette called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M.

Approval of Minutes for June 18, 2007

Chair asked for a motion for approval of the minutes for June 18, 2007.

Ruth Miller asked to comment on page 4 ... re: letters from Angela Champagne.... Ruth shared she had received no communication. Marie Kilbride stated she would be in touch with Angela Champagne and thanked Ruth for bringing this to the attention of the Board.

Marie Kilbride made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Motion was seconded by Jim Martin.. hearing no further discussion .. motion was carried 5-0.

Chair Joe Poquette asked that the minutes reflect that the July 02, 2007 meeting was canceled due to the request of Walter Page because he would be out of town and wanted to be present at the next Selectboard meeting due to the agenda items to be discussed. It was a vote of the Selectboard to cancel said meeting.

Recognition of Visitors and Public Comments

- Lou Dorwaldt asked that the Cemetery Commission be placed on the next scheduled Selectboard Meeting. They wish to present Lorraine Dubuque with a plaque.

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Reports

Independent Audit

Discussion

Board asked Ruth Miller for her recommendation.....

Discussion...

Walter noted that Sullivan and Powers are very familiar with the system.

Walter Page made a motion that Sullivan and Powers be hired for the independent audit.. this motion was seconded by Marie Kilbride... hearing no further discussion.. this motion was carried 5-0.

3% increase across the board

Discussion

Walter Page made a motion that effective July 2007 municipal employees receive the 3% across the board increase. This motion was seconded by Marie Kilbride.. hearing no further discussion... this motion was carried 5-0.

Board Discussion

Moving to North Hero School

Chair Joe Poquette spoke about the positive feedback from the Town's people on the school being used for the Town Clerk's Office.

Selectboard shared with the School Board that they are very interested in talking more with them about this.

Paul Cheeseman suggested that the School Board select two people and the Board of Select do the same to work under the direction of George Nelson.

School Board will have this on their agenda for their July 11th Meeting. Joe is in hopes that as a headstart the determination will be done if this in anyway will affect the cost per student tax, etc.

Joe Poquette stated that he spoke with John Lambert on what has to be done zoning wise. John Lambert will be looking into this and report back to the Board.

Walter Page cautioned that we must not think of this as the final site and that there could be other alternatives that Board members could have in mind and that they should be explored.

The Selectboard shared they would be looking for 1800 feet if they were to rent.

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Board Action

Approval of Bills for Payment

Warrant dated: June 30, 2007 signed by all five (5) Selectboard in the amount of - \$9,046.24.

Note: copy of said warrant attached to all minutes.

Setting of the Tax Rate

Memo To Selectboard Members from Marie Kilbride was distributed.

Discussion took place on what the Town tax rate would be.

Walter reviewed the data he reviewed at the Town Clerk's Office.

At this time - Ruth referenced the investments that she continues to be doing for the Town.

Chair Joe Poquette complimented Ruth for the investments she has made on behalf of the Town and Water Department.

Mario Guerrina asked for an explanation if the school money is invested also. Ruth explained that the money is invested, by the Town, and it is not separated out. Paul Cheeseman shared that this area of concern will be addressed at another meeting.

Walter Page made a motion that the Town Tax Rate be set at \$0.2478. This motion was seconded by Jeff Potvin.. hearing no further discussion.. this motion was carried.

Limited Warranty Deed

Attorney Paul Gilles faxed to Joe Poquette a copy of the limited warranty deed that he did today. He has been in touch with the North Hero Historical Society attorney, also.

Walter Page, who is the Agent, voted by the Selectboard stated he wanted to read this document received to make sure that each Selectboard member did not feel something was missing.

Paul Gillies will be called tomorrow - to make sure that he has all the that he needs to proceed forward.

Joe Poquette made a motion that the limited warrant deed be accepted as read... this motion being seconded by Marie Kilbride.. hearing no further discussion.. this motion was carried 5-0.

Marie Kilbride volunteered to keep the public informed through THE ISLANDER of what was happening.

Board gave Marie the go and thanked her for offering to do this.

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Correspondence and Sharing

Public Hearing – Northwest Regional Planning Commission

Chair Joe Poquette asked that the minutes reflect acknowledgement of the recent communication to the Board from the Northwest Regional Planning Commission. Re: Public Hearing – Wednesday, July 25, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. 155 Lake Street St. Albans.

Photo copies of said communication given to each Board of Select.

Executive Session

Jeff Potvin made a motion that the Board of Select recess this meeting and go into Executive Session at 8:17 P.M. for personnel matters. This motion was seconded by Marie Kilbride and hearing no further discussion this motion was carried 5-0.

Jeff Potvin made a motion to come out of Executive Session and to reconvene the meeting. This was seconded by Jim Martin.. and hearing no further discussion.. this motion was carried 5-0.

Walter Page moved that the Board have Paul Gilles further investigate the matter under discussion for the Zoning Administrator and report back. This was seconded by Marie Kilbride.. hearing no further discussion.. this motion was carried 5 – 0.

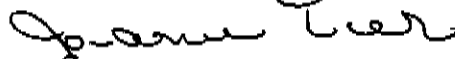
Walter Page moved that the decisions/discussions be in the arena of the Board of Adjustment and the Planning Commission as a first go around. This was seconded by Jeff Potvin... hearing no further discussion.. this motion was carried.

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Adjournment

Jim Martin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. This was seconded by Jeff Potvin.. hearing no further discussion.. this motion was carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,


Jo-Ann Tier

**C: Board of Select
Attorney Paul Gillies
Town Clerk
File**