

1. Convene the meeting

Chairman Ingram convened the Board at 7:02 p.m. in the Nowak Room. Also present: Robert Eastman, Bill Campbell, and Town Manager Russell Dean. Selectman Pace and Selectman Binette were not present for the meeting. Chairman Ingram introduced the Board members and the Town Manager.

2. Minutes of the Board of Selectmen's Meeting of March 6, 2006

Mr. Eastman moved to waive the reading of the minutes and accept as presented, seconded by Mr. Campbell. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

3. Election Results and Swearing in of New Officials

The Chairman read the election results from the Town Warrant. Selectman Pace won re-election with 2063 votes. Amy-Beth Swiezynski won re-election to Trustee of Trust Funds. Joan Smart was elected as Trustee of the Robinson Fund. Charlie Tucker won re-election as Town Moderator. Mike LaPerle won election as Swasey Parkway Trustee. Winifred Bernard was elected Supervisor of the Checklist. Three Library Trustees were elected, Peter Aten, Gwen Kenney, and Mary Lafreniere. Chairman Ingram then introduced Town Clerk Linda Hartson, who was present to swear in the winners from the recent election. Ms. Hartson mentioned that not all winners were able to be present and therefore those individuals would be sworn in at the Town Office during regular business hours. The following officials were sworn in: Mike LaPerle, Swasey Parkway Trustee, Joan Smart, Trustee of the Robinson Fund. Peter Aten, new Library Trustee then arrived and was also sworn in by Ms. Hartson.

4. Town Manager's Report

The Town Manager reported that 37 of the 40 articles passed the Town ballot, including the budget being adopted. This means there is a lot of work and he and the staff have been in planning meetings getting ready to implement the warrant. The Town Manager indicated the Town's auditor, Sanderson & Plodzick would be present on March 27th to begin the Town audit. The Great Bay Estuary Commission charrette would be held this Saturday at the Co-op Middle School in Stratham. In addition, there is a public meeting on Thursday night at the Sandy Point Center off Depot Road in Stratham for those more interested in the issues. Mr. Dean reminded residents there were many openings on Boards, Committees, and Commissions in the Town and encourage people to apply. People can call the Town Office if they need more information. Senate Bills 231 and 241 have passed. SB231 eliminates the residency requirements for elderly exemptions, and SB241 excludes certain retirement assets from the calculations for elderly exemptions. Mr. Dean also mentioned an email of opposition written to state legislators over HB1236, a bill that would require public advertisement prior to any expenditure of public funds on 'lobbying.' Mr. Dean said all were concerned at NHMA about the broad definition of lobbying and the bill may create a 28-A issue. Minor discussion ensued about the definitions contained in the legislation.

5. Selectmen's Committee Reports

There were no reports. Chairman Ingram noted the turnout at the polls of thirty percent of registered voters and said this was not bad, but not really that good either. Mr. Eastman thanked the poll workers who were busy during most of the Town election, there were a steady stream of voters over the course of the day.

6. Public Comment

Chairman Ingram asked for public comment. There was none.

7. Adjourn

Mr. Eastman moved to adjourn, seconded by Selectman Campbell. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Russell Dean
Town Manager