

April 6, 2010

Wenham Board of Selectmen
Meeting of Thursday, March 25, 2010
Town Hall, 138 Main Street

7:00 PM - With a quorum present, Mr. Swart opened the Wenham Board of Selectmen meeting. David Carey opened the Hamilton Board of Selectmen meeting.

Present:

Hamilton Selectmen David Carey, Chair; Jennifer Scuteri, William Bowler; Town Administrator Candace Wheeler

Wenham Selectmen Lawrence Swartz, John Clemenzi, Harriet Davis; Town Administrator, Jeff Chelgren

Abbreviations used:

BOS – Board of Selectmen

H/W – Hamilton / Wenham

Mr. Chelgren explained that the Capital Management Committee, a joint committee of Hamilton and Wenham asked the Selectmen to allow this presentation of the Stretch Energy Code, one of five criteria the towns need to adopt to be classified as a Green Community to make the towns available for annual grants between \$50, 00- \$200,000 (each).

Sue Patroia, consultant was present and reviewed the five criteria

1. Adopt as of right siting in designated location for potential renewable alternative energy generation
2. Adopt an expedited (1 year) permitting process
3. Establish an energy use baseline inventory and program to reduce baseline by 20% in 5 years
4. Purchase only fuel efficient vehicles (non exempt)
5. Adopt Stretch Energy Code for Residential and Commercial Building.

The Towns have received grants to have experts help with the Green Process.

Present: Consultant Mike Berry from ICF, Energy Stretch Code expert.

Mr. Berry gave a PowerPoint presentation overview of the Stretch Energy Code as it relates to new construction and renovations excluding historic properties. He indicated that it would become the law of the land in a few years anyway.

Mr. Berry answered questions from the audience.

Mr. Chelgren noted that there are articles on the warrants to allow selectmen to proceed to adopt the stretch code.

A discussion followed about the Capital Management Committee's request that it be allowed to explore shared services in the Hamilton and Wenham DPW departments and perhaps even the school properties, noting the towns and schools maintain properties, landscape areas, roads and parking lots. The State DOR merger study showed only marginal savings. Ms. Davis said it was premature to start such a study given the impending arrival of a new town manager in Hamilton and the ongoing search for a new school superintendent as the landscaping is changing, and the study should wait until the new players are in place. It was agreed to let the study proceed at a general level only.

8:41pm The Hamilton Selectmen left to reconvene at the Hamilton Town Hall.

The Wenham Selectmen took a five minute recess.

Mr. Chelgren began discussion regarding the Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles. He said the town is working with the attorneys regarding the liquor license Legislative Petition to clarify what it the town is trying to accomplish.

Mr. Chelgren said that if the current petition cannot be modified, then the article seeks authorization for a legislative petition to remove the four restaurant licenses and create one package store license, with limited hours, and retain the 10 one day liquor licenses.

The Selectmen agreed on wording of the license.

Mr. Chelgren reviewed the Warrant Articles. A brief explanation of the articles and discussion was as needed.

Article 1: Election of Town Officers

Article 2: Budget Appropriations

Article 3: Cemetery and Other Trust Funds

Article 4: Road Work -Chpt 90 Funding

Article 5: Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds

Ms. Davis made a motion to recommend favorable action on Articles 3, 4, & 5. Mr. Clemenzi seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Article 6: Community Preservation Act Appropriations

Ms. Davis made a motion to recommend favorable action on Article 6. Mr. Clemenzi seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Article 7: Debt Exclusion (DPW Dump truck w/ sander & Plow)

HOLD

Article 8 - Leveling Tax Rate

Ms. Davis made a motion to recommend favorable action on Article 8 with the amount of money to be in the motion at town meeting. Mr. Clemenzi seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Article 9: Land Sale and Easement - 125 Pleasant Street

Ms. Davis made a motion to recommend favorable action on Article 9. Mr. Clemenzi seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Article 10: Authorization to Bond ESCo Funding

The Board discussed the working of this article in detail as related to the bookkeeping with Hamilton.

HOLD

Article 11: Authorization to Establish OPEB Stabilization Fund - WBOS

Ms. Davis made a motion to recommend favorable action on Article 11. Mr. Clemenzi seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Article 12: Liquor License Amendment - Wine and Malt Beverage - Legislative Petition

Ms. Davis made a motion to recommend favorable action on Article 12. Mr. Clemenzi seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Article 13: Regional School District Agreement Amendments - Regional School District

HOLD

Article 14: Regional School District Agreement Amendments - Citizen Petition.

The Petition was submitted appropriately; Town Counsel is reviewing the motion with the petitioners; the wording is not available at this time.

Article 15: Authorization to Establish Stabilization Fund – Regional School District
HOLD

Mr. Chelgren explained that Articles 16, 17, & 18 are all regarding the Green Community and must all be accepted or not and have been combined into one article – Article 16

Article 16: Zoning Ordinance Amendments; By-Law Amendments; Authorize Selectmen to Adopt Stretch Code

HOLD: The Board has not received the draft bylaw amendments.

Article 17: To Act on Any Other Business That May Legally Come Before This Meeting

Mr. Chelgren reminded the Selectmen that April 5th is the print date.

Article 7 has a ballot vote attached to it; Mr. Chelgren requested the BOS make a decision by March 31, 2010 when they sign the warrant.

9:21 PM Ms. Davis made a motion to adjourn and it was unanimous to do so.

Respectfully submitted by
Catherine Tinsley