

**Town of New Hartford  
Board of Selectmen  
Special Meeting  
Wednesday, February 16, 2011**

**Present:** First Selectman Dan Jerram, Selectman Bruce Gresczyk, Administrative Assistant Christine Hayward, New Hartford Plus Reporter Maria Moore

**Absent:** Selectman Tom Klebart

First Selectman Jerram called the meeting to order at 9:04 AM.

**Modify Agenda of Special Town Meeting - set new agenda for publication:**

First Selectman Jerram noted that the agenda that was previously agreed upon for the Special Town Meeting to be held on March 1, 2011 would need to be modified. The sale of a parcel of land to M/M Vaskalis (formally agreed to as Item Number 1 on the agenda) will be removed from the Call of the Meeting.

Mr. Jerram explained that the Planning and Zoning Commission had denied the 8-24 approval presented to them for consideration regarding this transaction. Mr. Jerram had attended the Planning and Zoning meeting where the P&Z expressed concerns regarding possibly eliminating the potential for a hiking/biking trail to be constructed within this area if the sale of this parcel occurred. Mr. Jerram noted that the Land Use Administrator explained to the P&Z that the Plan of Conservation and Development does not include plans for any trail in this area and that, therefore this request to purchase that parcel of land was not in conflict with the approved Plan of Conservation and Development. Regardless of this information, the P&Z did not view favorably on the matter.

Selectman Gresczyk commented that he is familiar with the area in question and he wonders how a trail could even be considered as a possibility for this location due to the topographical challenges presented for handicapped accessibility. He noted that there would be considerable expense incurred for such a trail to exist. Gresczyk asked if the Town Attorney had made a recommendation regarding the potential sale. Jerram replied that the Town Attorney will not make recommendations regarding the sale of town owned property as that is a decision that should be made by the residents at a Town Meeting. Jerram noted that when this potential sale of property was brought before the Board of Selectmen as the first step in the approval process, the Selectmen also felt that the residents of the town would be the ultimate decision makers in the matter.

The First Selectman stated that Mr. Vaskalis had requested that his request to purchase this parcel be taken off the agenda at this time. He has stated that he will revisit this request, but at a later date.

Administrative Assistant Hayward noted, for the record, that she had personally spoken with Selectman Klebart and had informed him that Mr. Vaskalis had requested that his request to purchase town owned property be taken off the agenda of the Special Town Meeting. Mrs. Hayward explained to Mr. Klebart that action would need to be taken by the Board in order to do so and, although he was not able to be present at the meeting, he supported this action.

**MOTION:** by Gresczyk, second Jerram to hold a Special Town Meeting on March 1, 2011 at 7:00 PM in the Senior Center/Meeting Room of the New Hartford Town Hall using the Call of the Meeting that is attached to these minutes.

*Unanimous.*

**Adopt Resolution for submittal of energy grant for doors and windows project at Ann Antolini:**

First Selectman Jerram presented to the Board the application prepared by Dr. Phillip O'Reilly for consideration for funding from the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant for door and window replacement for Ann Antolini School. Mr. Jerram explained that this grant is being submitted in lieu of the boiler grant due to issues with non-conformance of ARRA (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act) regulations in the original grant application. This grant is in the amount of \$44,505 and would be beneficial in offsetting the total cost of this project. In order to proceed with the application, a resolution is required affirming that the First Selectman is empowered to enter into agreements on behalf of the town.

Administrative Assistant Hayward commented that she had spoken with Selectman Klebart about this action item as well, informing him that Dr. Phillip had a grant application that required the adoption of a resolution prior to submittal. Since timeliness was of the essence, Mr. Klebart had no objection to the resolution being adopted without his presence at the meeting.

**MOTION:** by Gresczyk, second Jerram to approve the following resolution:

*RESOLVED that First Selectman Daniel V. Jerram is hereby authorized to make, execute and approve on behalf of the Town of New Hartford any and all contracts and amendments and to execute and approve on behalf of this municipality other instruments a part of or incident to such contracts and amendments, effective until otherwise ordered by the Board of Selectmen.*

*Unanimous.*

**MOTION:** by Gresczyk, second Jerram to adjourn at 9:15 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Hayward, Administrative Assistant