

**Hampton Falls School Board Meeting Minutes
Lincoln Akerman School – Library-6:30 p.m.
Thursday, January 24, 2013**

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School Board Members present:

Robin Moyer Ratigan; Chair, Ellen Christo, Wayne Skoglund and James Stevens.

Absent:

Thomas Baker.

Administration present:

Robert Sullivan, Ed.D; Superintendent, William Hickey; Business Administration and Mark DeBlois; Principal.

Legal Counsel:

Robert Casassa

1. Call to Order

Robin Moyer Ratigan opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

2. Meet with Moderator and Legal Counsel relative to Deliberative Session

- Robert Casassa answered Board questions in regard to Warrant Articles 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8.
- A previous Public Hearing was held for Warrant Articles 1-5.
- Three additional citizen petition articles expressly with appropriations and according to statute are also subject to Public Hearing requirements.
- The purpose of this Public Hearing is to gather information from the petitioners.
- The Board will meet to make recommendations.

Warrant Article 5

Is it the intention that the physical barn and house be sold and moved or does it include the real estate as well? This question can be answered with more information in the Warrant.

The Board intention is to sell the real estate as well as the house, structures, and barn.

Change the warrant to say that.

Warrant Article 4 and Warrant Article 7

The Board requested some clarification on the difference between the wording in Article 4 and the Citizens Petition Warrant Article 7.

- First determine where the money is being put and what is the preferred method?

Article 4

- Creating a fund and asking to put money into it.
- A public hearing is required when you expend money from the fund.
- More flexibility with no 5 year time frame.

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- Has an Expendable Trust to add money to.

Article 7

- uses the money when needed
- Has a five year period of time to spend it for maintenance.

What if we have the funds and the property is sold? What happens to the money?

- In regards to Article 4 - propose an article in subsequent years to change the purpose of this fund. Look at the statutory approach to that.

Article 7

- It is the Boards discretion how the money is spent.
- The \$2,500 could be returned back to the District if the purpose went away.
- The Citizens petitioner has a 5 year period.
- If both warrant articles were established, then they could work in a complimentary way.
- Voters could pick and choose from each article or both articles may not pass because the vote would be divided.
- Article 7 must appear on the ballot but article 4 can be pulled from the ballot.

Article 8 – Citizens Petition

- Who would maintain the buildings if it became an historic site? Ultimately, the Board will be charged with how it would be implemented.
- Selling the property with restrictions to the new owners.
- Looking to get public input at tonight's meeting.

3. Other –none.

Motion: E. Christo moved to recess the meeting to attend the Citizens Petition Public Hearing at 6:45 p.m. Seconded by James Stevens. Motion passed 4-0.

Motion: E. Christo moved to reconvene the School Board Meeting at 7:31 p.m. Seconded by James Stevens. Motion passed 4-0.

Warrant Article 4

Motion: Ellen Christo moved to withdraw Warrant Article 4 so that there is not any confusion with Warrant Article 7. Seconded by Wayne Skoglund. Motion passed 4-0.

Warrant Article 5

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Motion: Ellen Christo moved to change the language on Warrant Article 5. Change house and barn to real estate structures. Seconded by James Stevens. Motion passed 4-0.

Warrant Article 6 –Citizens Petition

Motion: Ellen Christo moved not to recommend Warrant Article 6. Seconded by Wayne Skoglund. Motion passed 4-0.

Warrant Article 7 – Citizens Petition

Motion: Ellen Christo moved to recommend Warrant Article 7. Seconded by James Stevens. Motion passed 4-0.

Warrant Article 8 – Citizens Petition

Motion: Ellen Christo moved to recommend Warrant Article 8. Seconded by Wayne Skoglund. Motion passed 4-0.

Motion: Ellen Christo moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:41p.m. Seconded by Wayne Skoglund. Motion passed 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Hastings

School Board Clerk

(Approved 2/7/2013)