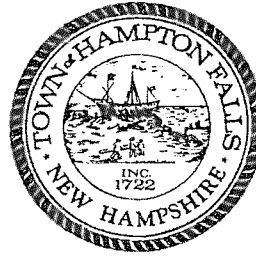


TOWN OF HAMPTON FALLS

TOWN OFFICES, 1 DRINKWATER ROAD 603-926-4618



NEW HAMPSHIRE 03844

Public Hearing - Town of Hampton Falls Ratification of March 2017 Election

The Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 17, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Hall, 1 Drinkwater Road, in accordance with HB 329 (Town Meeting Ratification Bill) for the purpose of hearing public comment concerning municipal ratification of the postponed meeting and election scheduled to occur March 14, 2017.

Hampton Falls Board of Selectmen

Larry M. Smith, Chairman
Richard P. McDermott, Vice Chairman
James E. Ziolkowski, Selectman

Date Posted: 5/8/2017: Hampton Union, Town Hall, Library, Post Office, Web Site

DECISION OF MAY 17, 2017:

MOTION: Because the statewide legal opinion of attorneys practicing municipal law in the State of NH concurs with the opinion of the attorneys of the NHMA that RSA 40:4 II which states "In the event a weather emergency occurs on or before the date of a deliberative session or voting day of a meeting in a town, which the Moderator reasonably believes may cause the roads to be hazardous or unsafe, the Moderator may, up to 2 hours prior to the scheduled session, postpone and reschedule the deliberative session or voting day of the meeting to another reasonable date, place and time certain" does in fact give that authority to the Moderator to move an election in the event of such a weather event, and,

Because at the suggestion of the Governor of the State of NH that those municipalities moving their election, make absentee ballots available on election day and the Town Clerk, under no legal requirement to do so, did in fact provide absentee ballots at the temporary Town Clerk's office in the PSB on election Tuesday and on the following Wednesday at the Town Hall despite the fact that the Town Clerk's office is normally closed on Wednesdays,

Therefore, pursuant to HB 329 and on the advice of counsel, I move that:

All actions, votes, and proceedings, held at the town election that was scheduled to take place March 14, 2017, but was postponed due to weather and was held at a later date on March 16, 2017 are hereby legalized, ratified, and confirmed.

MOTION: L. Smith
SECOND: R. McDermott
VOTE: 2 IN FAVOR, 1 OPPOSED, PASSES