

February 25, 2019

7:00 PM Public Meeting

PRESENT: Rusty Bridle, Chairman
Regina Barnes, Vice-chairman
Rick Griffin, Selectman
Jim Waddell, Selectman
Mary-Louise Woolsey, Selectman
Frederick Welch, Town Manager

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

I. Public Comment Period

Charlie Preston, Glade Path to speak on appointment #1 (No name or address stated). He read from a prepared statement. He addressed concerns of the beach, including trash, parking, tickets and violations, and price gouging, and how it is all a deterrent to how people act while at Hampton Beach, or keeping them away from Hampton Beach altogether. He issued a challenge to all, to build a new playground at the state beach with access and free parking for all and, all year round, in an effort to make Hampton Beach famous for the best playground on the East Coast.

II. Announcements and Community Calendar

Sel. Barnes read an email from a resident regarding a road race coming up. Hampton Half Marathon on Sunday March 3rd. The public should be aware of traffic concerns. A phone number was stated for more information.

Sel. Waddell stated the Comcast survey will end this Weds. Results will be compiled after that.

Chairman Bridle stated the SOS will be holding a public informational session Tuesday Feb. 25th at the Hampton Police station regarding a recovery center.

III. Approval of Minutes

1. February 11, 2019 Public session & Non-public Session

Selectman Woolsey MOTIONED to APPROVE the Minutes of February 11, 2019 Public session & Non-public Session SECONDED by Selectman Griffin.

VOTE: 4-0-1(Waddell)

IV. Consent Agenda

1. Cemetery Deed: Bailey Nudd 10/I-A/1/A
2. Donation to Leukemia and Lymphoma Society in memory of Judith Anne O'Brien
3. Hampton PTA Candidates Night request to use of Selectmen's Room on March 7th
4. Parade and Public Gathering License: 33rd Walk by the Sea – NH Brain Injury 06/02/19
5. Raffle Permits: Experience Hampton, Hampton Area Chamber of Commerce
6. Rockingham Planning Commission Appointments: Barbara Kravitz, Mark Olson , and Ann Carnaby

Selectman Woolsey MOTIONED to MOVE the Consent Agenda SECONDED by Selectman Griffin.

VOTE: 5-0-0

V. Appointments

1. Phil Brice, Department of Natural and Cultural Resources
 - a. Joint Operations Plan – Hampton State Park and Town

Mr. Brice introduced Meredith Collins and Michael Houseman. Sel. Woolsey read Mr. Welch's recap of the letter date April 24th, 2017, regarding the Joint Operations Plan and the need for further provisions to the plan as suggested by the Board. She mentioned the timing of the last time there was a plan. Chairman Bridle stated discussion would be working from the proposal dated 2017. Sel. Barnes discussed her noticing of improvement in sand and plowing operations. Sel. Waddell discussed that for clarification for minutes, they should be using the proper name of Natural and Cultural Resources. Chairman Bridle read the purpose of the JOP. Mr. Brice, and company were asked if they agreed, and they did. The intent of the JOP was read and agreed upon by all parties.

1. Refuse and Recycling Management was read. Mr. Welch suggested deleting the word recycling and discussed the issue that what is going into the recycling is actually contaminated waste, and the new cost to the town of dumping it, (\$185.00 per ton) with the recycling audit showing contaminated waste was 50% and when the beach was eliminated, it went down to 1%. Chairman Bridle discussed contamination limits and this being a problem statewide. Sel. Woolsey brought up recycling carts and she and Mr. Welch discussed their placement on east and west sides of Route 1A and how what is put into them is all considered trash. They discussed that carts were on both sides, east and west. Sel. Woolsey mentioned carry in, carry out, and it was discussed that it was not feasible as it could not be policed and recycling is too easily contaminated. Sel. Woolsey brought up beach rakings she had seen and Mr. Welch and Chairman Bridle stated it had been taken care of. Sel. Woolsey was concerned with the amount of trash during the last Fourth of July holiday, and it was stated it had also been taken care of. Sel. Barnes stated the need to move forward but did state the trash issue shouldn't happen again. Mr. Brice answered with his concern and said they have taken steps to assure it doesn't happen again. He stated all trash should be bagged and not on the beach and they were looking into ways to better collection. He also discussed the fourth of July being an extraordinary event. Sel. Griffin stated that the agreement will always be a work in progress and that things and issues do happen. Sel. Woolsey asked about the different types of trash being left and Mr. Brice stated their concern over the things being left on the beach, i.e. beach umbrellas, tires,

sofas, etc. Sel. Woolsey again discussed beach rakings and there was discussion on how well the beach rake worked and Mr. Brice stated they had a newer beach rake machine. Sel. Woolsey asked about college aged kids working at the beach and again, carry in, carry out, being a possible solution. It was discussed that carry in, carry out, had been used in the past, and did not work.

2. Disposal of Refuse and Materials was read. Mr. Welch stated the what was in this portion of the proposal was standard other than the cost going from 7 cents per pound, up to 10 cents per pound which is the standard rate for the Town of Hampton. Mr. Welch discussed that the beach raking includes White's Island neighborhood which is a town neighborhood. Sel. Barnes asked if disposal of waste and recycling was going to be changed with recycling taken out, and the answer was yes. Mr. Welch stated that at the next meeting, March 1th, the Northeast Resource Recovery Association will be in to do a presentation on what is happening with the national and international markets for recycling. Mr. Brice asked about the two dumpsters that are at the beach on the south end and moving them to the recycling center at the transfer station. Mr. Welch discussed the need for easements. Mr. Welch and Mr. Brice discussed it not needing to be permanent and that it was the Attorney General's request for the easement due to investment. Sel. Waddell agreed it would be better to have them at the transfer station than as you come into town. Sel. Woolsey asked about what other state parks did concerning roll offs. Mr. Welch discussed the past practice of having the beach rakings collect at the transfer station for the year and then hauled away after sifting. That did not work well due to the amount of sand. Mr. Brice stated they were looking for the best solution to getting the dumpsters off the beach and would entertain options. Mr. Brice asked that the proposal be changed to read that they and the town explore options. Sel. Barnes agreed with Mr. Brice's position and cited resident complaints of smell and seagulls there and at White's Island. There was a consensus to change the language in the proposal to explore options. After the consensus, Sel. Woolsey asked why roll offs couldn't be swapped out for clean ones and Mr. Brice answered that is what they are doing now. The smell and seagull issue happens during the time the roll off is being filled. Chairman Bridle again stated the consensus.
3. Municipal Sewer Connections and Billings. Mr. Welch stated that it was working fine. The town sends the bills and the state pays them.
4. Lifeguards. Mr. Welch stated that the town does not have lifeguards because we have not been able to hire any. Mr. Brice stated they were ok last year and are focusing more on recruitment. He discussed have staff at the whole beach for complete coverage. Sel. Woolsey asked about a rumor she heard regarding hiring lifeguards from China. There was discussion about hires from China for maintenance. Sel. Barnes thanked Mr. Brice and company for the lifeguards at White's Island. Sel. Woolsey asked about Hampton Fire boat rescues and compensation. Chairman Bridle stated that was their job and different from lifeguards.
5. Police Patrols on the Beach. Mr. Welch stated we can do only what is asked and when requested we respond. Mr. Brice expressed his appreciation and discussed how well the relationship with Hampton Police worked.
6. Video surveillance of the Beach. Chairman Bridle stated there is nothing there.
7. Use of facilities by the Police and Fire. Mr. Welch stated not a problem.
8. Fireworks Displays. Mr. Welch stated it is regulated by the Fire Department and the State Fire Marshall's Office.

9. Parking for State Employees. Chairman Bridle asked about Church St. lot and Mr. Welch said we have not been due to construction which will probably continue this year. It was discussed to add "as available" to the item.
10. Fees for Facilities for the Town of Hampton. Mr. Welch stated there was no problem and mentioned we are generally not charged and that the big draw there is the Easter Egg hunt. There could be a \$15.00 per hour charge for special events if necessary.
11. Parking for Town Vehicles. Mr. Welch stated there is no charge if the vehicles are there for official town or state business.

Chairman Bridle asked if there was anything else. Sel. Woolsey asked for clarification about horses on the beach. Mr. Brice stated the rule on the state beach is they are allowed. There was discussion of resident's complaints of horse waste on the beach being a problem. Mr. Brice stated the difference between dog and horse waste and offered to start a conversation regarding better management of the situation. Chairman Bridle asked for discussion with DPW on the situation. Sel. Waddell asked about follow up and Mr. Brice discussed the spring meeting. Sel. Griffin expressed appreciation for the meetings and the way the State is handling them. Sel. Barnes asked about North Beach. Mr. Brice discussed the weather issues that effect that beach and it's clean up. There was discussion of stair repair and keeping sand off the platforms. Sel. Woolsey asked about state funding for beaches. Chairman Bridle stated we are discussing the JOP. Sel. Waddell stated it is a legislative matter and not on the agenda. Chairman Bridle thanked Mr. Brice and company and stated they would get back to them.

2. Chris Jacobs, DPW Director & Jen Hale DPW Deputy Director
 - a. Departmental update

Mr. Jacobs discussed one of the new Mack trucks being ready. He knows of no employees that are retiring. Chris McGinnis has been appointed Highway Foreman and is working out very well in the position.

Ms. Hale gave an update on Lafayette Road Drainage. She would like a public meeting for information input the second week in March. She then stated the Mill Pond Dam project is substantially complete. Ms. Hale stated she sent out a memo to the Board regarding Ann's Lane Sewer Replacement project. There was some concern regarding drainage and she stated that the road is not at the final elevation. There will be further work in the spring. The goal is for the project to be completed by Memorial Day.

The Asset Management Software continues to be used daily and for all aspects and is working well. The Grist Mill Renovation had a goal of getting the mill up and running and the work on the repair of the roof. Mr. Jacobs stated the contract approval will be done after the election.

The Church Street Force main project has seen the dual force mains all in with some of the testing being done. The bridge was discussed as well as hoping to be online by Memorial Day. Ms. Hale discussed the Waste Water Treatment Facilities Upgrades. The preliminary design report from Wright Pierce is in and been sent to DES for review.

Mr. Jacobs stated most of the flashing crosswalk signs are operational. He discussed pot hole season and crack sealing. He discussed Waste Water Operations, and that rain water contributed to the 10 percent increase in gallons over the previous year, also stating that wasn't sludge as those amounts did not increase. There was a decrease in septic and that was due to Epping being back in operation in 2018. Mr. Jacobs discussed our waste water permit with the

EPA, the last one being done in 2007. We continue to operate under that one. Mr. Jacobs then discussed Finest Kind Brewing, they are in the process of installing digesters and are working with the department, the Planning Board, and the State.

Ms. Hale discussed the transfer station and offered further information regarding the recycling audit that was discussed earlier. She further discussed the need for education of recycling and contamination. The department will be working on that over the next month. The sticker program was discussed as well as the issue of plastic bags. Mr. Jacobs and Ms. Hale concluded and Chairman Bridle offered questions.

Sel. Woolsey asked if the new LED lighting would be a problem on Lafayette Road. Ms. Hale address the question with a description of the full project. Sel. Woolsey asked about an issue with subcontractors on the Mill Pond Dam project. Ms. Hale answered there will be a small amount to finish and she sees no problems arising. Sel. Woolsey asked for clarification on several items that had been discussed.

Sel. Barnes stated great job on the report, and stated she is getting questions regarding the temporary pipe and why it was needed. Mr. Jacobs answered that with only having one pipe operational, the State wanted us to have the temporary as an assurance that we would be able to handle anything that would come into the system. Sel. Barnes asked about Bi-centennial Wall. Ms. Hale answered that it is an issue that has to be addressed.

Sel. Griffin asked if the temporary pipe has been used and Ms. Hale answered it has, and gave examples. Sel. Griffin said he has been asked about cleaning it and Ms. Hale answered it has been and will be flushed before going back. Chairman Bridle asked about the sub-contractor issue, offering clarification, and Ms. Hale discussed the Town's process of bidding and purchasing, as well as insurance and bond requirements.

Chairman Bridle asked about the sidewalks for the Route 1 project. Ms. Hale answered what would be done, High St. Parking lot West Route 1 then to Winnacunnet Road. Chairman Bridle also mentioned the crosswalk lights working well and he and Ms. Hale discussed the one in front of Fast Eddies. She stated they needed to be re-secured. Chairman Bridle thanked Mr. Jacobs and Ms. Hale.

3. Ed Tinker, MRI Contract Assessor
 - a. 2018-1TC Tax Collector's Abatements

Mr. Tinker stated there were tax collector abatements that needed to be done for bookkeeping purposes. There are a list of ten properties with a total of \$3952.63. Sel. Woolsey asked about the timeframe and Mr. Tinker answered they were for 2018 being corrected now. No further questions.

Selectman Bridle (it is unclear on the tape) MOTIONED to APPROVE the 2018-1TC Tax Collector's Abatements SECONDED by Selectman Griffin.

VOTE: 5-0-0

- b. 2019 Sewer Abatement Rate

Mr. Tinker stated the abatement rate would be the same as last year at \$.52 per thousand. He stated the total amount due is \$112,597.00, however the total on the list reflects if someone has no tax or someone who hasn't paid yet.

Selectman Griffin MOTIONED to APPROVE the 2019 Sewer Abatement Rate SECONDED by Selectman Waddell.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Sel. Woolsey asked about the 490 assessing pickups. Mr. Tinker discussed a staffing issue and that they are currently being done and will all be verified by April 1st. Sel. Woolsey asked for clarification that the \$25.00 per property was an additional fee to MRI for help in completing, and it was agreed that it was. Sel. Woolsey asked about a reporting difference between the 2017 and the 2018 town report as far as valuation. Mr. Tinker explained the difference, stating the information in the 2018 is more informative than what was in the previous year. Sel. Barnes asked about the Veteran's credit and information the "In the Know" group is looking for. Mr. Tinker stated that information is available and he will get it to her. Mr. Welch asked if there was a supplemental warrant. Mr. Tinker stated there is a 2018 supplemental property tax warrant for them and it is for \$57,172.62 and has to do with Until. Chairman Bridle confirmed and asked for a motion to accept the supplemental tax warrant.

Selectman Barnes MOTIONED to APPROVE the 2018 Supplement Tax Warrant SECONDED by Selectman Griffin.

Sel. Woolsey asked for a re-reading of the motion.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Mr. Tinker again stated the town report information could be more, whatever they wanted. Chairman Bridle thanked Mr. Tinker.

VI. Town Manager's Report

1. Those interested in filing a request for abatement of 2018 property taxes the closing date for abatement applications is March 1, 2019.
2. Please remember to register to vote before the Annual Town Elections, See the Town Clerks Office to register.
3. Property owners who would like to file for tax exemptions for elderly, blind, veterans or solar must file by April 15, 2019
4. Please note on your calendar that the Annual Town Election is March 12, 2019 at Winnacunnet High School. Pals open at 7 AM
5. For those who desire Absentee Ballots please contact the Town Clerks Office.
6. A reminder of the presentation by the Northeast Resource Recovery Association at the next meeting.
7. There will be some public hearings on the proposed water quality standards, by the Dept. of Environmental Services. The one closest to here will be at the NHDES Pease field office, RT 1A, 222 International Drive, Suite 75, Portsmouth, NH. March 12, 2019 at 5:30PM.
8. There is a bill before the state legislation regarding school funding and a sweep to take the state money away from the schools and give it to the state. The bill has been amended and there is talk of amending a new bill to take the money. Please talk to your state representatives and ask them not to do this. The town would need to raise the money taken through taxes.

9. In regard to the recycling audit that was mentioned earlier, there will be a total financial impact of \$133,155.60 which is an estimate, for this fiscal year. This money is not in the budget.

Chairman Bridle brought up a letter he had from the Fire Chief. It is a request that they participate in an auction at the Sacred Heart School, which is a great idea. Mr. Welch stated we need to check with our insurance company to make sure all is in order and there is no liability.

Selectman Woolsey MOTIONED to APPROVE the Giving Fire Chief Permission to Participate in the Auction. SECONDED by Selectman Waddell.

VOTE: 5-0-0

VII. Old Business

1. Final Revisions Hampton-Exeter Sewer Agreement

Mr. Welch discussed waiting for the Town of Exeter to get back to us. He has received the information. They would like one major change in the agreement. Regarding disputes, they would like to change from having an arbitrator to having a mediator. Mr. Welch stated we have never had a dispute and he does not anticipate one. He requests approval of the change.

Selectman Griffin MOTIONED to APPROVE the Final Revisions Hampton-Exeter Sewer Agreement SECONDED by Selectman Woolsey.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Sel. Griffin stated he had other Old Business. He discussed the guinea pig issue that had been talked about and an article he had read on the subject. He will bring Mark Gearreald a copy of it. Sel. Barnes brought up Senate Bill 287. This will tighten up regulations of PFC contaminants. It will be heard Tuesday, the 26th at 10:00AM. She discussed a panel that she moderated on the subject. She is asking for support for the bill, and also discussed the funding of the bill and the hopes it would not be tax payer money. She asked for input from Town Atty. Mark Gearreald. Atty. Gearreald mentioned this having to do with Aquarian wells. He further discussed Aquarian testing and filtration, and then cost of clean-up. He discussed possible grant applications for funding. He stated he attended the Neighborhood Listening Session in Exeter, conducted by the EPA, regarding exposure and adverse health effects. He requested the Board's approval of support for the bill. Sel. Barnes stated this impacts all wells and is state wide. Sel. Woolsey asked Atty. Gearreald if it would be possible to ask Aquarian how soon well #22 will be online and mentioned well #6 being highly contaminated. Chairman Bridle discussed not using the word highly, it is contaminated.

Selectman Waddell MOTIONED to APPROVE Mr. Welch to write a Letter of Support of Bill #287 SECONDED by Selectman Griffin.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Atty. Gearreald stated it may be important enough that he attend the bill hearing the next day. The board offered a consensus that if he felt the need, he should go.

VIII. New Business

1. Amend Code of Ordinances Chapter 761 Solid Waste “Credit Accounts”

Mr. Welch stated that it had come to his attention that approximately 20 years ago the town started a practice of issuing credit accounts and that practice was not codified. He proposed codification.

Selectman Woolsey MOTIONED to APPROVE the Amendment to the Code of Ordinances Chapter 761 Solid Waste “Credit Accounts” SECONDED by Selectman Waddell.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Sel. Barnes gave an update of the Coastal Hazardous Adaptation Team. She read the four primary objectives of the team. Sel. Woolsey asked about 1054 Ocean Blvd. Mr. Welch said it is in regulatory limbo but being taken care of by Conservation Commission and Planning.

At approximately 9:22 PM, on MOTION made by Chairman Bridle, SECONDED by Selectman Woolsey, the Board voted unanimously by roll call (5-0) to go into a non-public session under RSA 91-A:3,II, (e)[litigation].

VOTE: 5-0-0

- PRESENT:
- Rusty Bridle, Chairman
 - Regina Barnes, Vice-chairman
 - Rick Griffin, Selectman
 - Jim Waddell, Selectman
 - Mary-Louise Woolsey, Selectman
 - Frederick Welch, Town Manager
 - Mark Gearreald, Town Attorney
 - Edward Tinker, Contract Assessor

[Minutes Sealed]

At 9:45 PM, a MOTION was made by Selectman Waddell, SECONDED by Selectman Woolsey to leave the non-public session, which was approved unanimously (5-0).

At approximately 9:46 PM, back in Public Session, Vice Chairman Barnes moved to seal the minutes of the Non-Public Session, SECONDED by Selectman Waddell on the basis that disclosure of these minutes could jeopardize the actions to be taken and affect reputations.

This motion to seal the minutes passed unanimously (5-0) by roll call vote.

Chairman Bridle then polled the Board on completing a number of questions from the Town’s auditors, Plodzick and Sanderson.

At 9:49 PM, the Selectmen adjourned the Public Session on MOTION of Selectman Griffin, SECONDED by Vice Chairman Barnes, which passed unanimously (5-0).

IX. Closing Comments

X. Adjournment

Rusty Bridle, Chairman