

April 1, 2019

7:00 PM Public Meeting

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

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

I. Public Comment

Charlie Preston: parking lots; one minute suing the state, next we are best friends; community; meters starting; no need for the State to be billing; when people get tickets they get them from Hampton, not the state; let people park from ~~9PM-5AM~~ 5PM to 9AM; 286 tickets last April; fight for town businesses; user friendly; common sense; fight for the businesses; 38 degrees tonight and the lot is empty; fight for us.

II. Announcements and Community Calendar

Selectman Barnes: spoke with Channel 22 and HBVD meeting is now broadcast

Selectman Waddell: Cable Renewal Committee had around 500 responses; majority of complaints were cost and competition

Chairman Griffin: HGTV beach spot on TV

III. Approval of Minutes

1. March 18, 2019

Selectman Waddell MOTIONED to APPROVE the Minutes of March 18, 2019 SECONDED by Selectman Bridle.

VOTE: 5-0-0

IV. Consent Agenda

1. Cemetery Deeds: George Varitimos 11/I-2/4/A-D, James Burke 72/E/4/1-4
2. Library Alternates: Theresa Evans, Shelia Ewell, Brian Abasciano
3. 2019 Credits and Exemptions: Renewals: O'Connor, Leroy W. & Pamela, Accolla, Frank & Barbara, Brigandi, Alfred & Camille, Chevalier, June, Driscoll, James & Dorothea Family Trust, Eighty Four Mill Rd Realty Trust, French, William, Jackson, Robert M., Johnson, Marilyn A., Kinney, Gloria J. Revocable Trust 2016, Kucharsky, Sharon L., Maher, Mary H Trust, Marcotte, Rose A. Revocable Trust, Marelli, Richard

J. & Gertrude B., Shepard, Rogers S. Revocable Trust, St. Germain, Jeannine, Raptis, George, Roobian, Sylvia M., Walton, Donna M., Hard, Sherri Revocable Trust, Jackson, Robert M., Loopley, Frank W. Revocable Trust, Payson, Rosann, Bajowski, Francis K. Revocable Trust, Bamford, Joint Revocable Trust, Bouchard, Paul S. & Muriel L. Irrevocable Trust. New Applicants: Thompson, Janet A. Revocable Trust of 2016, Foster, Robert S., Ruiz, Wilfredo & Donna M., Anderson, Keith R., Pelletier, Shawn Armand, Seager, James A. & Judith A.

4. Parade and Public Gathering Licenses: Memorial Day Parade 05/27/19, Ride to End Alzheimer's 06/22/19

Selectman Bridle MOVED to APPROVE the Consent Agenda. SECONDED by Selectman Waddell.

VOTE: 5-0-0

V. Town Manager's Report

1. Both trash trucks have been received, insured, and registered. Training is on-going and these vehicles will become a familiar sight to many shortly.
2. Contracts for the changeover of street lighting have been received, are under legal review. We expect work to commence in May for the change over to the new lighting system.
3. The contract for the revaluation of the Town has been awarded to the low bidder Municipal Resources. Work will commence after review and approval by the State Department of Revenue Administration. Approval received.
4. The engineering work for the replacement of the Park Avenue culverts is underway. The Department of Public Works plans to complete the engineering, obtain the necessary permits and complete construction during the coming summer.
5. Work orders for the electronic inside door at the Town Office is in the works and we expect the unit to be installed during the coming summer.
6. Applications for veteran's, elderly, blind, and other tax credits, as well as the Hampton Beach Precinct entertainment tax exemption are due to be filed by April 15, 2019. Please see the Assessor's office for the necessary forms.

Selectman Woolsey: would help if we could have a seminar/Assessing; make available to selectmen

Selectman Bridle: changeover for lights; private streets; will they be able to purchase. Town Manager Welch: they would have to talk separately to the company; talk to Public Works and see if they want to participate.

VI. Old Business

1. BoS representation on various boards and committees

A. Cable TV Advisory Board

Representative: Selectman Waddell

Alternate Representative: Selectman Barnes

B. Capital Improvements Plan Committee

Representative: Selectman Barnes

Alternate Representative: Selectman Bridle

C. Hampton Area Chamber of Commerce

Representative: Selectman Waddell

Alternate Representative: Chairman Griffin

D. Hampton Beach Village District

Representative: Selectman Barnes

Alternate: Selectman Woolsey

E. Heritage Commission

Town Manager Welch: ordinance needs to be amended

Representative: Selectman Woolsey

Alternate Representative: Selectman Barnes

F. Municipal Records Committee

Representative: Chairman Griffin

G. Naval Committee

Representative: Selectman Barnes

Alternate Representative: Selectman Bridle

H. Recreation and Parks Advisory Council

Representative: Selectman Waddell

Alternate Representative: Selectman Barnes

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Representative: Selectman Waddell

Land Lease Committee

Representative: Selectman Barnes

Chairman Griffin: when we have other committees that form; have them come in on a regular basis and report to us rather than us go to the meetings; consensus by the board

VII. New Business

1. Protocol for meeting

Chairman Griffin: first part of the meeting; amount of time for Public Comment; not have a back and forth; not interact; vote on 4 minutes for public comment. Chairman Griffin: agenda requests need to be placed before 5PM on Wednesday; agenda hot buttons; needs to be put in writing to Kristina; will meet with Kristina and Fred for numerous times; will look for guidance; will be according to time frame. Town Manager's report; ask questions that were on his report, otherwise should be under Old Business. Looking to make everything smoother and meetings flow better.

2. Selectman's five agenda topics for discussion

Chairman Griffin: trash and recycling – most common goal; big meeting on April 15th

Director Jacobs and Deputy Director Hale

Director Jacobs: default budget; \$5,422,000; \$124,000 payment for new trucks; really dealing with \$5,300,000; 20% penalty we are paying to Waste Management; budgets -\$185,000 overture at the moment; had to cut \$160,000 out of every day operating things that I would normally do; tree removal went from \$25,000 to \$5,000; sidewalks from \$26,000 to \$0; stop signs from \$8,000 to \$4,000; solid waste has slashed into the department's budget; spring brush collection-would recommend not doing; additional services recommending we trim out or forgo this year.

Chairman Griffin: shortage affected by the Waste Management. Director Jacobs: we have taken a number of steps; solid waste and default budget combined has left us basically with our hands tied.

Deputy Director Hale: impact; part-time employees we hire throughout the summer; taken time off; contaminated loads; we need to start with something; starting recycling campaign; learn how to recycle again; paper plates with food on them not recyclable; Styrofoam not recyclable; plastic Keurig pods not recyclable; cardboard is/breakdown; go back to basics; newspapers, tin cans, 1-2 plastics if are clean; take cap off; if in doubt throw it out.

Chairman Griffin: people did not pay enough attention; out of control. Deputy Director Hale: nothing in a bag is recyclable.

Chairman Griffin: about 1,000 letters went out to condominiums; five units or less is picked up. Deputy Director Hale: letters going out to owners that have been receiving trash/recycling services when they should not have been; condo by-laws said trash/recycling should be private; asking associations to get in place by July 1st; will collect the bins on their day of pick-up; we have listed multiple entities that could provide them with service.

Selectman Woolsey: spoke about Planning Board meeting minutes; appreciate you communicating; keep on top of it.

Selectman Bridle: conflict is this board agreed to five units or less; condex.

Deputy Director Hale: it goes back to the condex by-laws; when units were being built, it was offered that they would take care of their own trash/recycling as part of their approval.

Town Manager Welch: there were two builders; recorded at Registry of Deeds; legal obligation; if going to change redo documents.

Selectman Bridle: come up with some solution; 5 units or less; doing all along, hard to have one side of street having pick up and one not.

Deputy Director Hale: individual lots; Planning Board approval by-laws; 2 people own one structure; condo documents; who will pay for what; look into process to do this.

Town Manager Welch: a lot in Town are like that; redo documents.

Selectman Bridle: condex is two units on one piece of property; different than a condominium project; already said five units or less; there has to be some way to do this; work it out.

Deputy Director Hale: Two boards would have to approve; plans become issue.

Town Manager Welch: site plans also would have to be redrawn and refiled; need to make decision and have money to back up; no money in budget; could be as much as \$1,000 per unit.

Selectman Barnes: issued in improper way; board re-examine entire policy; enforcing the law, we already have. Director Jacobs: agree; Campbell Drive, Summerwood and Penniman Lane; Campbell Drive is town street, so can drive down there and serve condex; if on a private street; each subdivision is unique; ask board not to do a broad stroke to solve, not that simple.

Selectman Bridle: was not saying do a broad stroke; certain indications that we might have to take a look at individual ones.

Selectman Waddell: disaster; worry about doing on weekend of July 4th, could end up with a lot of trash if they have not set up a private. Deputy Director Hale: that could happen any weekend; hours have been spent compiling list/packets; going through condominium docs; April 1st should be enough time to give them to get private company.

Selectman Waddell: president of association time to respond. Deputy Director Hale: letters did not just go to individual members of condominiums, also went to the head of association and every owner.

Selectman Waddell: no excuse of we did not know. Deputy Director Hale: correct.

Selectman Woolsey: proactive and send memos to both Zoning and Planning so they know from the beginning the only group that can control waste is BOS. Town Manager Welch: both boards know what the Selectmen's policy is and will affirm that on April 15th.

Chairman Griffin: everyone understands; need consensus that the board will back all the letters that have been sent out; some considerations to some issues Rusty raised and will be dealt with.

CONSENSUS – to back the letters regarding Selectmen's Policy on Condo Trash Pick-up.

Director Jacobs: there are some things that I have taken out of the budget; training, sidewalks, reduce Federal Storm Water permitting.

Chairman Griffin: read memo from Public Works on reducing budget by \$166,000; further reductions. Director Jacobs: fall brush/leaf pick up would continue.

Chairman Griffin: this lets people know that a lot has to be done because of the default budget.

Selectman Bridle: you have close the transfer station at 11AM on Sunday; how about if we alternate; one week open Saturdays and the next week open Sundays; give them twice a month to get there on the weekend; all overtime.

Director Jacobs: not excited about that; message not well received being closed on Tuesday and half time Thursday; picked half day Sunday, it is slow Sunday afternoons; weekend warriors.

Chairman Griffin: it would be hard to get the message out there.

Selectman Bridle: I understand; those days are overtime. Deputy Director Hale: during the summer we are still going to be open for us as we have trash pick-ups, so that is one of the reasons.

Town Manager Welch: need to start addressing them; if not in the future there will be larger cuts; need to get almost \$200,000 out of the budget.

Chairman Griffin: first part of savings is what you have done with budget; second part is about picking up of the debris after the winter; has been done through years; in the past we stopped the fall pick-up; complaints.

CONCENSUS - not to do Spring pick-up.

Chairman Griffin: what do we feel about the Transfer Station closing at 11AM on Sunday?

CONCENSUS – closing Transfer Station at 11 AM on Sunday.

Chairman Griffin: reduce line painting.

Selectman Waddell: what do you mean? Director Jacobs: center lines we would still do; the white lines on the side we would hold off on for a year.

Selectman Waddell: any problems from a safety issue. Director Jacobs: technically not required; lines help maintain the line of the road; will not disappear overnight; can get away with one year, but not recommend we not do it ever again; still do all the crosswalks; stop marks and directional arrows; safety related.

CONCENSUS – hold off on white lines on side of road for 1 year.

Chairman Griffin: brush contract; reduce funding for compensated Police Detail – no problem; eliminate testing for PFOAs – no problem; eliminate beach sweeping contract for Sun Valley. Director Jacobs: not a safety issue, but will get a lot of calls; he does a really good job; should have used the word beach raking.

Chairman Griffin: I do not think this is a good idea.

Selectman Woolsey: I agree.

Selectman Waddell: one of those things that you will lose dollars, as people would not come back to that part of beach.

Selectman Bridle: I think we should continue it.

Selectman Woolsey: not use our street sweeper and employees to clean Route 1A; default budgets are a problem.

Chairman Griffin: that is under the JOP; looking to keep the beaches as clean as we can.

Selectman Waddell: people realize that all these cuts will affect services; affect safety; making hard choices.

Deputy Director Hale: an emergency is an emergency.

CONCENSUS – to keep Sun Valley Beach raking - \$15,000.

Selectman Bridle: would it be cheaper to send it all to the trash (recycling). Director Jacobs: could be; contractual issue.

Chairman Griffin: we have a contract that we need to keep up until July 2020. Director Jacobs: One year from now, we will have new documents; new bid; more flexibility to move all our material somewhere else; committed to Waste Management right now.

Chairman Griffin: negotiate the right way.

Selectman Bridle: glass crusher cost; would we have a use for it. Director Jacobs: did not look into cost; market will dictate what the market wants and what they will pay for; could be mixed with gravel to use on some roads; we do not have any roads we are trying to build right now; could cover landfill with crushed glass.

Chairman Griffin: on April 15th we need you to be one of the driving forces of this meeting, Fred also; possible ideas; business people might be willing to buy the glass crusher/partnership; bring forward ideas.

Selectman Barnes: in 2020 look into not doing business with Waste Management at all; market completely changing; weight cheaper at waste rate, we might be better off; go into landfill and will not hurt.

Chairman Griffin: these people need to come and talk to the DPW/Fred; be put on bid list; will be many people when the bid opens.

Town Manager Welch: all refuse at the beach go into the trash as they are contaminated; they do not recycle.

Selectman Bridle: not just the State it is the side streets.

Chairman Griffin: bring in recommendations as to how many barrels will be going out to businesses.

Selectman Bridle: misunderstanding at the beach; how many days do we pick up at the beach during the summer; all businesses. Deputy Director Hale: 7 days; pretty much.

Chairman Griffin: but that is on Ocean Boulevard.

Selectman Bridle: I heard from some of the motels they only are picked up 3 days per week. Deputy Director Hale: Monday, Wednesday and Friday; mostly the restaurants.

Chairman Griffin: they used to pick up every day; for me once a week would be fine; it should be made very clear; is it every day or 3 times per week; we need to understand this; board needs to come to a decision on how many barrels we pick up. Director Jacobs: we have fielded calls when a business had a special event and the recycle was filled asking to be picked up; we are down there 7 days per week; if there is an issue we are not going to ignore; work with business owners.

Chairman Griffin: this is not just for the beach; it is for uptown also; want a clear policy that everyone understands.

Selectman Woolsey: discussion with businesses about the quantity of glass bottles and best way to handle the situation; weight add tremendously to cost.

Chairman Griffin: weight of barrel 75-pound limit; how many barrels picked up; if business wants to bring their bottles to the Transfer center, do they pay extra. Director Jacobs: commercial waste is charged; weight per pound.

Chairman Griffin: will be changes; meeting on April 15th in this room; everyone welcome.

Selectman Woolsey: thank you for being so proactive and fast on your adjustments; default budget.

Selectman Barnes: thank you again.

Chairman Griffin: the second item on our agenda for discussion is the default budget.

Selectman Bridle: need to have all the departments come in over the next month; how effected and proposals.

Chairman Griffin: have each department come in and talk about how the default budget affects them.

Selectman Barnes: who is going to be next week; will not be here.

Chairman Griffin: police department; if you have any questions I will submit them for you; working with the State is item 3.

Selectman Waddell: started draft JOP; parking lots/charging.

Chairman Griffin: JOP is in the process. Town Manager Welch: they are reviewing it; working with PW to eliminate containers at the State Park; have a JOP before we open beach.

Selectman Bridle: send a note to think about what Charlie brought up.

Chairman Griffin: parking lots is 5 under new business.

Selectman Barnes: I think Charlie is right; should be part of JOP; right now we are charging people who work down there; locals that want to go to beach, not right charging.

Selectman Bridle: during the day charge, but not at night.

Chairman Griffin: when they send the JOP letter we are going to make our recommendations. Town Manager Welch: they changed their statute can charge year round.

Chairman Griffin: they have relaxed it.

Selectman Barnes: the more money they make here is more money they transfer out.

Town Manager Welch: parking ticket should go to court; they do not do that.

Selectman Woolsey: individuals bringing glass bottles onto the beach; have someone stand at the stairway and check everyone's bag.

Town Manager Welch: it is against our regulations to have glass on the beach; talk to Police.

Selectman Waddell: individual rights; cannot just ask people to open their bags.

Chairman Griffin: crumbling infrastructure is #4 on our list.

Selectman Barnes: they are working on fixing water lines/marsh pipes; water infrastructure; desalination; what needs to be replaced; long-range plan.

Chairman Griffin: that has been how we have always done it; 5-10-year future is supposed to be in the Capital Improvement. Town Manager Welch: 6 year.

Selectman Bridle: Meadow Pond and Eel Pond; those have never been dredged; when I was a kid there was 8-9 feet of water, now there are inches: we have pushed it off for too long; would give the water more places to go; one behind the damn could be dredged also; look at Federal/State money; continue what we are doing.

Chairman Griffin: good idea.

Selectman Woolsey: lack of drainage; shouldn't that be part of the State's responsibility.

Chairman Griffin: that has been addressed; nothing we can do about it.

Selectman Bridle: it is not our infrastructure.

Town Manager Welch: when the State makes their plan and attach those pipes to our pipes it becomes our problem; be careful.

Chairman Griffin: we are going to concentrate on our infrastructure here in Hampton.

Selectman Woolsey: appropriation for State dredging. Town Manager Welch: when they dredge Hampton/Seabrook Harbor as they license buoy markers they have to share in the cost; state appropriation.

Chairman Griffin: #5 on the Selectmen's Agenda items is the 2020 budget.

Town Manager Welch: instructed department heads to formulate a budget based on this year's budget; look at what needs to be done in addition to that; make list of that and expenses.

Selectman Woolsey: concern about the assessing situation; if we are not getting accurate evaluations of properties; every 5-year revaluation; individuals have improved properties and no inspections; we are losing money.

Chairman Griffin: I believe the law is they do not have to let them in.

Town Manager Welch: Mary-Louise is talking about something else; work being done without valid permits, which require inspection by the Building Department and those plans go to the Assessing Department; if you do not get valid permit; not insured properly; call if you see workmen going into property and no permit in window, call; need to get a building permit if you are changing anything on the inside of your home; needs to be approved; if you refuse to let in we can assess you based upon the building permit.

Selectman Woolsey: budgets passed between 2008-2012; recently running into default budget; believe it hinges on proper assessing to get accurate values; not comfortable with assessing.

Town Manager Welch: budget requests are to be submitted to my office by the end of June; you should have at the end of July.

Chairman Griffin: the top 5 were pretty much unanimous; deal with flooding; what is happening with the warrant article we did having flood studies done.

Town Manager Welch: in process; take most of year to complete; once finished would generate warrant articles that will need to be studied; Ashworth Avenue would be one particular type of problem; what to do with water; no drains on Kings Highway, which needs to have drainage put in; everyone floods; building appropriate drainage facilities; close to water level; no dredging taken place in years; a host of different issues that need to be looked at; need to solve infrastructure problems; cost a lot of money; asked DPW to put together a comprehensive analysis of all the drainage systems, roadways, sidewalks, sewer lines, drainage lines and what it is going to cost to fix all and bring to a reliable standard; cost to fix the whole town. Study would include the entire ocean front of Town and main arterial areas in that.

Selectman Woolsey: need to share information with Planning Board; need to understand about developments. Chairman Griffin: it will be shared and discussed.

Selectman Barnes: flooding with excess water is infiltrating our wastewater treatment plant; having big plan creates likelihood of getting money.

Chairman Griffin: infiltrating the system has been a problem forever; Town has been proactive; pipes were replaced; need to continue and add to our list of priorities; oldest private sewer system in State. Goals and objectives three major departments; 5-7-year plan. Communications between the board.

Selectman Waddell: we should have open communications and should not be talking about other board's here; Chairman/Representatives can be communicating; open line of communication.

Chairman Griffin: not up to us to make their decisions; they are their own board; they have their own things they are supposed to come up with.

Selectman Bridle: agree with Jim.

Selectman Woolsey: except when the Town's interest overrides, for example the waste, Selectmen have control of the waste.

Chairman Griffin: we understand.

Selectman Barnes: whoever has control over it should control it; everyone was elected.

Chairman Griffin: use this list as a priority.

3. Discussion on results of Election

Chairman Griffin: Article 10 was voted down; talk about getting study going; Selectman Waddell: necessary document; do not think it was understood; bad talk about it from certain groups and it hurt.

Chairman Griffin: too many articles; Selectman Bridle: gives people a choice; Selectman Barnes: talk about the items more. Operating Budget. Article 17 turnout gear passed; Selectman Woolsey: wants to see follow through; second sets of gear; spread out over years. Article 18 did not pass for 4 firefighters; not sure we should put in again next year; Selectman Woolsey: reaching breaking point with size of community/department; Selectman Bridle: disappointment; could have done a better job of selling that article. Article 19 Re-valuation voted overwhelmingly yes. Article 20 Part-time Code Enforcement Officer failed; people do not want it. Article 21 Highway Block Grant passed. Article 22 Road Improvement Capital Reserve Fund passed. Article 23 DPW Vehicle Purchases passed. Article 24 Replace Culverts from Tuck Field and Eaton Park passed. Article 25 Lease Purchase Plow Truck passed. Article 26 Purchase Ejection Trash Trailer passed. Article 27 Replace Water Line DPW Facility passed. Article 28 LED Street Lights passed. Article 29 Sidewalk Capital Reserve Fund failed; disappointing. Article 30 Household Hazardous Waste Collections passed. Article 31 Complete Cemetery Building passed. Article 32 Purchase Tractor/Loader for Cemetery passed. Article 33 Cemetery Tree Removal passed. Article 34 Recreation Special Revenue Fund passed. Article 35 Information Technology Upgrades passed. Article 36 Human Service Agencies passed. Article 37 Electronic Formatting Paper Documents passed. Article 39 Town Office Inside Front Doors passed. Article 44 Conservation Land passed. Selectman Bridle: I was disappointed in Article 40 Naval Committee that did not pass; honored that the Navy Yard thought enough about us; Chairman Griffin: people doing fundraising; be supportive. Article 47 Flag holders failed; Selectman Woolsey: do not see why that should be raised by the public; Chairman Griffin: work harder. Article 48 Sidewalks Mace Road failed; not top priority for voters of Hampton; vote was 2,122 to 620; message there.

4. Discussion on Solid Waste Impacts

Discussed above.

5. Town Parking Lots

Chairman Griffin: issues brought up by Charlie and Regina; with default budget it is going to make it difficult as not much money there.

Town Manager Welch: true; the funds we take in from the cemetery goes to reduce taxes; keeps Parks & Recreation facilities repaired and useable without having to raise taxes; emphasize income approach to running parking lots; are areas where we do not charge so residents can park to go to beach; local residents do not go down during the summer; allow free parking to people who have dump stickers; we need the facilities for people to park in the winter; need to get them off the street; if board wants to change how we do all that; need to give us a blessing on what you would like to see done; Charlie has good ideas, but many cases the ideas cost money to implement; ticket machine; give me the 5 most important things to be done in the parking lots; overall costs of revenues.

Chairman Griffin: have Jamie Sullivan here on the agenda on April 22; talk about parking.

Selectman Bridle: costs; lease; speak to Portsmouth and see how they do it.

Chairman Griffin: parking meters on the side streets; submit ideas/questions to Jamie.

Town Manager Welch: Side Street parking problems.

Selectman Barnes: doing the side streets with cost a lot of money; way to decrease traffic flow and make more money in the municipal lots; Brown Avenue.

Chairman Griffin: probably something that would require a warrant article; big cost; talking about parking; side streets; uptown parking lot.

Town Manager Welch: last year's budget.

Chairman Griffin: protocol for meetings; people have complained; if people have a complaint they need to put into writing; complain to Fred; first place they should go is to the department heads and then if not solved; call Fred and if not solved; then go to BOS; that is how the chain works.

Town Manager Welch: if you send to department heads please cc me and will also be forwarded to the Selectmen.

Chairman Griffin: not going to have meetings that go after 10PM.

VIII. Adjournment

At approximately 9:40 PM, on MOTION made by Selectman Woolsey, SECONDED by Selectman Barnes, the Board voted unanimously by roll call (5-0) to go into a non-public session under RSA 91-A:3,II, Personnel.

IX. Closing Comments

Rick Griffin
Chairman