

**HAMPTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM
July 28, 2003 7:00 PM**

PRESENT: Brian C. Warburton, Chairman, Virginia Bridle,
Cliff Pratt, James Workman
Karen Anderson, Administrative Assistant
ABSENT: James Barrington, William Sullivan (Conference)

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. The Board of Selectmen held a public hearing to take comments from the public on the addition of a No Parking space on F Street, by the exit door of Funarama. There were no public comments.

Mr. Workman MOTIONED that the Board of Selectmen approve one "No Parking" space on F Street adjacent to the Funarama exit door.

Mrs. Bridle SECONDED

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

2. The Board of Selectmen held a public hearing to take comments from the public in regard to amending the Parking Ordinance to prohibit overnight parking in municipal parking lots and allow for violators to be ticketed, towed and/or booted.

Sec. 3:507 H: Ashworth Avenue, Island Path and the Church Street Parking Lots

Except for those vehicles displaying a current and valid parking lease sticker obtained from the Town, it shall be unlawful to park in the above named parking lots between the hours of 2:00 AM and 7:00 AM. All violating vehicles will be subject to ticketing either by the Hampton Parking Lot Staff or by the Hampton Police Department, with fines as per Sec. 3:508, to being towed at the owner's expense at the call of either the Parking Lot Staff or the Hampton Police Department, or to being booted by the Hampton Police Department. The charge for boot removal shall be \$50 per removal plus all accrued unpaid parking tickets. Appropriate signage shall be installed to warn of these provisions, and any person who violates these provisions or who encourages others to do so may also be subject to prosecution for trespass and/or theft by unauthorized taking and/or theft by deception.

Mr. Reniere, Highland Avenue asked if the Ordinance would have any affect on the resident only municipal lots at North Beach or Church Street. The Board confirmed that this ordinance is for the Ashworth, Island Path and Church Street paid lots.

Mr. Pratt MOTIONED that the Board of Selectmen approve the Ordinance as presented.

Mr. Workman SECONDED

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

I. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Mr. David Schwab led the audience in the salute to the flag.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Mr. Pratt noted that the tree in honor of Helen Hayden was planted on Saturday, July 26th at Five Corners.

Mr. Warburton pointed out that last Monday, July 21st the Hampton School Board was broadcast live from the Selectmen's Meeting Room and the response and audio quality was excellent. He noted that residents have a genuine interest in the activities of the School Board and this is something the Board may want to discuss further.

Police Awards

Mr. Warburton announced that Chief Wrenn attended the Annual Police Chief's Award ceremony and among the awards presented were the "Above and Beyond the Call of Duty" awards to Officers Joe Galvin, Charles Karpenko, Steve Henderson, John Galvin and John Donaldson. The officers were recognized for their actions that thwarted a situation that could have become dangerous.

The "Dedication and Professionalism Award" was presented to Officer Knowles, Officer Bates, Officer Cronin and Officer Sparkes in conjunction with their rescue of an infant at Hampton Beach last year.

III. APPOINTMENTS

1. Dyana Martin, David Schwab, Re: Destination Downtown

Mr. Schwab said that he was honored to have led the pledge of allegiance tonight. He explained to the Board that he is a member of a newly formed business and community group known as "Destination Downtown" and he was present to officially ask approval for the Hampton Sidewalk Sale Fair, August 15 – 17th. The word "Fair" has been added to the name of the Sidewalk Sale event and shows that this is more than just a bargain sale on the sidewalk, they hope to include some fun activities, some educational opportunities and sponsor a band concert at the gazebo in Marelli Square. Mr. Schwab told the Board that they have secured the newly formed Hampton Community Band, under the direction of Tony Sacks for a Friday evening concert and have an agreement with the Seacoast Art Association to set up an art show on the grassy area adjacent to the gazebo on Saturday. The group is also inviting local non-profit groups to set up a table for fund-raising purposes.

Mrs. Martin said that this is an attempt to make the downtown area a fun place to be for the weekend. Mr. Schwab said that the committee is extremely grateful to Mrs. Martin for her resources and wealth of knowledge in putting this together.

Mrs. Bridle asked where the liability lies, with the ownership of the gazebo. Mrs. Martin said that she understands that the Chamber would like to hold a ceremony and officially turn the gazebo over to the town at the beginning of the sidewalk sale fair. Mr. Warburton said that he would confirm that with Mr. Noel prior to the event. Mrs. Bridle asked if Lafayette Road would be closed off. Mr. Schwab said that they are not requesting that, but may try to limit traffic in Depot Square.

Mr. Workman MOTIONED that the Board of Selectmen approve the Hampton Sidewalk Sale Fair and related activities.

Mrs. Bridle SECONDED

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

Mr. Schwab thanked Mr. Barrington for the police officer working downtown on weekends, it has provided a safer environment for the pedestrians and the businesses are very appreciative. Mr. Schwab added that the group talking about the municipal parking lot, and at this time no one is making any quick decisions. They are taking input that will be reviewed and discussed because the lot is a resource to the businesses, the residents and visitors to the town.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

Town Manager's Report

Mr. Warburton reviewed the Town Manager's report, pointing out that Thursday, July 31st at 11:00 AM is the pre-construction conference for the Police Station, and Mr. Dick Violette has been hired as the Clerk of the Works for the project. Other points of note included the fact that architects have been interviewed for the replacement of the fire station and the Town Manager is working with the Planning Board Chairman for the short-term replacement of Jennifer Kimball, Town Planner during her upcoming maternity leave.

Street Naming Request

Mr. Warburton said that the Board of Selectmen has discussed street naming over the years and had been interested in returning to the practice of naming streets after historical people, such as Jane Appleton. He said before additional streets are named in town, additional historical names should be considered.

Mrs. Bridle MOTIONED that the new street to be developed off of Timber Swamp Road be named Summerwood Drive.

Mr. Workman SECONDED

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

Mr. Workman pointed out that the Board of Selectmen requests three suggested names for a proposed street, in order to insure that there are not conflicts with similar sounding names for emergency purposes.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Comcast Bond Reduction Request

Comcast has requested reduction of the performance bond from \$100,000 to \$20,000 as per the franchise agreement.

Mr. Pratt MOTIONED that Comcast bond be allowed to be reduced to \$20,000.

Mr. Workman SECONDED

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

Appointment to Conservation Commission

Mr. Pratt MOTIONED that Mr. Jay Diener be appointed to the Conservation Commission to fill the unexpired term of Greg Smart to 2005.

Mrs. Bridle SECONDED

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

Request for Banner to be Displayed – Equestrian Event

The Silver Oak Equestrian Center has requested to display a banner across Lafayette Road to advertise an event in Hampton Falls.

Mr. Pratt expressed concern with the banner being displayed in Hampton instead of Hampton Falls. Mrs. Bridle agreed and said she had a problem advertising a Hampton Falls event in Hampton. Mr. Workman said that it may be in conflict with the Hampton Sidewalk Sales Fair that is taking place that same weekend.

Mr. Pratt MOTIONED that the Board of Selectmen to deny the request to hang a banner across Lafayette Road for the upcoming equestrian event.

Mrs. Bridle SECONDED

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

Access Easement for Harbor Road Connector – RSA 41:14-a Process

The Board reviewed the access easement for Harbor Road Connector and agreed to schedule the required public hearings for the acceptance of the easement.

Mrs. Bridle MOTIONED that the Board of Selectmen hold the first public hearing on August 11, 2003 and the second public hearing on August 25, 2003. The Board may then vote on September 8, 2003.

Mr. Workman SECONDED

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

VI. MINUTES

The minutes of July 14, 2003 were accepted as written.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Hold Harmless Agreement - Kopka
2. Dance Hall Permit – McGuirk's
3. Nursing Home Referral
4. Parade Permit – Rotary 5K Road Race

Mr. Workman MOTIONED that the consent agenda items be approved.

Mr. Pratt SECONDED

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

Mrs. Bridle asked that Mr. Barrington provide an update on the Drakeside Road sewer project.

Playing in the Streets

Mrs. Bridle noted an increase in the number of children playing in the streets and urged parents to not allow that. She pointed out that there is an area near her residence where some parents are cordoning an area off for children to ride tricycles in the street and there are concerns that children will be hurt.

Mr. Pratt MOTIONED that the Board of Selectmen approve the cemetery deeds
Mr. Workman SECONDED **VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR**

Hampton School Board

Mr. Warburton told the Board that if the feedback continues to be good about the School Board meeting at the Town Office, the Board of Selectmen may want to discuss having three meetings per month in the future.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Workman MOTIONED that the meeting be adjourned. (7:45 PM)
Mrs. Bridle SECONDED **VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR**

Chairman