

**HAMPTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM  
January 26, 2004 7:00 PM**

**PRESENT:** Brian C. Warburton, Chairman, Virginia Bridle,  
William Sullivan, Cliff Pratt, James Workman  
James Barrington, Town Manager  
Karen Anderson, Administrative Assistant

**I. SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

Mr. Mike Quinn, President of NH Special Olympics led the audience in the salute to the flag.

**II. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Board reminded the public that the Presidential Primary is Tuesday, January 27th . The election takes place at the Marston School with polls open from 7AM to 8PM.

The Deliberative Session for the Town of Hampton will be Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at Winnacunnet beginning at 8:30 AM.

“Don’t Stop the Beat” will be performed on February 7<sup>th</sup> at 7PM at Winnacunnet to benefit the OLMM Holy Name Society.

On February 14<sup>th</sup> there will be a Polish Dinner at Hobbs House from 5-7 PM.

Mrs. Bridle noted that over 80 people are being served each night at the Soup Kitchen and all food pantries are in need of donations. Mrs. Bridle congratulated two seniors, Katy Plante and Whitney Britain for their efforts in the recent food drive they did for the Hobbs House as part of their Senior Seminar project.

The second Visioning Workshop for the Hampton Beach Commission will take place Thursday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at the Ashworth beginning at 6:00 PM.

Mr. Warburton reminded the public that Friday at 5:00 PM is the last chance to sign up to run for elected office in Hampton. The openings for both the Town and School were announced.

**III. APPOINTMENTS**

1. Captain James Sullivan HPD, Re: Special Olympics Penguin Plunge

Mr. Warburton stated that he was pleased to be the Board’s representative going into the ocean for the fifth consecutive year. He noted that it is a wonderful event and is proud that Hampton plays such an important role.

Captain Sullivan introduced Michael Quinn, President of Special Olympics, Rhonda Martin, Director of Special Events, and Frank Swift, Hampton Public Works. He noted that the Penguin Plunge will be on February 8<sup>th</sup> beginning at 1:00 PM and the goal this year is to raise \$300,000 and have 600 plungers. To date there are 500 plungers pre-registered. Mr. Quinn thanked the Board for the opportunity to come and expresses the appreciation of the Special Olympics community to the Town of Hampton. He noted that this weekend there will be over 500 children and adults at Waterville Valley for the 27<sup>th</sup> Special Olympic Winter Games competing in skiing, skating and snow shoe events and it is because of events like the Penguin Plunge that allow the Olympics to take place. Mr. Quinn said that the funds allow Special Olympics to expand the programs and create opportunities for these children and adults. He noted that Selectman Warburton has personally raised nearly \$3,000 with his annual plunges.

Captain Sullivan said that the support that the town has given to this event is why it has been so successful. The Police, Public Works and Fire Departments have been wonderful. Captain Sullivan explained that the formal request is the same as previous years, to allow the rerouting of traffic from Ocean Boulevard in a

manner similar to what is done during the Seafood Festival. The State has granted permission to close the Boulevard for the event.

**Mr. Workman MOTIONED** that the Board of Selectmen authorize the rerouting of traffic as necessary for the Penguin Plunge.

**Mr. Sullivan SECONDED**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR**

Mr. Sullivan asked Mr. Swift if arrangements have been made to break down the election at the end of night if it snows and Public Works is committed. Mr. Barrington said that Fire Department will be used to take down the voting booths if absolutely necessary. Mr. Swift said that he has also created an emergency call list for that purpose.

## **V. OLD BUSINESS**

### Town Manager's Report

#### Annual Audit

The auditors were here last week for the annual audit. They came in on Monday and finished their work here on Thursday. They were very complimentary of Finance Director Dawna Duhamel's work, saying that there are very few communities in the state that are well enough prepared and documented that they can finish their work in such a short time.

#### TIF Article

Mr. Barrington told the Board that after discussing the TIF district, he and Assessor Bob Estey, Town Planner Jennifer Kimball began a more thorough exploration of the issues. John MacLane, City Manager of Keene, had offered to meet with them for an explanation of how Keene has successfully used Tax Increment Finance Districts for a variety of projects. While we were tentatively planning a trip there next week, the schedule did not work out, so we had a conference call on Thursday afternoon to try to answer many of the basic questions that might come up at the Deliberative Session.

#### Boat Dock

Mr. Barrington reported that the Town received notice on Thursday that the U.S. Senate had passed the omnibus spending bill that includes a \$489,000 appropriation for the boat dock for our marine rescue boat. This will provide for a secure facility for public safety operations from a permanent dock. Mr. Barrington added that this will save far more than this cost over the life of the dock in rental and maintenance fees that will no longer be needed.

#### Legal Decision

Attorney Mark Gearreald has received notice that the Supreme Court had denied the appeal of the Morgenstern suit. This upholds a lower court ruling in the town's favor.

#### Warrant Article Tax Impact

The Board has been supplied with a spreadsheet listing the tax impact of each of the warrant articles.

#### Streetlight

Lea Downer called the Town Manager this afternoon to report that the new street light the Board approved for Homestead Circle had been installed. She asked that the Town Manager convey her thanks, and the thanks of several of her neighbors for brightening up a dark intersection.

#### Coalition Communities

The Coalition Communities are planning a meeting in Concord on Monday, February 2, at 10:00 a.m. at the NHMA office. They request an RSVP from anyone planning to attend.

Mr. Warburton noted that Ted Jankowski has taken a job as the Director of the Greater Boston Real Estate Board and will be remaining in the area. He has been instrumental with the Coalition Communities efforts to do away with the unfair property tax.

#### Boat Dock

Mr. Sullivan said that kudos go to Chief Lipe and Mr. Barrington for their efforts on securing the funding for the boat dock. He told the Board during a recent trip to Washington, James and the Chief met with Senator Gregg's staff on this. Mr. Sullivan pointed out that Senator Gregg's office has been extremely helpful to Hampton and they appreciate all of his efforts. The boat dock will be used for all public safety agencies, including the Marine Patrol. Mr. Workman noted that Mr. Sullivan also had a role in this at the same meeting in Washington and is to be commended. Mr. Sullivan said that the "junket" helped get the town \$489,000. Mr. Warburton said that the Town of Hampton has had excellent assistance from Senator Gregg and his staff in Washington as well as through John Cavanaugh in Portsmouth for many years.

#### Household Hazardous Waste Collection

The Board reviewed the request of District 53B to hold the annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection behind the former town office on May 8, 2004 from 9:00 AM to Noon.

**Mrs. Bridle MOTIONED** that the Board of Selectmen allow the Household Hazardous Waste Collection to take place behind the former town office on May 8, 2004 from 9:00 AM to Noon.

**Mr. Workman SECONDED**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR**

#### **V. NEW BUSINESS**

#### Town Report Cover

Mr. Barrington showed the Board proposed covers for the Town Report. The front cover is proposed to be a collage of photos depicting the groundbreaking of the police facility.

**Mr. Sullivan MOTIONED** that the front cover of the 2003 Town Report be a collage of the police facility construction.

**Mr. Pratt SECONDED**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR**

Mr. Barrington said that since the town accepted the gazebo this year, he is proposing that the back cover be a photo of the gazebo.

**Mr. Workman MOTIONED** that the back cover of the 2003 Town Report be a photo of the gazebo.

**Mr. Sullivan SECONDED**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR**

Mr. Barrington told the Board that it is likely that the Town Report next year will not contain the 2004 audit, but will have the 2003 audit reprinted. He explained that the Town will require a Single Audit next year due to the amount of Federal funds received and the audit will not be available in time for the statutory deadline for the town report.

#### Assignment of Warrant Articles

The Board delegated the assignment and seconding of the warrant articles for the 2004 Deliberative Session.

Mr. Pratt asked if the problem that was brought to the Board's attention regarding the High Street parking lot has been taken care of. Mr. Barrington said that it has.

Mrs. Bridle told the Board that she attended a meeting with United Way this week and learned that there is a second type of CDBG Grant that is not income based. She noted that it may be worth looking into for

grant opportunities in Hampton. Mr. Barrington said that it is likely the type of economic development grant that the Seacoast Business Alliance has been working with.

#### Cable Committee

Mr. Sullivan told the Board that the Cable Committee has requested authority to spend \$2,000. Mr. MacKinnon explained that the Cable Committee is starting an interview show and money is needed to purchase backdrops and other equipment for sets. Mr. MacKinnon said that they will be broadcasting non-controversial interviews with interesting people in Hampton. The first interview will be with local historian Harold Fernald. Two other interviews have been scheduled with Bill Bowley and Jane Kelley. Mr. MacKinnon said that the committee will be looking for nominations of other interesting people to interview.

**Mr. Sullivan MOTIONED** that the Cable Committee be authorized to expend \$2,000 from the Cable Television Special Revenue Fund for the purchase of necessary equipment.

**Mrs. Bridle SECONDED**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR**

#### School District Meeting

Mrs. Bridle asked when there will be information available on the SAU withdrawal article. Mr. Warburton said that there will be information coming out for that. Mr. Warburton reminded the Board that Monday, Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> is the School District meeting and he asked the Board if they want to forgo the Board of Selectmen meeting in order to be able to attend the School District Meeting. The Board agreed and there will be no Board of Selectmen meeting next week. Mr. Sullivan said that if something comes up and the Board needs to meet they can do so at 6:30 PM.

#### **VI. MINUTES**

The minutes of January 12, 2004 were accepted as written.

#### **VII. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Nursing Home Referral

**Mr. Pratt MOTIONED** that the Board of Selectmen approve the consent agenda.

**Mr. Sullivan SECONDED**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR**

#### Route 95 Tolls

Mr. Warburton told the board that Mr. Warren Bambury, the town's representative on the MPO contacted him to report that the MPO will be meeting on Thursday in regard to the proposal to make the tolls on Route 95 one-way. Mr. Bambury has asked for the Board's feedback. Mr. Pratt said that he didn't have an opinion. Mr. Sullivan said that the EZ Pass is coming in and they should wait to see how that will work. Mr. Workman said that if they can do it, without losing toll revenue or impacting Route 1 then he did not have a problem with it.

#### **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**Mr. Workman MOTIONED** that the meeting be adjourned. (8:06 PM)

**Mr. Sullivan SECONDED**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR**

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Chairman