

**HAMPTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM
March 8, 2004 7:00 PM**

PRESENT: Brian C. Warburton, Chairman, Virginia Bridle,
William Sullivan, Cliff Pratt, James Workman
James Barrington, Town Manager
Wanda Robertson, Legal Assistant

I. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Winnacunnet High School students led the audience in the flag salute.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Local Election

The Board of Selectmen reminded residents that the local election is on March 9th with polls open from 7AM to 8PM at the Marston School. The Board encouraged all residents to vote. Mr. Barrington thanked the school board for making this a teacher workshop day, not a school day. There will be no busses and less congestion to deal with.

Mr. Sullivan spoke about the publication that was mailed to several residents and noted that several of the points were not accurate. While the operating budget is \$22 million, it is only a 1.9% increase over 2003. The Selectmen's raise was not discussed behind closed doors, it was discussed at a public meeting that was not televised, and again at Budget Committee meetings that were televised. Mr. Sullivan stressed that the articles for the special revenue funds are important and the funds are audited each year to insure that they are handled properly. The auditors, Plodzick & Sanderson would have reported any improperly handled accounts.

Mrs. Bridle said that residents should carefully review the SAU withdrawal question and determine how they feel about that important issue.

III. OLD BUSINESS

Town Manager's Report

Mr. Barrington told the Board on March 16th there will be a program at the Inn of Hampton that is open to the public to hear from some local Rotarians that have just returned from India as part of the polio eradication program. Residents interested in attending the program are urged to call Mr. Jett at 926-4459 to RSVP.

Police Facility

Mr. Barrington reported that the damage caused by winds at the police facility site has been cleaned up with reconstruction and correction of the wind damaged sections underway.

Exeter Road Bridge

The Town Manager told the Board that he spoke with Mr. Barry of the Department of Transportation last week in regard to budgetary concerns the State has regarding the railroad bridge project. A meeting will be set up to discuss that and Mr. Barrington will keep the Board informed.

Mr. Warburton Recognition

The Board of Selectmen presented Mr. Warburton an engraved clock in appreciation for his year of service as Chairman of the Board and wished him well in the election.

IV. MINUTES

The minutes of March 1, 2004 were accepted as written.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Nursing Home Referral
2. Hardship Lien
3. Taxi Permit

The taxi permit was removed from the consent agenda for further research.

Mr. Sullivan MOTIONED that the Board of Selectmen approve the remainder of the consent agenda.

Mr. Pratt SECONDED

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Sullivan MOTIONED that the meeting be adjourned. (7:35 PM)

Mr. Workman SECONDED

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

Chairman