

**HAMPTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM
May 17, 2004 6:30 PM**

PRESENT: William Sullivan, Chairman, Virginia Bridle, James Workman
Cliff Pratt, Rick Griffin
James Barrington, Town Manager
Karen Anderson, Administrative Assistant

I. NEW BUSINESS

2004 First Half Tax Warrant

The Board reviewed the tax warrant for the first billing in 2004 as prepared by the Assessing Department in the amount of \$19,859,852.59. The due date for the bills will be July 1, 2004.

Mr. Pratt MOTIONED to approve the tax warrant for the first half of 2004 in the amount of \$19,859,852.59.

Mr. Griffin SECONDED

Mr. Barrington noted that there was a \$25 Million dollar increase in valuations for this billing, but the amount being collected is \$80,000 less as a result of the increased exemptions. Mr. Pratt said that even with the default budget he anticipates there will be a tax rate increase.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

II. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Nursing Home Referral

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

Mr. Workman SECONDED

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

III. NEW BUSINESS

Tax Anticipation Note

Mr. Barrington reported that the Treasurer has borrowed \$1.5 million to date in anticipation of taxes.

SUSC Tax Exemption

Mr. Barrington told the Board that the decision has been received from the Board of Land and Tax Appeals in favor of the Town for the 2002 Tax Exemption Appeal filed by Seacoast United Soccer. There is a 30 day appeal period.

ZBA Agenda

The Town Manager reviewed the agenda for the upcoming Zoning Board meeting and noted one request that the Board needs to discuss. He explained that there is a proposal for the Odd Fellows Lot for retail and residential use that is requesting a variance for the parking requirement for retail use. Mr. Barrington recommended that the Board of Selectmen send a letter opposing the issuance of any variances for parking.

Mr. Pratt MOTIONED that the Board of Selectmen send a letter to the ZBA opposing the granting of any variances for parking for the Odd Fellows Lot.

Mr. Workman SECONDED

**VOTE: 4 FOR
1 ABSTAIN (Griffin)**

Beach Conditions

Mr. Pratt expressed his concerns with the condition of the beach this weekend. Mr. Griffin confirmed that the beach itself was a mess but that the Town had done an excellent job on the west side. Mrs. Bridle said that the State is already collecting money from the meters but does not appear to be providing adequate

services. Mr. Barrington said that he has been talking with Representative O'Neil to try and resolve the complaints. The Board suggested that Mr. Barrington try to schedule a meeting with the Commissioner of DRED and anyone else that can help with the situation. It was also suggested that Mr. Barrington talk with Rich McLeod.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Pratt MOTIONED that the meeting be adjourned. (6:56 PM)

Mr. Workman SECONDED

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

Chairman