

**HAMPTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM
April 17, 2006 – 7:00 PM**

PRESENT: Virginia Bridle-Russell, Chairman
Ben Moore, Vice-Chairman
Rick Griffin
James Workman
Bill Lally
Maureen Duffy, Administrative Assistant

REGRETS: James S. Barrington, Town Manager

Chairman Virginia Bridle-Russell called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and introduced those in attendance.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Dyana Martin led the salute to the flag

CONSERVATION COMMISSION – PUBLIC HEARING

The Chairman of the Conservation Commission, Ellen Goethel addressed the Board. The Conservation Commission is accepting a grant from the Department of Agriculture under their WHIP program for matching funds for the phragmites control project which involves work at the tide gate at Drakeside Road and the culvert on Tide Mill Road.

The total amount of the project is \$108,500. If the application is approved as presented the Department of Agriculture will provide 75% of the funding (\$81,375) and the Town would be responsible for 25% (\$27,125) over a five year period.

Mr. Moore inquired if the original warrant article allows the Conservation Commission to use this fund. Mrs. Goethel said that it did.

Mr. Griffin thanked Mrs. Goethel for her commitment to the Conservation Commission and Hampton.

Mr. Workman MOTIONED to accept the grant funding from the Department of Agriculture for phragmites control.
Mr. Griffin SECONDED.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Mrs. Bridle-Russell announced Barbie Fairytopia on April 23. Those interested may contact the Hampton Recreation Department for more information.

Mr. Moore announced that the Hampton Historical Society is hosting "On the Abenaki Trail – Life of the Woodland Indians" on Wednesday, April 19 at 7pm at the Lane Memorial Library.

Mr. Griffin reminded residents that the bridge located at the intersection of Route 27 and US 1 in Hampton will be closed to traffic until May 7.

Mr. Workman commented on the Hampton Easter Egg Dig, last Saturday, April 15.

Spring vacation is next week. Parents may contact the Recreation Department to make arrangements for their children.

Tomorrow evening at 7 pm the Hampton Municipal Budget Committee is meeting.

Mrs. Bridle-Russell also reminded citizens that tomorrow is tax day and the people should have their taxes in the mail by tomorrow, April 18th.

Chairman Bridle-Russell reminded citizens that April is dog licensing month. Residents should register their dogs at the Town Clerk's office.

II. APPOINTMENTS

1 – PW DIRECTOR – JOHN HANGEN – ASHWORTH & HIGH STREET PARKING OPTIONS

Recreation Director Dyana Martin and Public Works Director John Hangen gave the Board a document outlining the parking lot bids. There were five bidders who provided a number of options for the Board to consider.

Town voters supported Article 14 which was to raise and appropriate \$89,000 to pave the Ashworth and High Street parking lots. Since the Article was written the cost of petroleum has increased significantly. For that reason, the majority of the bids were more than the amount indicated in Article 14. Each bidder submitted a detailed description of the paving techniques and services that would be provided at the specified price. It is important that the paving is done properly at the best price possible. Mr. Hangen is confident that he will be able to find the money to do the paving in the Public Works budget. It was noted that money will need to be found again in a default budget and in doing so there will other items that will have to be given up.

Mr. Moore MOTIONED to authorize the Town Manager to negotiate with bidders #2 or #3 (from the list of bidders). Up to \$58,000 over the approved Warrant Article 14 dollar figure (\$89,000) shall be allocated towards the paving of the Ashworth and High Street parking lots. **Mr. Griffin SECONDED.**

DISCUSSION:

It was clarified that both Ashworth and High Street lots will be paved. Mr. Workman asked the Public Works Director to inform the Board where the additional funds come from.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

Chairman Bridle-Russell mentioned that Mr. Barrington is not at tonight's meeting because his mother has recently passed away.

2 - WHITE ISLAND PAVING

John Hangen and Fay, Spofford and Thorndike (FST) Engineer Peter Howe have been negotiating prices with the contractor for a complete asphalt overlay rather than the contracted trench patch paving method. Mr. Howe is reluctant to discuss the negotiations at this time because the meeting is being broadcasted.

Mr. Howe explained the paving process and options.

Drainage was not incorporated in the Island area paving plan. It was considered where curb cuts and sidewalks would be in place. Mr. Hangen explained the Public Works Department has been working on drains in the area and did as much as the Town could afford (approximately 25%). Public Works will consider putting additional drains in if there is money available.

A decision will need to be made this week otherwise there may be delay claims.

It was suggested that the Board have a non-meeting after the meeting to discuss the cost of the overlay paving process.

There was much discussion about the proposed sewer tie in deadline of November 10. This proposed date may pose some problems for property owners in the beach area. The deadline will not provide enough time for people to hook up because of the volume of traffic and people in the area during the summer months. After the busy summer season there would only be a few months to get sewers hooked up. There was also concern about the amount of money it will cost people to have their sewer systems tied in. To be more accommodating for the people in the area it was suggested that May 1 be considered as the deadline.

Mr. Moore MOTIONED to authorize the Public Works Director to develop and distribute a survey requesting a preferred deadline date (November 10, 2006 or May 1, 2007) reply from property owners in the beach area. **Mr. Griffin SECONDED.**

DISCUSSION:

The Board would like to know how many letters are sent out.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

Chairman Bridle-Russell asked about curb cuts. Mr. Howe said that the west side of Ashworth Avenue is done and the east side is done up to J Street north. He said that the layout for the curb cuts was determined by what was provided to FST by the Town. The curb cut plan was distributed to property owners in the area before construction began. In addition, open houses were held at the fire station for residents to voice their concerns. Any controversial properties were visited by Mr. Howe and Mr. Barrington. The curb cuts were also discussed with the Department of Transportation.

III. MINUTES – APRIL 10, 2006

The minutes of April 10th accepted as read.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

1. BUDGET

Finance Director Dawna Duhamel was present to address any questions about the budget. Mr. Moore referred to the legal budget and if that amount could be transferred to repairing the roof on the Town Hall. He also asked about the decrease in parking lot revenue. Mrs. Duhamel responded by saying that there is not enough money to hire additional parking lot attendants. Mr. Moore commented on the Public Works budget. The drainage and sewer projects have been cut from the budget. He questioned if the allocation could be reconsidered. Mr. Hangen said that future drainage and sewer projects will be considered in the 2007 budget.

Mr. Hangen expressed his concerns about the communication problem with voters. He believes that Town officials are not effectively communicating with voters about supporting Town services and projects. He mentioned that it is difficult for department heads to present their visions that cost money in a default budget year. He said that he is fine with discussing non-financial changes to his department.

Mrs. Duhamel will not be able to attend the May 8th meeting but is scheduled for the May 15th meeting to answer any financial questions.

Mr. Moore MOTIONED to accept the working 2006 default budget as presented. **Mr. Griffin SECONDED.**
VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

4- BEACH FIRE STATION COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

The six committee members chosen by the Board of Selectmen for the Beach Fire Station Committee are as follows: William (Skip) Sullivan, Tom Gillick, Richard Reniere, Tom Tiberia, Kevin Eames and Richard Ballou. Alternates for the Committee are: David Webber, Russell Bridle and Steven Jautaikis. Chief Lipe has been asked to act as the ex officio. Representatives from the Budget Committee and the Precinct Commission have been invited to participate in the Committee.

Mr. Moore nominated Mr. Lally as the Selectmen Representative. Mr. Lally declined.
Mr. Workman nominated Mr. Griffin as the Selectmen Representative. Mr. Griffin declined.

Mr. Moore MOTIONED to nominate Mr. Workman as the Selectmen Representative. **Mrs. Bridle-Russell SECONDED.**

DISCUSSION:

Alternate Selectmen Representative, Mrs. Bridle-Russell.

VOTE: 4 FOR
ABSTAINED: WORKMAN

Mr. Workman will arrange the first meeting.

5 – FIRE STATION LEASE RENEWAL

Fire Station Lease renewal was pulled from the agenda. It will be discussed at next week's meeting.

OLD BUSINESS – CONTINUED

Budget Committee

On March 24 the Chairman of the Budget Committee wrote a letter requesting copies of the 12 invoices and additional purchase orders. Chairman Bridle-Russell believes that it is beyond the Budget Committee control and their job is to look at the bottom line. She suggested that people with questions should contact the Finance Director for clarification.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Public Works

The Hampton Public Works Department will be conducting a curbside leaf collection during the week of April 24th. All soft waste (leaves, grass, clippings, pine needles, etc.) must be placed in biodegradable bags or loose in barrels placed at the curb on your regular rubbish day. Brush and limbs are not to be put out for pick-up but can be taken to the Transfer Station.

DRED - Commissioner Bald

Mr. Moore MOTIONED to invite Commissioner Bald (DRED) to the May 8th meeting. **Mr. Griffin SECONDED.**
VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

- 1 – Cemetery Deed
- 2 – Entertainment Permits – Ashworth By The Sea and Hagen’s Grill
- 3 – Dance Hall License – Ashworth By The Sea

Mr. Griffin MOTIONED to approve the consent agenda. **Mr. Moore SECONDED.**
VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

VII. - PUBLIC COMMENTS

Loretta Schuck (18 Boston Avenue) commented on paving in the beach area. She also requested that the date be extended to tie into the sewer system.

Ed Smith (11 Boston Ave) thanked the Board for considering the paving options in the Island area. He also requested that the Board consider extending the date for people in the area to hook up to the sewer.

Ted Guthrie thanked the Board for listening to the people in the island area. He has a copy of the contract agreement with Zoppo and requested a response in regard to what was included in the lump sum for the cost to pave Ashworth Avenue versus the Island area. He was also supportive of extending the sewer hook up deadline to May 1.

Geannina Guzman-Scanlon commented on parking and construction in the beach area. She is also concerned about the cost of connecting to the sewer system. She also discussed the newly developed Precinct Commission Beautification Committee.

Dick Schuck is concerned about drainage along Boston Avenue. He also thanked the Board for listening to their concerns.

VIII. - CLOSING COMMENTS:

Mr. Moore is concerned about drainage but does not believe additional money should be spent.

Mr. Workman MOTIONED to have a non-meeting directly after tonight's meeting. **Mr. Lally SECONDED.**
VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Moore MOTIONED to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 PM. **Mr. Griffin SECONDED.**
VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

Chairman