

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

**PRESENT:** Virginia Bridle-Russell, Chairman  
Ben Moore, Vice-Chairman  
James Workman  
Rick Griffin  
Bill Lally  
James S. Barrington, Town Manager  
Maureen Duffy, Administrative Assistant

**REGRETS:**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**1 – PROPOSED ANGLE PARKING IN CONNECTION WITH #20 BOSTON AVENUE**

Dick Schuck (18 Boston Ave) discussed the small space for parking between #20 Boston Avenue and Town property. He is not opposed to the idea of a temporary town ordinance allowing angle parking in the area but feels it sets a precedent for future parking requests. Mr. Schaake also noted that a long run solution is needed to remedy the situation.

Ed Smith (11 Boston Ave) discussed his concern about wheelchair bound people not being able to get around the parked vehicles. He suggested painting lines and perhaps residents could park on the nearby state property.

Gary & Kathern Keer (7 Boston Avenue) are full time residents in the area and have known the property owner, Ted Guthrie for ten years. Mr. Keer said that Mr. Guthrie is a very good neighbor and they are in support of the temporary ordinance to allow angle parking in front of #20 Boston Avenue.

A neighbor of the property owners of #20 Boston Avenue talked about the limited parking along the street. She also mentioned that Mr. Guthrie is a very good neighbor and she would appreciate a temporary ordinance to accommodate angle parking in front of #20 Boston Avenue to help him out.

Andrew Guthrie (10 Boston Avenue) presented a petition to the Board of Selectmen. He noted that it is a dead end street and there is enough space for emergency vehicles to get by angle parked vehicles. He said that the present and past property owners have always angle parked. Mr. Guthrie said that his brother does not want to do anything different with the way that people have parked for 45 years on the property. He also noted that the temporary parking ordinance would only be for a finite period of time.

Ted Guthrie (20 Boston Avenue) has talked to his neighbors about the parking situation. He is asking the Selectmen to consider temporary permission to park the way people have been parking there for 45 years. The temporary ordinance would provide him with some time to financially prepare to build permanent parking

spaces. He does not believe that the current parking situation disrupts pedestrian flow. Mr. Guthrie noted that he would have to address the problem with parking interfering with the handicap ramp. Mr. Guthrie requested that the Board consider a temporary ordinance to help him with the parking issue for 10 weeks during the summer.

Lorretta Schuck (18 Boston Ave) noted the Mr. Guthrie rents year-round and that in the winter time the snow plow has difficulty getting around the parked vehicles which results in large piles of snow being left along the road.

Ted Guthrie addressed Mrs. Schaake comments. He mentioned that he rents during the winter and will attempt to have his tenants park closer to his property.

Chairman Bridle-Russell read two letters from residents who live along Boston Avenue. Both were against the notion of having a temporary ordinance supporting angle parking along the street. In addition she noted that the Police Chief wrote a memo against angle parking along Boston Avenue.

Mr. Lally pointed out that the Police Chief has not recommended the request because a significant portion of the parked vehicles extend on to the roadway and angle parking is illegal along the street. He is not opposed to Mr. Guthrie continuing to park vehicles in this manner for the rest of the season but as a community leader it is difficult to ignore the recommendations of the Police Chief.

**Mr. Lally MOTIONED** to deny the request for angle parking to be permitted in front of #20 Boston Avenue. **Mr. Moore SECONDED.**

**DISCUSSION:**

It was suggested that the Town Manager write a letter to DRED regarding parking for residents on state land located near Boston Avenue.

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR**

**2 – ACCEPTANCE UNDER RSA 41:14-A OF A SIDEWALK & PARKING EASEMENT AT 428 LAFAYETTE ROAD. (THE SECOND REQUIRED PUBLIC HEARING)**

No comments.

**Chairman Virginia Bridle-Russell called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm and introduced those in attendance.**

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

**I. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

Mr. Lally mentioned that the new vacuum truck has arrived.

Mr. Moore announced that the Hampton Community Band is holding a concert at Tuck Museum next Monday, August 14.

Chairman Bridle-Russell announced the farewell Texas Barbeque on August 20<sup>th</sup> in honor of Mr. Barrington. All proceeds will be going to Mr. Barrington's charity of choice the Rotary Foundation.

## II. APPOINTMENTS

### 1 – LARRY BINGAMAN – AQUARION WATER COMPANY

Larry Bingaman and Adam Tory from Aquarion Water Company addressed the Board. Aquarion has recently been purchased by Macquarie. Mr. Bingaman noted that customer service will stay in the Hampton Office.

Mr. Lally inquired about the proposed work Aquarion has planned along Highland Avenue. Mr. Bingaman said that the bids have gone out and it is anticipated that the work will commence in early spring 2007.

### 2 – KEVIN SCHULTZ – REPORT ON THE OLD TOWN HALL

Building Inspector Kevin Schultz provided the Board with a document outlining the necessary repairs and renovations required to get the former town hall in a habitable state. Mr. Schultz estimates that the project will cost approximately \$54,000.

Mr. Moore inquired if the roof is being repaired on the current town hall. Mr. Schultz has already made arrangements.

Mr. Schultz also commented on the need for a sump pump and fans in the basement to dry it out.

**Mr. Griffin MOTIONED** to spend up to \$5,000 on a sump pump and fans to be used to drain and dry out the basement in the old town hall. **Mr. Lally SECONDED.**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR**

**Mr. Lally MOTIONED** to have the Town Planner Jamie Steffen, begin planning the most effective and efficient use of space for town property located along Winnacunnet Road. The Board of Selectmen, the Building Inspector, the Old Town Hall Committee and Library Trustees will also be involved in the planning. **Mr. Griffin SECONDED.**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR**

To help the Building Department deal with the work load a part-time plumbing and building inspector is required.

**Mr. Lally MOTIONED** to hire a part-time plumbing/building inspector. **Mr. Moore SECONDED.**

**VOTE: 4 FOR  
OPPOSED - Workman**

### **3 – LILLIAN CALLIER – LOADING ZONE ALONG I STREET**

Lillian Callier, represented the S & S Corner Store. It is a seasonal store that requires a loading zone along I Street. The current ordinance does not include a loading zone which is necessary for the store to receive deliveries.

**Mr. Moore MOTIONED** to hold a public hearing on August 21 regarding a loading zone along I Street. **Mr. Griffin SECONDED.**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR**

### **III. MINUTES – JULY 24, 2006**

The minutes of July 24 stand as read.

### **IV. OLD BUSINESS**

#### **1. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

Officer Barry Newcomb finished at the top of the eligibility list for promotion to Sergeant. He was sworn in as a Sergeant last Friday morning. He will be filling the position left vacant by the retirement of Sergeant Franklin (Gussie) Knowles.

The new ambulance has been delivered to Massachusetts for final outfitting. It is expected that it will be ready to go into service in early September.

The Public Affairs Officer from the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard contacted Mr. Barrington to ask if Hampton would be interested in being a host community for one of their submarines.

#### **BOARD'S RESPONSE TO THE MANAGER'S REPORT**

The Board questioned what Hampton could offer the submarine crews. Mr. Barrington explained that the crews often cleanup parks or assist the elderly. It would be a community effort that would require volunteers to ensure a welcome stay. Mr. Moore asked residents and/or local organizations to send a letter to the Town Manager's office expressing their interest in being involved. Chairman Bridle-Russell reminded the group that there is a USS Hampton Committee that may be interested in helping out as well.

Mr. Moore requested copies of the permits that were issued to Mark Maynard, the owner of The Yacht Club at Waters Edge. Mr. Barrington will provide them at the next meeting.

### **2 – ACTION ON THE APPROPRIATION OVERSIGHT COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Board considered the recommendations of the Commission. There was some concern regarding the data entry which has potential for human error. It was suggested that data input be made as mechanical as possible. It was questioned if the financial system would be more effective if the invoices went directly to the Finance Department and then to each department head. The format of the financial statement that was suggested by

the Commission was not favored by the Town Manager. The work done by the Commission was very much appreciated by the Board.

### **3 - 95 ASHWORTH AVENUE – NEW LEASE ASSIGNMENT OF LEASE & TERMINATION OF LEASE**

**Mr. Moore MOTIONED** to sign the lease assignment of lease and termination of lease for 95 Ashworth Avenue.  
**Mr. Griffin SECONDED.**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR**

### **OTHER OLD BUSINESS**

There are three different sites being considered for the new District Court location, two in Hampton and one in Newfield.

Mr. Workman inquired about the mosquito spraying.

A new Welfare Officer has been hired. She will begin on September 11.

There were some Board members who were concerned about the number of out of state vehicles that have resident parking permits. Mr. Barrington explained that anyone who pays taxes in Hampton may receive a parking permit. He also stated that if the Board wishes to change the policy they can.

**Mr. Moore MOTIONED** to authorize the Town Clerk to send certified letters to dog owners who have not paid for there dog license. **Mr. Griffin SECONDED.**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR**

## **V. NEW BUSINESS**

### **1 – SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING – HANDICAP PARKING ALONG J STREET**

**Mr. Lally MOTIONED** to hold a public hearing on August 21 regarding handicap parking along J Street. **Mr. Griffin SECONDED.**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR**

The Board requested that the Town Manager send a letter to the state requesting that crosswalks be painted on Ocean Boulevard.

Mr. Lally requested that the Public Works Director, John Hangen provide the Board with a priority list of neighborhoods that require drainage improvements. He also suggested that Mr. Hangen come before the Board on August 28.

## **OTHER NEW BUSINESS**

Chairman Bridle-Russell asked Mr. Barrington if the complaint from a resident regarding the difficulty he was having obtaining access to information related to the Beach Infrastructure Project had been resolved. The Town Manager stated that he had provided all documents he had related to the Project and the individual's request. Mr. Barrington believes that the issue has been resolved.

### **VI. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Elderly & Disabled Tax Deferral
2. Request for Sidewalk Sale – Seafood Festival 2006
3. Use of Channel 22 Audio System Request

**Mr. Moore MOTIONED** to approve the consent agenda. **Mr. Workman SECONDED.**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR**

### **VII. - PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Ed MacDonald identified himself as the individual attempting to review contracts and other documents related to the Infrastructure projects. Mr. MacDonald expressed his frustration with the Town Manager's previous statement that he had been given everything he had asked to review particularly when the Town Manager knew that was not correct. Mr. MacDonald described several examples of documents (e.g. Zoppo's contract) that had not been provided to him. Mr. MacDonald was advised by the Chairman to contact Town Attorney Mark Gearreald, to make arrangements to review documents that had not yet been provided to him but should be pursuant to RSA 91-A.

Michael Piers said that after the July 17<sup>th</sup> meeting it was apparent that Town personnel require more space. He suggested that a floor be added, in the open space on the second floor. In addition he suggested utilizing the open space on the first floor, by placing dividers and using the conference room on the second floor for extra office space. He also recommended that three or four offices be built onto the fire station when it is constructed.

Anne Kaiser, the Chairman of the Mosquito Control Committee came before the Board to assure the public that larviciding has been done. It has been determined that there are a few types of mosquitoes in Hampton that may carry the EEE virus. Mrs. Kaiser suggested for an additional precaution citizens may purchase insecticide product that attaches to a hose. Mrs. Kaiser also noted that a fee for resident parking stickers went to the voters last March and was not supported. She also suggested calling it a beach parking sticker.

### **VIII. - CLOSING COMMENTS:**

The Board will meet for a brief meeting after adjourning.

### **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

**Mr. Moore MOTIONED** to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 PM. **Mr. Lally SECONDED.**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR**

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Chairman