

**HAMPTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM
OCTOBER 16, 2006 – 7:00 PM**

PRESENT: Virginia Bridle-Russell, Chairman
Ben Moore, Vice-Chairman
James Workman
Bill Lally
Mark Gearreald, Interim Town Manager
Maureen Duffy, Administrative Assistant

REGRETS: Rick Griffin

PUBLIC HEARING

Acceptance of Katie Lane under RSA 674:40-a

Public Comment:

None

Mr. Gearreald explained that Katie Lane is a subdivision road that acts as a dedication to public use. The Public Works Director has indicated to the Town Manager that the road meets Town specifications.

Mr. Workman MOTIONED to accept Katie Lane under RSA 674:40-a. **Mr. Moore SECONDED.**

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

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

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Announcements were made later in the meeting.

II. APPOINTMENTS

1. SEAN LACEY & AERILLE ROYAL – STREET NAMING

Sean Lacey and Aerille Royal's Senior Seminar project involves submitting a warrant article for the Town vote. The students have undertaken the objective of establishing a policy in the Town of Hampton whereby all future streets and roads to be accepted by the Selectmen are named after any one of the following: any individual

whose primary residence being Hampton, New Hampshire gave his or her life in the defense of the United States or any individual, not necessarily a resident of Hampton, who gave his or her life when serving the community, such as a fireman or police officer killed in the line of duty.

They presented their proposed warrant article for advice on the wording and input from the Board.

Interim Town Manager and Town Attorney Mark Gearreald explained that municipalities are under the authority of the State statutes (RSA) which govern particular subjects. In some cases it is necessary to look at case law handed down by the Supreme Court that interprets various statutes. In New Hampshire Dillon's rule prevails where only specific subjects are allowed by state law for towns to abide to. The statute RSA 231:133 "Names; Changes; Signs", deals with the Board of Selectmen's authority to change or assign names to streets or highways. At the discretion of the Selectmen they may call for a public hearing and submit names for approval to the legislative body at the Deliberative Session in February and ballot session in March.

Mr. Gearreald referred to the student's proposed warrant article. He explained that the wording of the article leaves it to the Town meeting to adopt a Town policy that would bind the Board of Selectmen. Under State law the Selectmen have the authority, so for that reason the article would be advisory only. The Town Manager suggested that the students amend the warrant article by removing the word "adopt" to "recommend". After the word "policy" he suggested that they add "to the Board of Selectmen". The article would allow voters to determine their preference.

The Town currently provides a list of historical names that developers may choose from. Mr. Gearreald mentioned that the American Legion Post #35 is in favor of the students' article. It was explained that the article would require 25 or more signatures of registered voters and would need to be submitted before January 9, 2007. It was also recommended that the students come to the Deliberative Session to promote their article for the March vote.

Mr. Moore pointed out that citizen warrant articles must be submitted by persons over the age of 18. It was suggested that the students find an adult to sponsor the article for them.

It is policy that Town employees are not to provide assistance or advice on how to write citizen petitioned warrant articles. For the Senior Seminar students the Board assisted them for educational purposes only.

2. WARREN J. MACKENSEN – TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS BUDGET REQUEST

In response to the Trustees of the Trust Funds requesting \$2,750 for the next fiscal year Mr. Mackensen came before the Board. He believes that the dollar figure is inadequate for the task at hand and it requires an extensive review of the Trustees recordkeeping practices.

Mr. Mackensen is not a Trustee of the Trust Funds but has attended most of their meetings. He is concerned about the maintenance of the records as he is not confident in the procedures used by the Trustees. He is also concerned that the investment policy supports short-term, low interest investments that does not support investing trust money to its full potential and does not keep up with inflation.

Mr. Mackensen believes that citizens need to know more about how the trust fund is invested as it affects the tax rate and suggested that the agenda and meeting minutes be posted on the Town's website. He also

believes that the records of the Trust Fund are not easily accessible to the citizens of Hampton because information is stored in a number of different locations.

Mr. Mackensen recommended that the 2007 budget for the Trustees of the Trust Funds should be increased from \$2,750 to \$5,000 so that the Trustees may engage additional clerical help (i.e. pdf format for the website) to bring the Trust Funds records up to a modern level and in conformance with the RSAs.

Mr. Moore noted that the Town's Systems Engineer maintains the website and it may not be necessary to hire someone to do the work for the Trustees.

Trustees of the Trust Funds

The Chairman of the Trustees of the Trust Fund Glyn Eastman as well as Vic Lessard the Bookkeeper of the Trust Funds addressed the Board. Mr. Eastman noted that it is a three person Board and that most residents are supportive of their cautious investment method.

Mr. Lessard said that the people of Hampton have expressed the way they want the Trust money invested. The Trustees have hired an investment group to assist them with their decisions. He also noted that Mr. Moody the Administrative Coordinator does a lot for the Trustees and deserves the pay increase. Both Trustees were of the opinion that they are indifferent as to whether the minutes, agenda or records are on the Town website.

A date has not been set for the next Trustee meeting. Agendas are posted at the Town Hall.

The salary for the Administrative Coordinator has increased by 25% and the overall budget has increased by 17%.

The Trustees mentioned that they will continue investing in the same manner until the voters tell them different.

Announcements and Community Calendar

Thoughts go out to the family, friends and colleagues of the Manchester police officer Michael L. Briggs who was shot today, while on duty.

The Public Works Department will conduct the fall leaf curbside collection on Mondays beginning November, 6 through November 27.

The Hampton Planning Board will be hosting a forum on community growth this coming Wednesday, October 18 from 7 PM to 9PM.

The final budget review has been postponed until next week.

III. MINUTES – OCTOBER 9, 2006

The minutes of October 9, 2006 stand as read.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

1. INTERIM TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Gearreald has received an e-mail communication from Kevin Madden of Appledore Engineering regarding the further work to be done at the Winnacunnet Road/Park Avenue intersection. He has also passed the specifics along to Traffic Safety Engineer Steve Pernaw for his review and comment. Steve has, in turn, provided further suggestions, which Mr. Gearreald has passed along to Mr. Madden.

Police Chief Jamie Sullivan is aware of work being done by the State to the North Beach wall. Mr. Gearreald has written a letter to Brian Warburton DRED so that the Board will have specific information about the State's plans in that regard.

Two University of New Hampshire students in the University's Community Development program have begun the process of conducting an existing conditions survey/space needs analysis, under the supervision of Town Planner Jamie Steffen in conjunction with his work on the government center master plan.

The Planning Board will be conducting a public forum on Wednesday, October 18, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. concerning growth in Hampton. He has asked for updated statistics of new residential units from the Building Department and Tax Assessor's Office to share that evening.

The Budget Committee has kindly consented to some swapping of dates for Department budget reviews. The revised schedule will be posted on the web.

Mr. Gearreald is pleased to report the news from Health Officer Kevin Schultz that subject to approval by the Governor and Executive Council, the Department of Health and Human Services has awarded the Town the full \$9,931.82 we sought in state assistance for mosquito control activities.

On October 10 the CIP committee issued a draft report to be reviewed by the Planning Board. The report includes a new beach fire substation and a larger fire station in the center of Town.

Non-meeting meeting will be held immediately after the Selectmen's meeting.

Our Administrative Assistant and Information Technology Specialist would like the Board's views on whether to make audio rebroadcasts of Selectmen's meetings available on the Town's web site.

BOARD'S RESPONSE TO THE MANAGER'S REPORT

The CIP report is in draft form, once it is approved by the Planning Board it will be released to the public.

Mr. Moore MOTIONED to post the audio portion of the Board of Selectmen's meetings on the Town's website.
Mr. Workman SECONDED.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

OTHER OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Moore and Mr. Lally would like to see the Beach Infrastructure financial status report by next week's meeting.

Mr. Moore inquired about the utility poles in the beach area. Mr. Gearreald said that Verizon has a financial incentive to move the poles as quickly as possible or the burden will fall on Verizon opposed to Unital.

V. NEW BUSINESS

1 - 2007 BUDGET REVIEW – FINAL REVIEW

The budget review has been postponed until next week.

2 - SEPTEMBER FINANCIALS

The Finance Director is unavailable tonight.

3 - WARRANT FOR GENERAL ELECTION

The warrant for the general election must be posted at all polling places as well as at the Office of the Town and at the Town Clerk's office no later than October 24, 2006.

Mr. Workman MOTIONED to sign the State of New Hampshire Warrant for the November 7th general election.
Mr. Lally SECONDED.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

The budget books will be available to the Budget Committee by November 1.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Parade License**
- 2. Rockingham County Nursing Home**

Mr. Workman MOTIONED to accept the Rockingham County Nursing Home and the Parade License for the Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade. **Mr. Lally SECONDED.**

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

VII. - PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

VIII. - CLOSING COMMENTS:

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Moore MOTIONED to adjourn the meeting at 8:20PM. **Mr. Lally SECONDED.**

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

Chairman