

**HAMPTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM
JANUARY 28, 2008 – 7:30 PM**

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

REGRETS: Rick Griffin

Chairman Moore called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Chairman Moore introduced those in attendance.

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Mr. Workman encouraged residents to attend the annual Deliberative Session this Saturday, February 2 starting at 8:30 a.m.

II. APPOINTMENTS

1. FINANCE DIRECTOR, MICHAEL SCHWOTZER – WORKERS COMPENSATION & PROPERTY-LIABILITY, 9-9-9 PLAN

Town Attorney Gearreald and Finance Director Schwotzer addressed the Board. They came to ask the Selectmen to adopt the Local Government Center (LGC) 9-9-9 Plans for Workers Compensation and Property-Liability. The agreement is a three year package pricing program with no greater than a 9% rate increase each year for the next three years for Property-Liability and Workers Compensation.

Mr. Lally MOTIONED to authorize Chairman Moore to sign the Certificate of Authorizing Resolution, Combination of Members for Rating Purposes. **Mrs. Bridle-Russell SECONDED.**

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

Mr. Workman MOTIONED to authorize Chairman Moore to sign the Resolution for Participation in the Multi Year Rate Guarantee Program of the LGC Property-Liability Trust, LLC. **Mrs. Bridle-Russell SECONDED.**

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

Mr. Workman MOTIONED to authorize Chairman Moore to sign the Resolution for Participation in the Multi Year Rate Guarantee Program of the LGC Property-Liability Trust, LLC d/b/a LGC Workers' Compensation Trust. **Mrs. Bridle-Russell SECONDED.**

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

Mr. Workman MOTIONED to authorize Town Manager Welch to execute and deliver the applicable Trusts on behalf of the Town of Hampton. **Mrs. Bridle-Russell SECONDED.**

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

2. RECREATION & PARKS DIRECTOR, DYANA MARTIN – DEPARTMENT UPDATE & LEASED PARKING SPACES

Department update

Director of Recreation & Parks, Dyana Martin reported that the winter snowflake lights will be taken down tomorrow morning (January 29).

The Recreation office has been rearranged; it is now more organized and spacious.

Director Martin reported that a number of seniors and adult trips/activities have been planned. The Senior Cupid's Luncheon will be on February 14 at the Old Salt. Trips include Foxwoods on March 5th, the Anheuser Busch Brewery Tour on April 14, Mohegan Sun on May 7 and the Butterfly Place on May 14. Red Sox tickets are available for three different games; the cost includes transportation. Mrs. Martin also mentioned that other programs are available such as a knitting class, men's basketball and adult co-recreation volleyball, Shorin Ru Karate and Kung Fu.

The Director went on to discuss the children programs. There is one (K-2) group learning basketball and another group has started pillow ball. Tennis has also been added to the K-2 sports agenda.

The Hampton Ski and Ride program is going to start on February 10th. Mrs. Martin reported that the program started later this year as they have had to cancel in past years due to lack of snow.

The Red Cross Babysitting class is on January 19th.

The Department has a number of school vacation activities set up for February. They will be taking kids to Chunky's movie theatre on February 26th for grades 1-8. On February 27th, grades 4-8 will be going to Holodeck for some computer fun. On February 28th they will be taking kids to the IMAX theatre and Fuddrucker's for lunch, grades 3-8.

Recreation Director Martin attended the Northern New England Parks and Recreation Conference in Bartlett. She attended educational seminars, one which included Christine Brennan of ESPN Sports and USA Today, Sports Column.

High School Recreation Basketball has started and the Department is meeting with other communities involved to make the program run smoothly.

The Recreation Department is in the process of working on a couple of tennis grants, and gearing up to write grants for scholarships for camp. They are also looking for sponsors to help cover the costs of the Easter Egg Dig and Fishing Derby.

Mrs. Martin thanked Parson's Electric for putting up and taking down the winter snowflake lights.

Leased Parking

Mrs. Martin reported that she received a request from the Ashworth Hotel for overnight parking of trucks in the Church Street lot on May 28, 29, 30 and 31 for a special event. The Department has received requests in the past for overnight parking; however they are not able to accommodate on a regular basis due to staffing issues. For special events such as the Seafood Festival, the Department would like to establish prices for parking in each of the lots if they are able to accommodate the event. Director Martin proposed that the fee would cover 24 hour parking per vehicle. If the driver does not stay the whole 24 hours there will not be any discount. The fee would be charged for large vehicles such as trailer trucks, buses and oversized vans. In addition, the driver would pay up front for the days the vehicle will be staying in the lot. They will also be made aware that the Town of Hampton is not liable for any damages, lost/stolen vehicles or items within.

Director Martin proposed the following fees:

- Ashworth Lot (cars only and only for special events that can be accommodated) - \$25 per day/night
- Island Path Lot (cars only and only for special events that can be accommodated) - \$25 per day/night
- Church Street Lot (buses, equipment trucks and trailer trucks) - \$20 per day/night

The Department would also like to set a policy for buses. Currently there are no buses at the Ashworth or Island Path lot, but they are accepted at the Church Street lot. Director Martin proposed a flat fee of \$20 per bus per day regardless of the amount of time the bus is going to be there.

Mr. Workman asked if the proposed rates would be on special weekends. Mrs. Martin said that it would only be for special events such as the Seafood Festival as the Department does not have enough staff to handle overnight parking. Mr. Moore asked if Director Martin would be in charge of determining what is considered a special event. Mrs. Martin is prepared to make the decision unless instructed otherwise by the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Workman suggested that reentry to the lot not be permitted.

Mrs. Bridle-Russell asked if the \$20 fee for buses in the Church Street lot is the daily rate rather than for special events. Director Martin said that the proposed rate is a \$20/day flat fee for buses. Mrs. Bridle-Russell asked if motor-homes have been included in the parking proposal. Mr. Workman suggested that RV units be excluded from the parking policy to deter overnight camping.

Mr. Lally asked who determines what a special event is. Director Martin's Department will be responsible for making the decision. The decision will be based on whether or not the Department can accommodate.

Mr. Moore inquired if the Department would need to expand parking lot attendant hours. Mrs. Martin thought that perhaps there would be a slight need. She does not believe there will be a lot of special events requiring the use of the lots however; she would like to see a policy in place.

Mrs. Martin will modify the parking lot proposal to include the following: no reentry, no RV's and the event will be deemed "special" upon the discretion of the Recreation Director and the Town Manager. The revised version will be presented to the Board at the next meeting.

III. MINUTES – JANUARY 21, 2008

Page 3 – bottom of page – should read as follows: “*Vice-Chairman Lally called the meeting to order at 7:15.*”

The January 21, 2008 minutes stand approved as corrected.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

1. TOWN MANAGER’S REPORT

Town Manager Welch reported that the nomination period for Town elected offices closes at 5 p.m. on February 1, 2008. Citizens who are registered voters and who are interested in seeking election must present themselves at the Town Clerk’s Office before the deadline to register. The offices open for election are: two (2) positions on the Board of Selectmen for a 3 year term; Moderator for a 2 year term; Treasurer for a 3 year term; 2 positions on the Trustees of Trust Funds for a 3 year term; 1 member of the Supervisor of the Checklist for a 4 year term and 1 member for a 6 year term; 2 members of the Planning Board for a 3 year term; 2 Library Trustees for 3 year terms; 1 Cemetery Trustee for a 3 year term; 4 members of the Budget Committee for 3 year terms; 2 members of the Zoning Board of Adjustment for 3 year terms.

Mr. Welch asked citizens to mark their calendars for the Deliberative Session of the Annual Town Meeting that will be held on Saturday, February 2, 2008 (snow date February 9, 2008) at the Winnacunnet High School at 8:30 a.m. He noted that lunch will available during the noon break.

The Town Manager reminded residents of the Penguin Plunge this Sunday, February 3, 2008. Registration for the event starts at 9 a.m. and the Plunge is at noon.

Mr. Welch announced the Natural Resources Outreach Coalition (NROC) meeting to be held on Thursday, February 7th at 7 p.m. at the Hampton Academy Library.

A quitclaim deed was discovered in the Town Manager’s office dealing with West Ridge Road. The Town Manager confirmed that it was approved by the Board of Selectmen in 1996 but was never recorded. It was the consensus of the Board to proceed with recording it.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. DELIBERATIVE SESSION

Town Attorney Gearreald noted that he and other involved parties of the Deliberative Session met with Moderator Bob Casassa. A correction sheet for Article #1, including all candidates has been created and clipped to the sample warrants.

Mrs. Bridle-Russell MOTIONED to group Articles 35 to 51 for discussion at the Deliberative Session . **Mr. Lally SECONDED.**

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

In order for an Article to be discussed at the Deliberative Session a motion must be made to move it to the floor for discussion.

Motions and seconds for Board of Selectmen sponsored Articles were determined as follows:

ARTICLE #	SUBJECT	MOTION	SECOND
Article 1.	Election of Officers	Workman	Moore

Article 2. Zoning Amendment
 Article 3. Zoning Amendment
 Article 4. Zoning Amendment
 Article 5. Zoning Amendment

		MOTION	SECOND
Article 6.	Bond Issue – Uptown Fire Station \$4,576,250	Moore	Bridle-Russell
Article 7.	Bond Issue – Beach Fire Station \$2,211,100	Workman	Bridle-Russell
Article 8.	The Budget \$24,672,878	Budget Com.	Budget Com.
Article 9.	Teamsters Local 633 \$43,722	Bridle-Russell	Moore
Article 10.	State Employees Association \$48,053	Lally	Workman
Article 11.	Hampton Police Association \$102,078	Moore	Lally
Article 12.	Hampton Police Association (Sergeants) \$6,280	Moore	Lally
Article 13.	Hampton Firefighters Local 2664 \$115,433	Workman	Bridle-Russell
Article 14.	Hampton Fire Supervisory Association \$23,961	Workman	Bridle-Russell
Article 15.	Roadway Maintenance \$350,000	Lally	Moore
Article 16.	Tennis Court Repairs \$115,000	Workman	Lally
Article 17.	Police Forfeiture Fund \$90,000	Workman	Bridle-Russell
Article 18.	Cable TV Origination Fund \$100,000	Lally	Moore
Article 19.	Safer Program \$296,498	Lally	Bridle-Russell
Article 20.	Mosquito Control \$50,000	Bridle-Russell	Moore
Article 21.	Library HVAC Replacement \$350,000	Workman	Bridle-Russell
Article 22.	Drainage Study Update \$65,000	Lally	Workman

Article 23.	DPW Capital Reserve Fund \$340,000	Moore	Workman
Article 24.	Cemetery Burial Trust Fund \$19,750	Bridle-Russell	Lally
Article 25.	Cemetery Gravestone Maintenance \$10,000	Bridle-Russell	Moore
Article 26.	Cemetery Trust Fund Withdrawal \$45,000	Moore	Bridle-Russell
Article 27.	Cemetery Roof Repairs \$4,500	Lally	Workman
Article 28.	Social Security Exclusion	Moore	Bridle-Russell
Article 29.	Allow Mace Fish House Owned by Town	Lally	Workman
Article 30.	Purchase Doggett Fish House \$22,700	Workman	Bridle-Russell
Article 31.	Doggett Fish House allow until Mr. Cropper's death.	Petitioned	Petitioned
Article 32.	Amusement Devices Ordinance	Moore	Workman
Article 33.	Noise Ordinance	Lally	Bridle-Russell
Article 34.	Open Container Ordinance	Workman	Moore
Article 35.	A Safe Place \$5,500	Bridle-Russell	Lally
Article 36.	Area Home Care & Family Services \$12,000	<i>Bridle-Russell</i>	<i>Lally</i>
Article 37.	Big Brothers-Big Sisters \$6,500	<i>Bridle-Russell</i>	<i>Lally</i>
Article 38.	Child & Family Services \$5,000	<i>Bridle-Russell</i>	<i>Lally</i>
Article 39.	Cross Roads House \$15,000	<i>Bridle-Russell</i>	<i>Lally</i>
Article 40.	New Generation Shelter \$2,000	<i>Bridle-Russell</i>	<i>Lally</i>
Article 41.	Red Cross \$1,000	<i>Bridle-Russell</i>	<i>Lally</i>
Article 42.	Retired Senior Volunteer Program \$1,800	<i>Bridle-Russell</i>	<i>Lally</i>
Article 43.	Rockingham Community Action \$25,000	<i>Bridle-Russell</i>	<i>Lally</i>
Article 44.	Seacare Health Services \$10,000	<i>Bridle-Russell</i>	<i>Lally</i>
Article 45.	Seacoast Hospice \$7,500	<i>Bridle-Russell</i>	<i>Lally</i>
Article 46.	Seacoast Mental Health \$8,000	<i>Bridle-Russell</i>	<i>Lally</i>
Article 47.	Seacoast Visiting Nurse \$40,000	<i>Bridle-Russell</i>	<i>Lally</i>
Article 48.	Seacoast Youth Services \$2,500	<i>Bridle-Russell</i>	<i>Lally</i>
Article 49.	Sexual Assault Support Services \$2,000	<i>Bridle-Russell</i>	<i>Lally</i>
Article 50.	The Ritchie McFarland Children's Center \$6,000	<i>Bridle-Russell</i>	<i>Lally</i>
Article 51.	Aids Seacoast \$2,700	<i>Bridle-Russell</i>	<i>Lally</i>

Article 52.	Open Gates on Hardart's Way	Petitioned	Petitioned
Article 53.	Remove deed restrictions 30, 34 & 36 River Avenue	Petitioned	Petitioned
Article 54.	Rockingham Nutrition & Meal on Wheels Program \$4,952	Petitioned	Petitioned
Article 55.	Families First Health & Support Services \$10,000	Petitioned	Petitioned
Article 56.	Accept Pawnees, Mohawk & Dacotah Streets	Petitioned	Petitioned
Article 57.	Resolution on Property Taxes	Petitioned	Petitioned
Article 58.	Create HBVD Improvement Fund from 20% of Parking Receipts	Petitioned	Petitioned
Article 59.	Appropriate \$171,994 from parking receipts for lighting	Petitioned	Petitioned
Article 60.	Accept Robin Lane	Petitioned	Petitioned
Article 61.	Accept Manchester Street	Petitioned	Petitioned
Article 62.	Remove deed restrictions 8 River Avenue	Petitioned	Petitioned
Article 63.	Lamprey Health Care Senior Transportation \$4,200	Petitioned	Petitioned
Article 64.	Children's Christmas Carnival \$4,000	Petitioned	Petitioned
Article 65.	Accept Cole Street	Petitioned	Petitioned
Article 66.	Seacoast Interfaith Hospitality Network \$2,000	Petitioned	Petitioned
Article 67.	Sidewalk Landing and Winnacunnet Roads \$97,520	Petitioned	Petitioned
Article 68.	Accept Cutler Avenue	Petitioned	Petitioned
Article 69.	Construct Bicycle route \$752,000 (\$601,600 from State)	Petitioned	Petitioned
Article 70.	Remove deed restrictions 725 Ocean Boulevard	Petitioned	Petitioned
Article 71.	City Year New Hampshire Hampton's Team Support \$15,000	Petitioned	Petitioned
Article 72.	Old Town Hall Senior Center \$150,000	Petitioned	Petitioned
Article 73.	Special Town Meeting if Union Agreements do not pass	Petitioned	Petitioned

Mr. Moore suggested a list with yes/no columns along side the list of all the articles be provided to voters at the Deliberative Session.

2. ENERGY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Workman MOTIONED to appoint David Tavitian and Jim Sweeney to the Hampton Energy Committee.
Mrs. Bridle-Russell SECONDED.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

3. RETIREMENT SPECIAL ACCOUNT

The Selectmen received notice from the LGC asking them to consider contributing a portion of the cost of litigation that led to the destabilization of the New Hampshire Retirement System (NHRS) and a funding level of 57%. Employer contributions are expected to fund the medical subsidy. The LGC believes that this is an unconstitutional mandate in violation of Part I, Article 28-a of the New Hampshire Constitution. In order to preserve employer rights in this area, the LGC believes they must institute litigation on behalf of local governments as soon as possible to challenge the decision by the NHRS Board of Trustees to add \$128 million to employer costs over the biennium. A successful conclusion to such litigation could save the \$128 million cost for the current biennium, and could force the legislature to look at alternative ways to stabilize the pension fund.

Hampton's litigation costs would be \$4,853.80.

Mr. Workman MOTIONED to authorize the Town Manager to proceed with contributing to the LGC litigation against additional retirement costs. **Mr. Lally SECONDED.**

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

4. ABATEMENT TO FORGIVE INTEREST REQUEST

Chairman Moore reported that there was a computer problem that resulted in a billing issue for the property owner of 11 Birch Road.

Mr. Lally MOTIONED to sign the abatement form to forgive the \$33.22 interest request for 11 Birch Road. **Mrs. Bridle-Russell SECONDED.**

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

Other New Business

Residents were reminded of the State Representative election on February 5.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

None

VII PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

VIII. CLOSING COMMENTS:

None

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Bridle-Russell MOTIONED to adjourn at 8:24 p.m. **Mr. Lally SECONDED.**

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

Chairman