

Town of Hampton



HAMPTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM March 03, 2008 – 7:00 PM

PRESENT: Ben Moore, Chairman
Bill Lally, Vice Chairman
Virginia Bridle-Russell
James Workman
Rick Griffin
Fred Welch, Town Manager
Kristina Ostman, Administrative Assistant

REGRETS:

Chairman Moore called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Chairman Moore introduced those in attendance.

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNITY CALENDAR

II. APPOINTMENTS

1. Recreation & Parks Director Dyana Martin – Departmental Update

Director Martin reported in her second report of 2008 for the Hampton Recreation and Parks Department gave a short overview of what the department has been working on and what is current for each branch of the department.

Parks Maintenance – Removal of the holiday ornaments as well as all but one wreath on the gazebo that we could not get to due to the snow.

Parking Lots - The parking lots are presently closed, however the Casino will be opening on April 6th, so we will be opening the Ashworth Ave. lot earlier than usual. They are contacting previous employees for employment this summer and have placed an ad in the paper for new employees for parking attendants for the summer season.

Recreation Programs – The department has finished the February Vacation activities for the kids. The department recently held their Recreation Advisory Council meeting and the annual Cupid's Luncheon for the Seniors. Also, Rene Boudreau, Katie Yeaton and Ms. Martin were the entertainment for the Senior Citizen Club meeting in January. We played a version of the 70's TV game show Password called Buzzword.

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The following trips have been set up for the next few months: Foxwoods (two), Mohegan Sun, the Butterfly Place, Anheuser Busch Brewery Tour, Strafford Farms, Warrens Seafood, Rex Sox (three), the Olive Garden, and the Loaf and Ladle.

The K-2 Sports program is now into the floor hockey session and we have added a session of Tennis to the K-2 Agenda. The High School Recreation Basketball is almost complete for this year and the Playoffs start next weekend. The travel show for the Ireland trip will be held tomorrow night at Tuck Field at 6:00pm, and the Ski and Ride Program has two more sessions before it is complete.

The department is working on the April vacation activities and finishing up all the camp preparation for summer camp so our brochure should be out in the next two weeks or so. The first day to sign up for all of our summer camps and activities is April 1, and the department has sent out an ad for summer employment for camp counselors.

Donations & Grants - None as of yet

Ms. Martin explained the goal of Article 16 and asked for support for this article and that the article will have no effect on the town's tax rate.

Chairman Moore inquired about the parks maintenance, since the transfer of those employees to the DPW. Will the department be contacting those employees to work for Parks and Recreation during the summer, and how many are there.

Ms. Martin explained that they will be contacting three employees to inquire whether they will be returning for the season. The department now has only seasonal part-time employees.

III. MINUTES – February 25, 2008

Page 7 – Under February 25, 2008 minute corrections – item should read after the word site “at the Hampton Beach State Park”.

The February 25, 2008 minutes stand approved as corrected.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

1. Town Manager's Report
2. Review of Warrant

1. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

The Hampton Beach State Park Redevelopment Preliminary Design Workshop will be held at the Police Department Community Room on Wednesday, March 5, 2008 from 6 to 9 PM. Please come and listen to the concept ideas and express your public input to assist the State Department of Resources and Economic Development in their quest to redevelop the State Park.

The Recreation Department will be conducting a preview of the Shades of Ireland trip scheduled for September 19-28, 2008 at the Tuck Building on Tuesday, March 4th at 6 PM.

Please remember to re-license your dog at the Town Clerk's Office.

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I am please to announce the appointment of Kristina Ostman as the Administrative Assistant to the Town Manager effective February 29, 2008. A special "Thank You" to Maureen Duffy for her work as Administrative Assistant.

Town Reports are available at the Town Hall. There are also Town Reports from some prior years on a table in the outer lobby should you be missing any from your collection.

Since that report was written, Mr. Welch has received notice that the next NROC meeting will be held on March 6th at the Academy' Library at 7:00PM, and the snow date is March 11th same time and place.

On March 12th a ceremony of placing a wreath on the gravesite of Jane Means Appleton Pierce; the 14th First Lady of the United States; who was born in Hampton. The location of the ceremony will be at the Old North Cemetery.

Selectmen's Response to the Town Manager's Report

None.

2. REVIEW OF TOWN WARRANT

Chairman Moore postponed the warrant review to immediately following new business.

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. Ruth Stimson park agreement has been redrafted and sent to the attorney.
2. PTA sponsored Candidates Nights for March 4, 2008 in the BOS Room.
3. Agreement between the BOS & Conservation Commission for the Lamprey/Leavitt Town Property is not ready for final execution by the Board.
4. Notice of vacancy on the Hampton Beach Commission was announced. Residents Interested in an appointment to the Commission should contact a Selectmen or the Town Manager before next Monday's meeting.
5. Department Head – Probationary period has ended and the salary increase is warranted for the Finance Director Michael Schwotzer. Mr. Schwotzer was hired at a salary that was substantially less then the previous occupant of that Office. Mr. Schwotzer's work has been exemplarily. The Board had agreed to the increase in a non- public meeting in the amount of \$5,000.

Mr. Welch explained that the procedure of discussion personal would be in a non-public session, discussion on salary should be in a public session.

Chairman Moore commended Mr. Schwotzer for his work.

MR. Griffin MOTIONED to increase the salary of the Finance Director. **Mr. Workman SECONDED** with the acknowledgment the Mr. Schwotzer is fully deserving of the salary increase and his only caveat is that the previous Finance Director's salary was an aberration and should not be used as the bar.

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3. REVIEW OF TOWN WARRANT

Chairman Moore explained that the warrant contains many articles, which have been discussed at public meetings and the deliberative session. The warrant in itself is extremely long and encouraged the public to review the warrant before entering the voting booth, in order to familiarize themselves, on March 11, 2008.

Mr. Lally identified that on page five of the warrant the wording of "please go to next page" has been omitted.

Announcement of the Hampton PTA sponsored Candidates Night for March 4, 2003.

Chairman Moore reviewed the Town Warrant by article to seek comment, and the following articles were commented on.

Article 1 Candidates for Office; Article 6 New Uptown Fire Station and new office space for two Town Departments; Article 7 New Beach Fire Station; Articles 8-13 Union Contracts; Article 16 Recreation; Article 22 Drainage issues; Article 25 Cemetery upkeep; Article 32 Amusement Machines; Articles 35 – 51 Social Service related citizen petitions; Article 69 Bike Path; Articles on Road acceptances.

Attorney Gearraeld informed the Board that the lease on the Beach Fire Station will expire in 2009.

Attorney Gearraeld clarified the difference between Articles 6 and 72; Article 6 is for new construction of the Fire Station with the demolition of the Old Town Hall and Article 72 is for renovations of the Old Town Hall.

Mr. Welch gave a history of the Boston Post Cane, which began in the 1890's of the Boston Post giving a can to the "oldest Resident in every Town here in New England. Mr. Welch would like to revive the tradition and had order a replica of the cane for that purpose.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Regulation of Billiard Tables Pool Tables and Bowling Alleys
2. Parades and Public Gatherings
3. Assessor's Contract Pulled from Consent Agenda.

Mr. Workman MOTIONED to move the balance of the Consent Agenda. **Mrs. Bridle-Russell SECONDED.**

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

1. ASSESSOR' CONTRACT

Contract for the part- time employment of Robert Estey, as Assessor, after he elects to retire from the full time position of the Assessor.

Mr. Griffin MOTIONED to approve the Assessors Contact. **Mr. Workman SECONDED.**

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

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Mr. Gerry Dignan - Tobey Street. Disappointed that the Selectmen would go through the warrant articles this evening, editorializing, and telling people how to vote. This is an injustice to the residents by the Selectmen to speak and editorialize on the articles with out the people of a contrary mind able to speak and questioned if the discussion of the warrant articles is violating any laws, Sate law in particular. Mr. Dignan is against the Article on Bike path as it would be unsafe, unhealthful and expensive.

Attorney Geareald. The warrant is under the preview of the Selectmen and the opportunity for dissenting opinions has been exercised.

Maury Freedman - 30 Hampton Meadows. Here to support Article 72 and is not here to berated the selectmen but is bothered and bewildered that the selectmen are not supporting the senior citizens of Hampton. Article 72 is contrary to Article 6. The Old Town Hall can be used as a senior citizen center. A local architect; Dave Lopatchich has given his time and created some sketches. The cost came in above what is asked for in Warrant Article, but believes that granting funding is available to off-set the cost difference for the renovations of the Old Town Hall. As an individual Mr. Freedman is requesting your support for Article 72, and if you have any questions please feel free to call him.

Ms. Bridle-Russell asked Mr. Freedman what does the \$150,000.00 get with respect to the renovation of the building, if the voters do approve the amount, how much is the total cost of the renovations. Mr. Freedman stated that they as a group would look to other funding sources to make up the difference from the approved amount.

Bonnie Searle (16 Penniman Lane) Agrees with Mr. Dignan. Identified the locations where the ballot is available and is afraid that the voters will not vote due to the warrants length.

Chairman Moore closed the public comment session at 8:02

VIII. CLOSING COMMENTS:

Mrs. Bridle-Russell reiterated that tomorrow evening in the Selectmen's room at 7:00PM, the PTA' s Candidates night will be held and that it will also be televised.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Griffin MOTIONED to adjourn at 8:04. **Mrs. Bridle-Russell SECONDED.**

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR



Chairman

CONTRACT FOR PART TIME EMPLOYMENT AS ASSESSOR

Now come the Town of Hampton, a municipal corporation duly existing in Rockingham County, State of New Hampshire, by its Board of Selectmen, hereinafter called the Town, and Robert A. Estey, hereinafter call the Assessor, who mutually agree and covenant as follows:

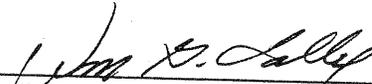
1. In the event of the retirement in early 2008 by Mr. Estey from his full time job as Assessor, the Town of Hampton shall employ Robert A. Estey as its Assessor on a part time basis upon the terms and conditions herein contained, and his current "Assessor's Contract" dated December 5, 2005 shall then be superseded by this Contract. If Mr. Estey does not so retire, this Contract shall not become effective, and his aforesaid current contract shall remain in full force and effect.
2. The term of employment under this Contract shall be for 2 years, commencing Wednesday, June 4, 2008 and terminating June 1, 2010.
3. The compensation of the Assessor during the entire term of this Contract shall be \$42.00 per hour, less applicable withholdings, with employment being on a part time basis with number of hours worked averaging no less than 24 hours per week and no more than 31 hours per week.
4. The Assessor shall be entitled to leave as described in the Town of Hampton Personnel Policy dated January 1, 2004, at the rate of 1 day per month.
5. The Assessor shall be entitled up to one week paid time per year to maintain his Certified Assessment Evaluator (C.A.E.) designation by either taking an appraisal course or instructing for the International Association (I.A.A.O.).
6. The Assessor shall not be provided by the Town with either medical insurance or life insurance, nor shall his employment under this Contract be subject to the benefits or obligations of the New Hampshire State Retirement System.
7. The Assessor shall be paid a motor vehicle allowance of \$140.00 per month for the use of his privately owned automobile.
8. On or before May 1, 2010 the Selectmen and the Assessor shall meet to discuss terms for any further contract period.
9. The Assessor's duties in his capacity as Part Time Assessor shall be the same as his current duties as full time assessor.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto set their hands this 3RD day of MARCH 2008.

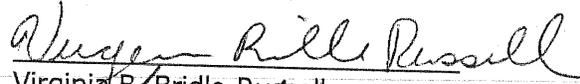
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Bennett F. Moore, Chairman



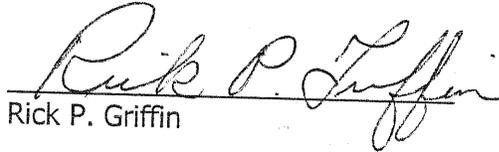
William G. Lally, Vice Chairman



Virginia B. Bridle-Russell

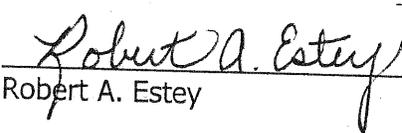


James A. Workman



Rick P. Griffin

and



Robert A. Estey