

Town of Hampton



HAMPTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM March 17, 2008 – 7:00 PM

PRESENT: William Lally, Chairman
Richard Griffin, Vice Chairman
James Workman
Richard Nichols
Richard Bateman
Fred Welch, Town Manager
Kristina Ostman, Administrative Assistant

REGRETS:

Past Vice-Chairman Lally called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Past Vice -Chairman Lally introduced those in attendance.

I. OATH OF OFFICE

Miss Jane Cypher, Town Clerk sworn in the newly elected officials.

With the statutory oath Mr. Richard E. Nichols and Mr. Richard W. Bateman became Selectmen for the Town of Hampton.

With the statutory oath Mr. Robert A. Casassa became the Town Moderator.

With the statutory oath Mrs. Ellen M. Lavin became the Town Treasurer.

With the statutory oath Mr. David W. Hamilton became a member of the Trustee of the Trust Funds.

With the statutory oath Ms. Barbara Renaud became a Supervisor of the Checklist.

With the statutory oath Mr. Robert Viviano and Mr. Mark Loopley became members of the Planning Board.

With the statutory oath Mrs. Marylou Heran became a Library Trustee.

With the statutory oath Mr. Matthew Shaw became a Cemetery Trustee.

With the statutory oath Mr. Richard Hansen and Mr. John Lessard became members of the Budget Committee.

With the statutory oath Mr. John Gebhart became a member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment

The following individuals were unavailable and were sworn in this afternoon.

Mr. Warren Mackensen	- Trustee of the Trust Fund
Mrs. Davina Larivee	- Supervisor of the Checklist
Mrs. Bridgit Valgenti	- Library Trustee
Mr. Traynor and Mr. Stuker	- Budget Committee
Mr. Thomas McGuirk	- Zoning Board of Adjustment

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II. RE-ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Chairman

Mr. Griffin MOTIONED to nominate Mr. William Lally as Chairman. Mr. Workman SECONDED

VOTE: 4-0-1

Mr. Lally abstained.

Vice- Chairman

Mr. Bateman MOTIONED to nominate Mr. Griffin as Vice-Chairman Mr. Lally SECONDED

VOTE: 4-0-1

Mr. Griffin abstained.

Budget Committee

Mr. Griffin MOTIONED to nominate Mr. Nichols. Mr. Bateman SECONDED

Mr. Bateman, Alternate

VOTE: 4-0-1

Mr. Nichols abstained.

Planning Board

Mr. Nichols MOTIONED to nominate Mr. Bateman. Mr. Griffin SECONDED

Mr. Workman, Alternate

VOTE: 4-0-1

Mr. Bateman abstained.

Recreation Advisory Council

Mr. Griffin MOTIONED to nominate Mr. Bateman. Mr. Nichols SECONDED

Mr. Lally, Alternate

VOTE: 4-0-1

Mr. Bateman abstained

Cable Television

Mr. Griffin MOTIONED to nominate Mr. Workman. Mr. Bateman SECONDED

Mr. Lally, Alternate

VOTE: 4-0-1

Mr. Workman abstained

Insurance Advisory Committee

Mr. Griffin MOTIONED to nominate Mr. Nichols. Mr. Workman SECONDED

Mr. Lally, Alternate

VOTE: 4-0-1

Mr. Nichols abstained

Capital Improvement Program (CIP)

Mr. Griffin MOTIONED to nominate Mr. Lally. Mr. Bateman SECONDED

Mr. Bateman, Alternate

VOTE: 4-0-1

Mr. Lally abstained

Beach Commission

Mr. Lally MOTIONED to nominate Mr. Griffin. Mr. Nichols SECONDED

Mr. Nichols, Alternate

VOTE: 4-0-1

Mr. Griffin abstained

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Municipal Records

Mr. Griffin MOTIONED to nominate Mr. Lally. **Mr. Nichols SECONDED**
Mr. Bateman, Alternate

VOTE: 4-0-1
Mr. Lally abstained

Chamber of Commerce

Mr. Lally MOTIONED to nominate Mr. Griffin. **Mr. Nichols SECONDED**

VOTE: 4-0-1
Mr. Griffin abstained

Heritage Commission

Mr. Lally MOTIONED to nominate Mr. Workman. **Mr. Griffin SECONDED**
Mr. Lally, Alternate

VOTE: 4-0-1
Mr. Workman abstained

Energy Committee

Mr. Griffin MOTIONED to nominate Mr. Workman. **Mr. Bateman SECONDED**
Mr. Griffin, Alternate

VOTE: 4-0-1
Mr. Workman abstained

Municipal Solid Waste

Mr. Bateman MOTIONED to nominate Mr. Lally. **Mr. Griffin SECONDED**
Mr. Bateman, Alternate.

VOTE: 4-0-1
Mr. Lally abstained

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Chairman Lally thanked the citizens of Hampton for voting.

Chairman Lally also thanked Mr. Moore and Mrs. Virginia Bridle-Russell for their past work with the Board and the many years of service that they have given to the Town.

Chairman Lally spoke to the issue of the Voters wishes, and how the Board can work to accomplish the goals the Voters have set for them.

Mr. Bateman wished the Community a Happy St. Patrick's Day.

IV. APPOINTMENTS

1. Fire Chief – Hank Lipe

The following outlined the Fire Department's Activities for the first two months of the year.

Call Volume through March 16

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>% chg</u>
Fire/Rescue Service	364	528	-31%
EMS	343	332	+3%

Personnel

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95% through the recruitment process to hire the four new firefighters. The recommendations should be to the Town Manager by March 31. Anticipated start dates beginning the third week of April.

Equipment

SCBA - The department's Health and Safety Committee has concluded their research on new Self Contained Breathing Apparatus and will be sending a draft RFP to the Town Manager for his review. The department was awarded a federal grant last year to replace our aged, non-compliant air packs.

PPE - We will apply for a new grant this year to replace our personal protective clothing, which is now approximately 6-8 years old.

Budget

The budget is on track so far with overtime expenses tracking 6 % below target. The expenses are down substantially from last year for the first two months (\$24,000 less).

Fire Stations

Encourages the Board to consider addressing the fire station issues earlier in the year as to allow for more community involvement. To solicit better support for the replacement of the Fire Stations.

Questions from the Board.

Mr. Nichols asked Chief Lipe his opinion on how soon the Board should begin working on the education of the Community with respect to the needs of the Fire Stations; Mr. Lipe suggested that it be as soon as possible. Mr. Nichols suggest that the Board begin in the spring and explained his view on the

Mr. Workman spoke to the issue that good news that being on budget.

Vice-Chairman Griffin asked about several issues which concern Citizen needs; the Site Plan Review process and the time that it takes, and Fire Prevention.

Mr. Lipe explained what has been happening with the site plan review delays, and are working with the people involved. The delay in the process is the result of the not using overtime hours, and using the hours for what they should be used for. The Department is working to resolve the review time lag.

Vice-Chairman Griffin that the Board needs to identify which station to be built and to make the plan NH Charrette to be realized. And focus on the Beach station first.

Mr. Lally asked the Chief how many applications were received. Chief Lipe informed the Board that 23 application were received, which were narrowed down to eight and the eight has not been narrowed to five for the four positions.

Mr. Nichols asked about the testing, Mr. Lipe explain his department review of the applications, state testing, national testing, EMS experience and fire fighting experience. The process is about two month's long is reviewing the applicants, staying above the curve, when filling the positions.

V. MINUTES– March 10, 2008

The March 10, 2008 minutes stand approved as submitted.

Mr. Workman MOTIONED to approve the minutes. **Mr. Griffin SECONDED**

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VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Town Manager's Report
2. On Wednesday, March 12th I traveled to Concord, NH in the company of our Chief of Police and Finance Director and we placed a wreath at the grave of Hampton native Jane Means Appleton Pierce, the 14th First Lady of the United States to commemorate her 202nd birthday.
3. The State-Federal Highway Funds commitment for the Bike Path has been returned to the State for use by the State in other projects. That action occurred on Wednesday following the vote of the Town on Tuesday.
4. Please mark your calendars for the NH Carbon Challenge at the Lane Library from 6:30 to 8 PM on April 1. Learn to reduce your carbon emissions and save money.
5. I am pleased to report two personnel changes in the Public Works Department. William Bowley to the position of Light Equipment Operator and Tobi Eldridge to Transfer Station Operator. Both were effective March 12, 2008.

Mr. Welch has redistributed the Municipal Meeting information which will be held at the Galley Hatch on the Subject of Pensions. The Board feels it is important for the members to attend.

Mr. Welch explained that the State Government has a deficit (shortfall in funding of 2.5 Billion) in the Retirement system. The State will be applying the corpus from the Medical Subsidy Account in the amount of 250 million against the deficit of the 2.5 Billion, and then will be assessing the Towns for the loss of the Medical Subsidy Account sums. The State will not be starting the assessing this July 1, but have put it forward another year (2009). Mr. Welch's concern is that when they do latch up on the money, they will not let the money go they will continue to keep on assessing the cities and towns for this deficit.

Chairman Lally asked the question of what caused the deficit; as it was explained to Mr. Lally that it was because of a few Towns not paying; Mr. Welch thought that that was not the reason for the deficit, and he is not sure as to the cause of the deficit.

Selectmen's Response to the Town Manager's Report

None

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Collective Bargaining for the Police Union Contracts.

Mr. Welch explained that the Patrolman and Sergeants Unions have demanded that the Board address the issue of the contracts.

Mr. Lally would like to ensure that the Town Manager be involved in the Union discussions.

Mr. Griffin MOTIONED to the have the Town Manager to participate in the Non-public session on the Union Contract as negotiator on the behalf of the Town with Labor Counsel. **Mr. Workman SECONDED**

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Mr. Nichols stated that he is very comfortable with Mr. Welch handling the negotiations, however, Mr. Nichols asked if the Board will still be actively involved in the process, if Mr. Welch is acting for the Board..

Chairman Lally explained that the Board will and is actively involved in the process. The Board is updated with information; however, that information is under the collective bargaining agreement and is not public information.

General discussion on how the negotiations process is handled.

General discussion on the drainage issues within the town, that many areas of the town have clay piping, which is deteriorating. These infrastructure issues and the subsequent problems which are the results of these issues will not go away, and will continue to multiply.

2. Boardwalk Café – Expansion of Use

Discussion on the expansion of the use; the issue of determining what process the owner may go through to allow for the expansion of an existing outside use (of serving food and alcohol outside); the question on whether the Business owner will need to go to ZBA, how will the abutters be involved in this process, and the many improvements that have been made to the building.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

1. CDBG Project – Grantee Financial Management Plan
2. Approve for Signature – Form of Authorization to submit payments for CDBG Project.
3. Indemnification and Hold Harmless Agreement - Lawrence Rooney

Mr. Workman MOTIONED to approve consent agenda, which consisted of the CDBG Project – Grantee Financial Management Plan, Approval for Signature – Form of Authorization to submit payments for CDBG Project and the Indemnification and Hold Harmless Agreement - Lawrence Rooney. **Mr. Griffin SECONDED**

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Lally closed the public comment session at 8:17PM

X. CLOSING COMMENTS

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Bateman MOTIONED to adjourn. **Mr. Lally SECONDED**

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR



Chairman