

Town of Hampton



PRESENT: William Lally, Chairman
Richard Griffin, Vice Chairman
James Workman
Richard Bateman
Richard Nichols
Fred Welch, Town Manager
Mr. Gearreald, Town Attorney

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

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Chairman Lally introduced the members in attendance.

I. Public Comment Period

No Public Comment.

II. Announcements and Community Calendar

Mr. Bateman congratulated all of the Hampton sixth grade students on the great job they and the police officers involved did this weekend at the DARE graduation.

Mr. Griffin noted the grand opening of the newest building the Levitt Barn at the Tuck Museum at Tuck Field on June 22nd at 2:00pm. This will be a free public event that is great for all ages with live music and refreshments.

Mr. Workman announced that Saturday June 16th is Flag Day and that the American Legion Post 35 asks all area residents to join them in the ceremony at 6pm behind fire station #2.

Mr. Lally commented that he had received a note of thanks from a Hampton citizen commending the police and fire personnel on the great job that they did controlling the heavy traffic and crowds at Hampton Beach this past weekend. As the heat was overpowering and the streets were filled this gave a true test of the summer to come.

III. Appointments

1. Fire Chief – Departmental Update

Weekend Update

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Both Fire and EMS units were busy this weekend with a reported 25 Ambulance Responses and 28 Fire Responses made including serious motor vehicle accident which constituted a call for a Med-Flight helicopter. They were unable to respond to our request at the time due to the weather conditions. Also a Marine response took place. We also went M/A with an ambulance once and received M/A ambulance support on (4) occasions. At one point we had no coverage for our second ambulance.

Fire Station

There is a lot of information available to the board about fire station designs. There are multiple designs available for review as needed during the discussion and decision phases of the project.

Pumpers:

A new pumper is needed to replace one of our 1988 pumpers. It has 113,000 miles on it and does not meet current NFPA safety standards.

The projected cost for the pumper is about \$500,000.00 and should be placed in the 2009 warrant articles.

Mr. Nichols commented on the subject of the new pumper request and asked if it would be possible to finance the pumper for a period of ten years rather than the average five year period.

Mr. Welch responded that in order to go with a ten year note, a bond would be required and unlikely to obtain. He also talked about how not purchasing the pumper as soon as possible would affect the town's ISO requirements and impact all of the town's insurance as modern equipment is mandatory.

Mr. Griffin asked about the concern of the rising prices of gasoline with the number of large machines and vehicles being used by the fire and police departments.

Chief Lipe praised Chief Sullivan on his efforts to conserve the fuel usage at the police department and commended himself on his own efforts for the fire department.

Mr. Workman asked about the Fire department's response to a citizen suggestion to make the new location of the fire station to landing Road.

Chief Lipe explained how response time would increase by placing a station in that location rather than having the two locations. He also noted that it would affect ISO ratings.

Mr. Bateman commended the department on their recent help in South Hampton.

2. Ann Carnaby – Energy Committee Update

Mrs. Carnaby spoke about the committee's mission and its growth in members. She explained the projects that they are working on and how the results will be useful.

She also notes that the new website should provide a useful resource for the town. She can be reached at acarnaby@hamptonenergy.org with any questions or concerns.

3. John Nickerson - Channel 22 Update

Mr. Nickerson came to give the board an update as to the progress and accomplishments of Channel 22 and to ask for more funds. He explains that the information packet that he has given to the board explains all updates and new equipment. The second channel, the negotiations for new contract with Comcast, a history of Channel 22 and where they are planning to go pending more funds.

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Mr. Workman MOTIONED to authorize Channel 22 to expend \$10,152.00 to purchase new equipment to upgrade Channel 22's facilities. Mr. Bateman SECONDED.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

IV. Minutes – June 02, 2008

Mr. Bateman MOTIONED to accept of the minutes of June 02, 2008 as submitted. Mr. Nichols SECONDED.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

V. Old Business

1. Town Manager's Report

The Park & Recreation Department has announced a spring 2009 trip through Collette Vacations. The trip to California, Arizona and Nevada will take place from April 16 to 26, 2009. Descriptive flyers are available at the Park & Recreation Office in Town Hall.

The Department of Resources and Economic Development has approved the placement of a crosswalk at Route 1A and Winnacunnet Road. The Town has communicated with the Department of Transportation in Concord and requested the work be completed as soon as possible. A note of thanks to Brian Warburton the Seacoast Director of Parks for his tireless efforts on obtaining this crosswalk and to State Representative Nancy Stiles for her able assistance in completing this safety project.

I would like to thank the Hampton Garden Club for their tireless efforts and contributions in completing a visual landscaping of the front entrance to the Town Offices.

Mr. Griffin inquired about the parking restrictions on Winnacunnet Road. The Town Manager will investigate the parking restriction issue.

Mr. Griffin spoke about the Charrette and would like to move forward on this issue. Mr. Welch gave a history of the Charrette and the process in which was created and who was involved. Mr. Griffin requested that the Town Planner attend a Selectmen's meeting and give a brief update on the Charrette.

General discussion regarding the letter which was sent to the Selectmen from the Catholic School regarding the inappropriate behavior of Michael Pierce of the Budget Committee at the School (which is private property). Discussion centered on the behavior of any board or committee member and how the individuals representing the Town should conduct themselves in a respective manner when gathering information.

Mr. Workman MOTIONED that the Town Manager write a letter to Ms. Smith of the Catholic School to apologize and recommend to her that if anyone; in the role of representing the Town; is on their property and is acting in an inappropriately and threatening manner, to be asked to leave and if necessary to have the Police escort them from the property. In addition, that the Town Manager should write a letter to the Budget Committee reminding them of their statutory limitations. Mr. Bateman SECONDED.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

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VI. New Business

The following were passed by the Board of Selectmen effects parking and loading zones on Ocean Boulevard.

Mr. Bateman MOTIONED to create the following parking restrictions:

1. A 10 minutes loading zone on Ocean Boulevard from the corner of N Street south to the property line of 53 Ocean Boulevard.
2. A NO PARKING ZONE from the south side of Haverhill Street to the driveway of 44 Ocean Boulevard.

Mr. Nichols SECONDED.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

VII. Consent Agenda

1. Dance Hall Permit at 430 High Street for the "Victoria Inn" - Aaron Brown
2. Dance Hall Permit at 321 Lafayette Road for "Hampton Cinemas, Inc." - John Tinios
3. Dance Hall Permit at 169 Ocean Boulevard & Entertainment License for "The Whale's Tail Restaurant" - Craig Noyes
4. License for Coin Operated Devices at 225 Ocean Boulevard "D. M. Sales Corp" - Donald Brust
5. License for Coin Operated Devices at 160 Lafayette Road "Tidewater Campground" - Wallace Shaw
6. License for Coin Operated Devices at 253 Ocean Boulevard "Happy Hampton Arcade" - Raymond Blouneau
7. License for Coin Operated Devices at F Street (Casino) "Funarama Inc." - Joseph Dineen, Jr.
8. Consent for use of Town Property "Lion Club Yard Sale" - Old Town Hall Parking Lot

Mr. Griffin MOTIONED to move the balance of the consent agenda. Mr. Bateman SECONDED.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

VIII. Closing Comments

IX. Adjournment

Mr. Lally MOTIONED to adjourn. Mr. Workman SECONDED.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR


Chairman

Meeting adjourned at 09:32PM

Non-Meeting with Counsel – RSA 91-A: 2, I, c