

Town of Hampton



Town of Hampton Board of Selectmen Minutes of June 30, 2008

PRESENT: William Lally, Chairman
Richard Griffin, Vice-Chairman
Richard Bateman
Richard Nichols
Frederick Welch, Town Manager
Kristina Ostman, Administrative Assistant
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

Charlie Preston – Informed the Board of a light out at one of the town owned parking lots.

No other public comment.

II. Announcements and Community Calendar

Mr. Bateman commended Ms. Kimberley Hunter, Senior at Winnacunnet High School for being awarded Local Government Center Scholarship in which she wrote an essay about town politics and competed for one of the ten scholarship awards in the state.

Mr. Griffin informed the Board about the “Energy Saving” forum featuring Clay Mitchell the part-time planner for Epping, NH who will be discussing ways to implement energy saving techniques and methods. Mr. Mitchell spear headed the project in Epping to turn the 125 year old Town Hall into an energy efficient building with ultimate savings for the town. This public meeting will be held on Monday July 7th.

Mr. Lally informed the Board about the Home Heating Clinic that will occur July 1, 2008.

III. Appointments

1. Recreation & Parks Director Dyana Martin – Departmental Update

Parks Maintenance

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- The parks department is working on all the softball and baseball fields preparing them for play for the co-rec. and men's league teams. Also repairing the soccer field from spring soccer teams.
- The Eagle Scout- Bus Stop project is complete and I am working with another Eagle Scout candidate for a project at the Locke Road playground.
- Comcast did their day of Caring on May 3rd at the in-line hockey rink. All the boards were taken down and replaced. It rained so they could not paint it but they did donate the paint and City Year attempted to finish the painting. School ended before it could be completed so our park staff has been working on finishing the painting of the in-line hockey rink.
- Sent out the bids for the tennis/basketball courts. Unfortunately all bids came in over bid so I revamped the bid to only include the tennis courts and resent them. The new bids came back on Friday and the bid that was accepted was to Tennis Courts of New Hampshire. So hopefully we will have new courts very soon.
- All playgrounds have been checked and playground equipment has been replaced and repaired. Fibar has also been spread at all playgrounds that needed it.
- Grass is being fertilized, seeded and mowed at Tuck, Eaton and Lew Brown Park.
- All the parks summer staff is out of school and working full time at Tuck Field and Lew Brown Fields Park.
- We have painted the Tuck concession stand and will start painting the Eaton Park concession stand in the next few days.
- Met with Frank and John from Public Works and organized a plan to take care of the gate/fence situation at the Church street parking lot. Public Works ended up doing the clean up and replacing the fence and it looks really great.
- Winding down on all the scheduling of the fields for the summer. Most schedules are set for the season at this point.
- The transitions were finished on the donated pieces of the skateboard park and I want to give kudos to Rene' and Chris Conant as they did most of the work to complete that for this skate season.
- The volleyball net has been put up for the summer at Lew Brown Park and ready for play.

Parking Lots

- We are up and running in all the lots at this point of the summer. The lots were officially opened on the weekend of the second week of June. The weather has not been the greatest so on some of the poorer weather conditions we have opted not to open the Island Path or Church Street lots saving the money to stay open longer in the season when the weather is better.
- We have made \$45,480.00 so far in all the lots combined this year. Last year we had made \$46,084.00. We are a little short of last year but we are surprised that the numbers are so close, as business at the lots seem to be slow this year. So we are most likely on track regardless of the weather and economy.
- We have cleaned out the sheds and we have painted two of the sheds. The shed at the Church street parking lot is the only shed that has not been painted yet this year. Both the Ashworth Ave and Island Path sheds have been replaced in the last four or so years but I am afraid that I am going to have to purchase a new one for the Church street lot next year as the one that is there is rotting and on it's last leg. We will make it look as good as possible but it still is in rough shape.

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- We are constantly cleaning the lots of trash in the mornings from all lots with a larger clean up at the beginning of the summer at Church street due to the overabundance of trash stashed down in the wooded area.
- We have purchased a new safe at the Church street parking lot as the old safe got some water damage to it and was unusable.

Recreation Programs

- Summer Camps have begun. Tuck Field Summer Day Camp, Creative Crickets Camp, Hershey Track and Field, Creative Kids Art Camp and Warrior Wrestling Camp were all in full swing starting last Monday. This week we have Tuck Field Summer Day Camp, Creative Crickets Camp, Baseball Camp and the ending of the Hershey Track and Field Program.
- We had about 42 kids enrolled in the Hershey Track and Field program and last Saturday the kids went to the regional meet in Rochester. This Tuesday is the State meet and we had 22 of our kids qualify to compete in that meet.
- We just had our June Recreation Advisory Council meeting.
- We had our first Red Cross Babysitters course last Saturday as well. The next one scheduled is on July 26 and there is still room available to sign up.
- We have gone to Mohegan Sun, Foxwoods, the Butterfly Place, and two trips to Freeport. We also took the Hampton Walkers to Beverly Mass and Portland for walks there.
- We have one of the Lunch Bunch trips for seniors next week going to Warrens in Kittery Maine. There are still a couple of spaces left on that trip as well as spaces left for upcoming trips to the Olive Garden and the Loaf and Ladle.
- Our department partners with the Fire Department to put on a Strawberry Festival for the seniors of Hampton and that event is coming up on July 15th from 12 to 1:15 or so. Seniors can get their tickets at the Recreation Department – it is a free event with free strawberry shortcake and entertainment for the seniors at Fire Station 2.
- We have started sign ups for flag football. We are offering the leagues for grades 3-5, 6-8 and High School. Signs up will end in two weeks so we can organize teams for a middle of August start.
- Co-Rec and Men's league softball are both in full swing for the 2008 season.
- Next week we will be starting archery lessons, Holodek Girls Only Social Hour, tennis lessons, Lego Robotics Camp, and 9-12 Warriors Wrestling Camp, as well as the Tuck Field Summer Day Camp and Creative Crickets Camp.
- We have scheduled two concerts at the gazebo this summer. The first will be at 6:30 on July 10th- the Brooks Young Band. They play all kinds of music from rock to country and on August 4th the Hampton Community Band lead by Tony Cyrus will be at the gazebo at 7:00pm. They bring a fun atmosphere and the big band sound to Hampton.
- The Rec Advisory Council has been working on fees and charges for the past year or so and we finally think that we have the paperwork complete. I have included it here for you to look over and check. As of right now we have no way to generate revenue from organizations using the town of Hampton fields and facilities yet we have more and more users for each space. I am in hopes that the policy can be adopted, to allow for the department to be better organized at scheduling and having an actual rule to go by to charge a fee. Right now I have people asking for birthday parties, picnics, company softball games etc and we could be

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producing revenue for all of these types of things. Plus I would like to have a guide to go by so it is fair to all as to what is to be charged.

- Right now I am working on the budget for the next year and the GASB 34 inventory for the recreation and parks department.
- We are working on the Summer Festival that we put together with Cub Scout Pack 176. The date for that is going to be August 16th. More details to come on that event.
- We are also working on the Hampton Beach Summer Volleyball Tournament that we partner with the Beach Precinct and the State of New Hampshire Seacoast Parks Division on. The date of that event is August 10th. We are hoping to host an event that has different sponsors from Town entering teams. So if anyone is interested in sponsoring a team they should call our office and put their name in for sponsorship.

Donations & Grants

- Hampton Rod and Gun Club donated \$500.00 towards our Fishing Derby.
- Victoria Parker co-owner of the Sand Dollar Village donated \$50.00 towards the paint and supplies for the Skateboard Park clean up.
- Rockingham County Commission awarded us \$15,000 in scholarship money for summer camps.

Mr. Bateman applauded the Parks and Recreation department for their initiative to include every individual within event or function that they could participate in.

2. Jamie Steffen, Town Planner & Tracy Emerick, Hampton Planning Board Chairman

Mr. Emerick explained that the reason that had come tonight was to address the comments made by the Board of Selectmen about the Planning Board and their use of the Charrette. This was brought about by a member of the Planning Board that somehow did not know about the Charrette. He also speaks about the comments about what the Planning Board and the Planner do.

Mr. Emerick explained what the Planning Board's responsibilities were. Most importantly the Planning Board is a land use board. Currently, under the prevue of the Board are the following responsibilities:

- I. Capital Improvements Plan (CIP)
- II. Master Plan and future updates of the Master Plan
- III. The Plan NH Charrette

Mr. Emerick asked the question of the Board as to who sets the implantation of the strategy, and who creates the strategy. Since the Planning Board is responsible for the Master Plan then they must be responsible for the strategy.

Mr. Steffen explained that the Plan NH Charrette was meant to be a starting point, a launching point to create discussion on what the next steps are.

Questions from the Board.

Mr. Griffin notes that Hampton was selected to be one of the recipients for being one of the Charrettes and wants the people of Hampton should realize how many people donated their time

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to come here and help with it. He feels that it is almost as if the Charrette has been forgotten about. He also notes that Hampton does not have any long term planning and that it should and it should use the Charrette. He also comments that Winnacunnet Road is the main road in Hampton and it looks terrible when you drive by the old court house and Academy Ave so since the town owns all of this property than they should clean it up and use the Charrette.

Mr. Emerick explained that it must all become a part of the Master Plan.

Mr. Nichols explained it is more about debt service then the concept.

Mr. Bateman explained that Planning Board is reacting to development and very little planning is actually done. Mater Plans are always outdated and always a vision.

Mr. Welch explained that with the current facilities and the current process of procuring services and goods are costing the Town money. Future and master planning are not cheap but the need is there.

Mr. Lally spoke about how far the Town of Hampton has come over the years and how it will continue with one step at a time.

Mr. Griffin brought up the subject of the fire station and asked if the Town Planner would be a large part of the planning.

Mr. Lally described to Mr. Griffin the roles played in the planning of the fire station and noted that the Town Planner is a small role as it is mostly done by the Fire Chief and the Town Manager.

Mr. Bateman noted that with his experience with the beach section of Hampton and now his experience with the Board he sees that in 15 20 years from now the town will be changed forever in a glorious way whichever way you enter it will be new and progressive.

3. Amanda Reynolds Cooper – Director, Lane Library

The Board welcomed Amanda Reynolds Cooper, the new Director of the Lane Memorial Library.

Mrs. Cooper introduced herself to the Board and has some announcements about the library to share with the town.

The Children's Summer Reading Program has begun and sign ups are still going on through Wednesday. There are also adult and young adult programs as well.

The Friends of Library Book Sale starts July 9th. They are doing their annual Red Sox Raffle again this year and the drawing will be on the last day of the book sale, July 12th. The tickets are for a Red Sox vs. Yankees game.

In regards to the building side of the library they are still in the data gathering phase. Two public repairs will be made to the exterior of the building that will be visible from the roads. Two sick evergreen trees that are very close to the building will be coming down next week. Also, the exterior trim of the building will be painted, which hasn't been done on 25 years.

IV. Minutes – June 09, 2008 and June 16, 2008

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Page 2: Channel 22 Motion to be inserted.

Mr. Bateman MOTIONED to accept of the minutes of June 09, 2008 as amended. Mr. Nichols SECONDED.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

June 16, 2008

Mr. Bateman MOTIONED to accept of the minutes of June 16, 2008. Mr. Nichols SECONDED.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

V. Old Business

1. Town Manager's Report

- a. Resolution in Recognition of Service "Douglas Mellon" Douglas Mellon officially retired Friday following more than 18 years of service to the town as the Operations Manager of the Department of Public Works. Mr. Mellon will be available to the town on an as needed basis during the remainder of the year and possibly longer.
- b. A contract has been awarded to Fire Tech & Safety of NH to provide self contained breathing apparatus for the Fire Department under the Federal Grant that the Town was recently awarded. Fire Tech was the low of 3 bidders. Costs are slightly in excess of \$200,000.
- c. A contract has been awarded to Tennis Courts of New Hampshire, Inc. in the amount of \$99,974 as the low of two bidders to reconstruct the town's Tennis Courts.

Mr. Griffin asked how big the tree is and Mr. Welch responded 18-22 feet.

Discussion on the designation of the Board member as the delegate/representative to the Action Bulletin.

Consensus to wait until the next meeting to see if anyone comes forward or if they would prefer not to send a delegate at all.

2. Quitclaim Deed for 242 Towle Farm Road; Parcels 170-RCL-005 & 006; "Taylor River Estates"

Atty. Gearreald gave a summary of the history of the quitclaim deed. Ms. Charlene MacDonald requested that the restriction of no building on two of the lots be removed from the quitclaim deed.

Ms. MacDonald explained that they are requesting that the restriction be removed as the last owner did not have the restriction. She also notes that the community does not plan to build on the lots but they would like to have the restrictions not be there in the future.

Mr. Griffin MOTIONED to issue the Quitclaim Deed for 242 Towle Farm Road; Parcels 170-RCL-005 & 006; "Taylor River Estates" without a no-building restriction. Mr. Bateman SECONDED.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

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3. Dory Inn Condo Association – After the Fact Application for Seawall/Seawall Stair Construction/Repair

Atty. Gearreald gave a summary of the history of the DES application and does not recommend the Boards granting of this permit at this time.

Consensus to postpone until the information is received.

4. Dog Warrant

Mr. Welch explains that by state statute the Board is required by law to issue a dog warrant for dogs that have not been licensed. There are lists that show 241 dogs are not licensed and 85 more dogs have moved into town that have not been licensed.

Mr. Bateman MOTIONED to issue the warrants to the Chief of Police. Mr. Griffin SECONDED.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

VI. New Business

1. Disqualification Issue – Consensus to continue to the July 14th Meeting.
2. Petition to increase Parking Ticket Fees at Town Lots for non-residents parking in resident only parking lots.

Mr. Bateman MOTIONED to approve the Petition as follows. Parking violation to be in the amount of \$50.00 for Chapter 3; Article 5, Section 3:505; 3:505(a); 3:505(b); 3:505(c); 3:505(d); and 3:505(e). Mr. Nichols SECONDED.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

3. Joseph Sullivan – 55 Ocean Blvd. Request of removal of Loading Zone

Discussion on the issue of why the parking restrictions were proposed for the area of 55 Ocean Blvd. and the reasons why they approved it.

Mr. Griffin MOTIONED to reconsider the June 09, 2008 motion to restrict the parking at 55 Ocean Blvd. Mr. Nichols SECONDED.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

Atty. Gearreald requested of the Board that the following item #8 under the consent agenda “the Acceptance of donation of land known as “0 Clambank Marsh” value \$100.00 to be placed under new business. Consensus to place this item under new business.

Atty. Gearreald explained why he requested this and recommended that the Board send the request to Conservation Commission for review. Also that the Board should not accept any land with unknown liabilities

Mr. Welch gave his reasoning why he disagrees. This land is not identifiable and it is not contained in the deed and that there is no way to ever know if this parcel exists.

This would be a rather stupid way and very expensive way to accept this land since it can not be proved as real estate as the real location is unknown.

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Mr. Bateman asks how this problem can be solved with the least cost.

Mr. Welch explains that this is a case where civil disobedience should supersede the law.

Mr. Griffin agrees that no money should be spent on this.

Mr. Bateman MOTIONED to accept the property known on Bill Number 00008031. Mr. Nichols SECONDED.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

VII. Correspondence

1. Letter of invitation to the Trustees of the Trust Fund

VIII. Consent Agenda

Mr. Lally made the request to pull from the Consent Agenda Taxi Driver License "Abba Taxi" – for James Bates.

Consensus to pull the Taxi Driver License "Abba Taxi" – for James Bates.

1. Appointment of Steven Scaturro to the Conservation Commission

Mr. Bateman MOTIONED to approve the Appointment. Mr. Griffin SECONDED.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

2. Pool Table Permit – 816 Lafayette Road "O'Leary's Grille" Robert O'Leary
3. Pool Table Permit – 169 Ocean Blvd "Casino Mini Golf" Jake Flemming
4. Dance Hall and Pool Table Permit – 144 Ashworth Ave "Wally's Pub"
5. Taxi Driver License "Abba Taxi" – for John Fowler
6. Taxi Driver License "Abba Taxi" – for Ricky Bushe
- ~~7. Taxi Driver License "Abba Taxi" – for James Bates~~
- ~~8. Acceptance of donation of land known as "Clambank Marsh" value \$100.00~~

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

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

IX. Closing Comments

No comments.

Mr. Griffin MOTIONED to adjourn. Mr. Nichols SECONDED.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

Meeting adjourned at 09:16PM



Chairman