

TOWN OF HAMPTON
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2009

PRESENT: William Lally, Chairman
Richard Griffin, Vice Chairman
Richard Nichols
Richard Bateman
Frederick Welch, Town Manager

REGRETS: James Workman

7:00 PM

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Chairman Lally called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and introduced the members of the Board.

I. Public Hearing on Acceptance of Grants for Supplemental Emergency Management Performance and Radiological Emergency Response Plan (RERP)

(A) Vote to authorize Police Chief Sullivan to sign Grants under RSA 31:95-B

Chief Sullivan explained that it was a reimbursement grant that includes an upgrade of the EOC phone system. This will take care of much needed improvements at Station 2 as well as reimbursement for drills and other training throughout the year.

The second issue before the Board is the Hazard Mitigation Grant. These funds are available to update the Town's Hazard Mitigation Plan. Chief Sullivan needs a letter from the Board authorizing him to be the signatory for the grant.

Mr. Nichols MOTIONED to authorize Chief Sullivan to be signatory on the Hazard Mitigation Grant. Mr. Griffin SECONDED.

VOTE: 4-0-0

II. Presentation of Holiday Lights Spectacular Contest Winners - Awards presented by Dyana Martin.

Business Winner – JUMPIN' JACKS JAVA

III. Public Comment Period

Charlie Preston wanted to let everyone know that the CPA lot for the Penguin Plunge is looking great.

IV. Announcements and Community Calendar

Rick Griffin wished the participants in the Penguin Plunge good luck.

Chairman Lally commented on the agenda not being posted the last two weeks.

Mr. Welch confirmed that the Town's website was down for a couple of days last week and had to be rebuilt. He also mentioned that the agenda was posted at the Town Office but was removed in less than 20 minutes.

Copies of the warrant articles are available to the Public at the Town Managers Office.

V. Appointments

1. Dyana Martin – Parks and Recreation Departmental Update.

Ms. Martin touched on the following topics: they will be contacting former summer employees to see if they would like to return, Spaghetti luncheon for seniors, high school girls travel basketball, boys house basketball league, K-2 sports into 3rd session, annual seniors meeting, seniors New Years Eve party, ski and ride program, Red Sox tickets available, cardio plus for adults, art class for children, skateboard lessons at Rye Airfield, February vacation activities scheduled, travel show on February 11th at 6 for trips to France and Alaska, other planned activities include warrior workout, Marriage Go Round at Amesbury Playhouse, St. Patrick's Day party, Foxwoods casino and many more.

Questions from the Board:

Chairman Lally asked how the ski program is going. Ms. Martin confirmed that it was going well and that they are going to Waterville Valley this year.

2. Deputy Chief of Police Sawyer & Laura Ryan, Event Coordinator for Special Olympics here to talk about the Penguin Plunge.

Deputy Chief Sawyer explained that this was going to be the 10th annual Penguin Plunge.

Ms. Ryan pointed out that this year's event is going to be a three day event. On Friday night there will be a Penguin Bash at the Ashworth, Saturday there will be a plunge for high school students, faculty and staff, and Sunday will be the traditional plunge. The goal is 825 plungers for Sunday and they are currently at 552 plungers.

Deputy Chief Sawyer thanked the following people John Price and Frank Swift at Public Works, the Lessard Family, from DRED Brian Warburton and his crew, Strafford County volunteer group, Marshall Rent-A-Center, the Casino, the Ashworth, Deputy Chief Benotti from Hampton Fire & Rescue, the Galley Hatch catering and Ralph Fatello and the guys from American Legion.

Deputy Chief Sawyer continued to inform the residents and Board of some of the logistics. The traffic plan will be the same as in the past with North bound traffic on Ocean Blvd being

detoured down G Street and return back to Ocean Blvd on the other side of the Casino. He does need the Boards approval to change the traffic pattern on Saturday and Sunday from 9 to 3.

Questions from the Board:

Mr. Bateman asked whether or not individuals can sign up to plunge the day of the event. It was confirmed that you can sign up at the event.

Mr. Nichols questioned Mr. Welch as to the cost to the Town to run this event. Mr. Welch does not believe that there is any additional cost. As with any event that takes place in Town crews will stay close to the event in case they are needed. If any additional personnel is needed it is handled in the same manner as a private detail.

Chairman Lally pointed out that many employees volunteer their time to help at this event. Chairman Lally believes that there is a consensus from the Board giving them permission to have a great day.

VI. Old Business

3. Town Manager's Report

The State of New Hampshire has finally paid its obligations under our landfill closure agreements. The check for \$59,485 was received last week and will be applied to the 2009 revenue stream. These monies were "always" previously received in October.

The question of membership in the Concord Regional Solid Waste Resource Recovery Cooperative Single Stream Recycling Facility will be on next week's agenda for direction from the Board. We must give notice to our current vendor by March 1, 2009 to avoid the continuation of the current contract for recycling pickup.

The US EPA has extended the deadline for comments on the proposed MS4 general permit guidelines and regulations on storm water discharge and systems to February 20, 2009. A public hearing will be held on January 28, 2009 at 10:10 AM at the Portsmouth City Council Chambers following a public meeting from 9 to 10 AM. Please make note that these new Federal Regulations may cost the Town of Hampton a half million dollars per year or more starting in 2010.

Please make note that you must license your dog by April 30th.

Questions from the Board:

Mr. Nichols reported that the Teamsters Agreement is on the website and available for viewing.

Chairman Lally mentioned that Single Stream Recycling offered by the Concord Regional Solid Waste Resource Recovery Cooperative will make recycling so easy for the residents of Hampton.

4. Board Decision on the Board of Land and Tax Appeal Case for 21 Epping Avenue

Chairman Lally would like to put this off for one more week. The reason for this is that Mr. Workman is not present tonight and he would like all Board members to be present. Chairman

Lally also would like the Board to have time to review the documents provided to them by the Town Attorney.

Mr. Bateman MOTIONED to table any decisions on the Land and Tax Appeal Case for 21 Epping Avenue at this time. Mr. Griffin SECONDED.

VOTE: 4-0-0

Other Old Business:

Mr. Griffin asked about some dredging at Seabrook Beach and wanting to put the dirt in Hampton. Mr. Welch was asked about this today and he contacted the Seabrook Selectmen's Office and they have no knowledge of any dredging. He contacted the lady who brought this to his attention and she mentioned that she had been told that there was a private application before the State. Mr. Welch does not have any direct information but once he receives it he will follow up on the situation. He does not believe that the State has any money in the budget for dredging.

VII. New Business

1. Town Report

- a. Front and Back cover approval – the Board agreed on a front and back cover.
- b. Dedication and Memoriam Pages

Mr. Welch had mentioned Catherine Redden who passed away this past year. The other two names that came up were Norman Grandmaison and Ken Malcolm. Mr. Bateman suggested doing a collage of those who gave of their time to make a better community. The Board agreed to have something worked up dedicating to the three previously mentioned individuals.

Other New Business:

Mr. Nichols just wanted to confirm that the Rockingham Budget that was provided the Board was just an FYI and the Board has no authority. Mr. Welch stated that it was just provided as information.

VIII. Consent Agenda

1. 109 Towle Farm Road – Land Use Change Tax – Partial Release of 3 Acres from Land Use

Questions:

Mr. Nichols commented that in the Assessor's database there is nothing listed at 109 Towle Farm Road. Mr. Welch explained that 109 is a subdivided lot. There was three acres cut out by the Planning Board by application and they are going to build a house on the three acres. The lot is recorded at book 2261 page 701 map 380 lot 23 tax map 122 1-1 is the new lot. Mr. Nichols confirmed that the valuation of this carved out parcel just the land is \$236,000.

2. Shade Tree Commission - Removal of Trees on Academy Avenue

Mr. Bateman MOTIONED to move the Consent Agenda. Mr. Griffin SECONDED.

VOTE: 4-0-0

IX. Closing Comments

The Board agreed to meet on Saturday morning at 7:30 before the Deliberative Session.

X. Adjournment

Mr. Bateman MOTIONED to adjourn. Mr. Griffin SECONDED.

VOTE: 4-0-0

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 PM

Chairman