

# Town of Hampton



## TOWN OF HAMPTON MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2009

PRESENT: Richard Griffin, Chairman  
Richard Nichols, Vice Chairman  
William Lally  
Richard Bateman  
Gerald Znoj  
Frederick Welch, Town Manager  
Mark Gearreald, Town Attorney

6:30 PM Non-Meeting with Legal Counsel - RSA 91-A:2., I., (c)

7:00 PM Board of Selectmen Meeting

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

### SALUTE TO THE FLAG

#### I. Public Comment Period

Art Gopalan, 20 Windmill Lane. Mr. Gopalan would like to talk about three items on the agenda. The first item is the monthly financials and the tax bills that will be going out in two months. He wonders about the Revenue Sharing and when it is received. He thinks that we have dodged the bullet this year in regards to the anti-spiking provision from NHRS but wonders what that means for next year. The second item is in regards to recycling and adopting the mandatory recycling. He would like to know if there is a timetable for implementation and what the revenue estimates are going to be for 2009 and 2010. The last item is the DPW request he would like to see a list of the equipment. He thinks that the public needs this information and that the website can be used a venue for information on items like the Salt Shed.

Michael Pierce, 16 Hedman Avenue. Mr. Pierce questioned whether this is the authorization for the DPW car and has it been granted, and if bids were received for the car. The Board explained that that item on the agenda is not for the DPW Directors vehicle which has been granted and that bids were received for that vehicle prior to the purchase.

Mr. Lally would like to respond to Mr. Gopalan. There is a list that contains all the equipment at Public Works, Fire and Police. Mr. Lally agrees with Mr. Gopalan that if the salt shed is to go forward again next year that they need to provide some diagrams and information for the voters.

## II. Announcements and Community Calendar

Mr. Znoj would like to mention that Earth Week starts this weekend on the 18<sup>th</sup> and runs through the 22<sup>nd</sup>. The mosquito control program begins on April 13<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Lally thanked Ann Kaiser for the time she served on the Mosquito Control Commission.

## III. Appointments

### 1. Meeting with the Beach Village Precinct Commissioners – Beach Fire Station Lease.

The Commissioners are here to start the process for the lease with the Town for the Beach Fire Station. Mr. Kubik would like to discuss the lease payment. The current lease amount is \$1. At their annual meeting, the Commission members expressed concern as to where things are going to go with the new fire station. Their thought was possibility of changing the lease amount. The members are requesting for 20% of the revenue from the Town Parking Lot for the lease. This money would be put into an account and could be used for the future of the beach station. It could be used for architectural plans, a study or anything else along those lines.

#### Discussion

Chairman Griffin asked if they have spoken to their legal counsel. The commissioners have not done so at this point. Mr. Kubik also suggested that they meet again later in a non-public session.

Chairman Griffin asked Atty. Gearreald if 20% is even possible since it had been voted against in the past by Town Meeting.

Atty. Gearreald commented that every time 20% has been designated from those revenues, it has been done by Town Meeting vote. Atty. Gearreald would not recommend that this be done unilaterally. There is no appropriation in the budget, and he feels that what they are requesting is the equal to the amount of 20 percent.

Mr. Nichols agrees that this should go before the voters. He does not believe that the Board of Selectmen should be reversing a vote made by the people.

Mr. Bateman feels that what the Commissioners are saying is that the 20% is a starting point and that they are willing to negotiate down from that number. And that they would negotiate in good faith to address a new beach station.

Mr. Rage feels that the beach station has been put on the back burner and would like to see it moved back upfront.

Mr. Nichols watched the meeting and thought it was wonderful to be able to watch. He thinks it is worthwhile to look at the fact that the Selectmen have put forward articles in the past and

the public turned them down. He does not feel that holding the beach station hostage with 20 percent of the parking revenues is a good way to approach the voters. He wonders what the priorities are: the beach fire station, infrastructure, decorative lighting.

Discussion on monies that were appropriated for the fire station at Town Meeting.

Mr. Znoj feels that infrastructure down on the beach is important. He would like to know who would own this account regarding the 20 percent.

Mr. Kubik explained that it would be controlled by the Town as it was in the past. The Commissioners would agree with the Town on what it is spent on.

Mr. Lally feels that the 20 percent is moot as no means no and that is how the voters voted in March. He feels that the Board agrees that the beach fire station is a priority. And he wonders maybe instead of looking at this as two projects, and historically it has been, but maybe it should be addressed as one capital project for the Town. Another thing is that there are Federal Stimulus funds available that could help.

Chairman Griffin thinks that this is a top priority and everything is being done to make this happen and everyone here is deeply committed to making things happen. Confusion on what the money can be spent on has occurred and it is important to clarify what the monies are to be spent on.

There was additional discussion on the location of the new beach station and the fact that the 20% of the revenue generated from the parking lots would only be spent on infrastructure improvement on Town property.

Mr. Kubik explained that they were here to bring the message from their voters regarding that issue. Also, they would be asking the Board for endorsement for their last bond payment for next year as that money has already been earmarked for other things.

Chairman Griffin reminded everyone that we are here tonight to discuss the lease and wonders if the Commissioners have another proposal or do they want to take under advisement what was talked about and come back at a later date.

Mr. Kubik said they have a proposal of a 36-month lease with an extension if needed. The lease is very much the same.

Ms. White remembers a meeting regarding the land behind the precinct and a discussion that took place amongst the Board sometime ago regarding that land.

Chairman Griffin believes that in the long term when something does happen at this location all of these things will be looked at and taken into consideration.

Mr. Nichols commented that everyone tends to agree that the location needs to be in the immediate proximity of the current station.

The discussion is the three year lease and discussion should include the Fire Chief.

Mr. Welch concerns that this lease needs to be done before May 30<sup>th</sup>. The Boards need to come together and finalize the lease. He also commented that he is concerned about the amount

and all that is available at this time is the \$1 and if this were to be changed, this would need to go back to Town Meeting for a vote.

Chairman Griffin summed things up by stating that it appears there is a request for a three-year lease with some good intentions. He also suggested that the Commissioners come back in when the Chief is here to discuss this further.

Mr. Znoj commented that it is important to have the Chief involved and to get something done regarding this matter.

Mr. Nichols feels that there are two distinct issues here and one is the lease, which everyone seems to agree and the other is the dollar amount for rent. It was also discussed that the attorneys will draft the lease.

Mr. Lally MOTIONED to sign the three-year lease for the Beach Fire Station at \$1 per year.  
Mr. Nichols SECONDED.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Ms. White is not sure that they are agreed on the \$1.

Mr. Bateman stated that she does not have to agree on the \$1, just the Board of Selectmen.

Ms. White feels she is seeing a wall is going up if it was thought they came here suggesting there be money this evening.

Mr. Kubik does not think that any one of them thought that a dollar amount would be decided on tonight for the rent.

Mr. Welch thinks that what the motion tells them is that they are not trying to defer away from their request, but without going back to Town Meeting, if the lease is predicated on the one dollars so the dollar amount cannot change. So if both Boards can agree on another amount than a warrant article can be put together to change the lease amount for next town meeting.

Chairman Griffin pointed out that the Board has voted on the lease for \$1 and if they want to come back with another proposal, they can.

Mr. Lally pointed out that the only thing that they proposed was the 20% and that cannot be done legally.

Mr. Kubik asked for clarification as to whether or not the Board felt the \$1 could be changed for the second year of the lease. It was confirmed that yes, if it was voted on and approved by the Town Meeting vote.

There was an additional discussion on suggestions for the warrant article and possible locations.

Clarification, the 20 percent request would be for infrastructure for town property as a building fund, the rent increase would be drafted as a warrant article for town meeting, and the location of the station.

Mr. Nichols would like to see things get started sooner than later and if Atty. Gearreald comes back and says that legally we can use some of the money voted on for the uptown fire station

study for a study regarding the Fire Station at the beach, then maybe that would be a good solution.

It was agreed that the Beach Village Precinct Commissioners along with Chris Silver would attend the Selectmen's meeting on May 4<sup>th</sup>.

2. Finance Director – Monthly Financials – Michael Schwotzer presented March reports to the Board. He touched on the following items: report covered first quarter, income in March \$293,000, motor vehicle major component at \$229,000, down 3.33%, on expenses with debt service we are at 20.7% of budget, some of the smaller line items are above target, election administration 85% for supply budget but that's ok since March was the only election, personnel section which includes employee separation is at 23.3%, police department will experience their first retirement in April, workers comp includes the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter payments, police at 19%, fire at 21%, highways and streets 19.4%, sanitation at 19.2%, pointed out that the salt budget is at 81% and lastly running at or below budget overall.

#### Discussion

Mr. Znoj sees that in March there was an increase in Fire overtime. Currently running at about 34k and if you annualize that you get 136k. Mr. Schwotzer commented that he looks at all four overtime accounts as one and he is reading the total at \$103,000, which is below the \$110,000. Mr. Znoj pointed out that there was an improvement in overtime from 2007 to 2008 and if we keep our foot on the break, we will have an improvement in 2009.

Mr. Nichols pointed out that the sick leave line being at 213% of the YTD budget. He remembers Chief Silver pointing out that there were three employees out. He wonders about the overtime in the revolving fund and if some overtime is being moved from the general fund to this fund. Money is not being shifted to this fund from anywhere else. Mr. Nichols understands that but wonders why this overtime is increasing by so much.

Mr. Nichols also asked about the balance in the private detail revolving fund and the fact that it appears to have a perpetual balance of about \$72,000. Mr. Schwotzer explained that the Police Chief lets it build up and then uses it to buy replacement equipment like cars.

Mr. Nichols questioned the \$20,602 YTD expense in the recreation revolving fund under phones. Mr. Schwotzer explained the number should be under program expenses not telephone.

Chairman Griffin thanked Mr. Schwotzer for a very comprehensive study. He would like to know if Mr. Welch has any comments on the overtime.

Mr. Welch stated that they would be coming to the Board next week with recommendations for cuts in the budget. They are watching what is happening in the legislature and they will be meeting with department heads later this week. Right now, he feels that they will need to cut between \$300,000 and \$500,000 in expenses.

Mr. Schwotzer explained that once a budget is voted on and passed that amount of money would be allocated by the DRA as taxable. He and Mr. Welch are watching everything that

comes out of Concord but until there is a final answer, they are guessing and going with the worst-case scenario.

Mr. Znoj noticed in Police overtime in one case they have spent 77.8% and in another 47.2%.

Mr. Welch pointed out that you need to remember that one line item may be 80% expended but it could be the result of a contractual item that must be paid at a certain time. Mr. Schwotzer added that they are looking at a default budget so that could also be a reason why a line item is expensed.

3. Nathan Page – Old Stage Road Bridge Project – Mr. Page introduced himself as the new Conservation Commission Chair and Judy Wilson who is the chair of the Old Stage Road Bridge Project.

Ms. Wilson gave a quick snapshot of the project touching on the following: working on project for four years, good year with votes in both Town's, pedestrian bridge, have an engineer in place to make sure everything is done properly and safely, have sign off from NHDOT to repurpose this bridge as a pedestrian walkway, enter into an inter municipal agreement between Hampton and Hampton Falls, proceed with fundraising, need to raise \$125,000, since, this will be the only funding, volunteer help for cleanup, will be relying on donated materials and volunteer labor, keep maintenance cost to a minimum and election started a lot of momentum.

Mr. Page explained that the main reason they are here is that they have some volunteers who would like to start some cleanup work. Since it is Town Property, they need assistance from the Board. Atty. Gearreald asked about the new Shoreland Protection Act and Mr. Page confirmed that they are in compliance. They were hoping to get Phase One started this year totaling \$45,000 and already have \$25,000 earmarked for this. He would like to get a vote tonight to move forward. They are also looking for anyone who would like to volunteer or donate.

Atty. Gearreald pointed out that even though according to Article 41, the money will only be raised thru grants or donations there will still need to be proceedings with the Board to accept the money. The funds according to the DRA need to be held by the Trustees of the Trust Funds.

Ms. Wilson explained that there is precedent in place since this is how the Town Common was done.

Mr. Lally MOTIONED to allow volunteer work on the Old Stage Road Bridge Project with no expenditure of funds for Phase One. Mr. Nichols SECONDED.

VOTE: 5-0-0

#### Discussion

Mr. Znoj wanted to know what the current status of the bridge was. Mr. Page explained that it is closed and people cannot even walk across it legally. People are using it but it is not safe.

Mr. Lally thinks it is a great thing and is glad that it was passed in both Town's.

Mr. Bateman feels that it is a great project to support.

Chairman Griffin believes that it is going to tie a lot of beautiful areas together.

#### IV. Minutes of April 06, 2009

Page 7 add the word increments to Mr. Welch's comment about ¼ million-dollar cuts.

Mr. Nichols MOTIONED to accept the minutes of April 06, 2009 as amended. Mr. Lally SECONDED.

VOTE: 4-0-1 (Griffin)

#### V. Town Manager's Report

A contract was awarded to MD Communications of Taunton, Massachusetts to install a new telephone system for emergency management purposes in Fire Station 2 at a cost of \$9,353.52. MD Communication was the low of four bidders. The cost is 100% paid by grant.

The annual spring start-up work by the Beach and Park Beautification Committee will start on April 14 with assistance from Winnacunnet High School students who are members of the Sierra Club. A special thank you to all those involved in continuing to provide us with a beautiful community.

Please remember that the Household Hazardous Collection Day is scheduled for May 9<sup>th</sup> from 9AM to 12 Noon in the parking area behind the old Town Hall.

Please remember to license your dog with the Town Clerk not later than April 30<sup>th</sup> to avoid fines and penalties. Dogs without a current rabies certificate cannot be licensed so please remember to have your dog vaccinated before seeking registration.

Please be advised that the information regarding whether dogs are allowed on Town Beaches that was provided at last week's Selectmen's meeting was incorrect. Dogs are not allowed on Town Beaches at anytime during the year as per Article 5, Section 2:502 (e) of the Town Ordinances. Article 5, Section 2:502 (e) of the Town Ordinances was amended on March 13, 2001 by Article 34 of Town Meeting.

The Department of Public Works will begin their annual leaf pickup the week of April 27<sup>th</sup>.

We have received a communication back from Winnacunnet High School in regards to payment for custodial services at the annual Town Meeting. The school is requiring payment of those charges.

He has the final municipal agreement between the State of NH and Department of Transportation to complete and build the crosswalk at Winnacunnet Road and Route 1A.

He sent to the Board last week a request to declassify a number of non-public session's minutes which can be done at anytime.

#### Discussion

Mr. Bateman questioned whether Winnacunnet High School, more specifically the athletic department has outstanding bills with the Town. Mr. Welch confirmed that the last bill he was given was somewhere in the area of \$6,200. He has not been notified that this bill has been paid. Mr. Bateman wonders if we might want to deduct the amount of the bill to the Town from the balance owed.

Mr. Nichols suggested that maybe Mike Schwotzer and the Business Administrator for the SAU could get together and look at some of the things that are done for the school that they are not charged for and come up with some recommendations. Mr. Welch commented that the Town does not bill the SAU for many things during the year.

Mr. Nichols also pointed out the high school serves many surrounding Towns.

Mr. Lally thinks that we should pay the bill we owe.

Mr. Lally MOTIONED to pay the bill to the high school. Mr. Nichols SECONDED.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Mr. Nichols would also like to understand the agreement between the Town and the SAU for the school resource officers.

Atty. Gearreald asked if the Board would like Mr. Schwotzer to bring up the list of items that was compiled that the Town does not charge the school for.

Chairman Griffin asked what items are on this list. Atty. Gearreald commented the list contained the use of the tennis courts and false alarms.

The Board agreed that they would like Mr. Schwotzer to meet the Business Administrator to discuss the above items and make sure that the Town is being treated fairly.

Mr. Znoj wonders what types of fines are issued in regards to dogs being on the beach. Mr. Welch pointed out that the first fine is \$50 and each additional fine is \$100.

Chairman Griffin feels that it is unenforceable.

Mr. Nichols pointed out that there is another ordinance that is completely ambiguous to the ordinance that Mr. Welch is referring too in 2001. Chapter 1 Article 1 regulation of animals which you come across first when looking through the ordinances states animals will be permitted on the Town of Hampton Beaches from Labor Day to Memorial Day anytime, section 1:110 will be applied and enforced throughout the year animals will be allowed on the Town of Hampton Beaches from Memorial Day to Labor Day only after 6 pm in the evening to 8 am. We have two ordinances that say different things.

Chairman Griffin commented that is how it has always been done. He also wonders how you are not going to allow dogs when horses are allowed on the beach. How are we going to enforce something like this?

Mr. Lally stated that people truck horses in from all over Southern NH. He also commented that from someone who worked there for 27 years it is not enforced. He did say that they do ask people to remove their dogs from the beach in the summer and they do so. The lifeguards do a great job at this also.

Mr. Nichols feels there are two issues; how can we enforce dogs not being on the beach when there are two conflicting ordinances. On the other hand, he does not have an issue of enforcing the picking up after your dog.

The only solution they could come up with is the possibility of more signage about cleaning up after your pet.

Mr. Welch said in fact the Town spent \$1,000 on signs for this and they are removed as fast as they are put up.

Chairman Griffin asked Mr. Bateman that when he is on duty does he see this being enforced in regards to individuals not cleaning up after their pet. Mr. Bateman said that usually in the presence of a uniform officer, this issue is not a problem.

Mr. Lally feels that if an officer sees this happening they will comment to the individual and it will be taken care of. The only thing that you do not see is an officer writing a summons.

Mr. Bateman commented that he is not sure why it is such a problem this year but everyone is noticing and the police department is being very proactive at addressing this problem.

## VI. Old Business

### 1. Concord Recycling Co-op.

Mr. Welch explained that the Board needs to make a decision before May 1 as to whether or not the Town wishes to deposit our home mingled recyclables at the Concord Cooperative Facility. Mr. Welch reminded the Board that the Town would be paid a percentage for all the recyclables it dumps. Some of the other Seacoast Town's that are considering doing this are Seabrook, Kensington, South Hampton, North Hampton, Portsmouth, Rye and Greenland. This is the only opportunity that he knows of where you are paid for your recyclables. One nice thing about this is that all types of plastics are accepted and everything can be mixed together there is no sorting required.

#### Discussion

Mr. Bateman thinks that single stream recycling makes it very easy for people to recycle. He feels that this can be a very successful project. There is a facility in Portland that he visited and it has been working great for them for several years.

Mr. Nichols only concern is that these items have to be transported to Concord, which is around a 100 miles round trip. He wonders if this is the only game in the area for single stream recycling.

Mr. Welch explained that this is not the only game in the area; everyone else has to put out a general bid in order to participate. This is the only one where you will actually hold membership, have a vote, help set the budget and you determine what you are going to get back. Mr. Welch added that the Town would be able to remove themselves from the contract at anytime.

Mr. Nichols commented that so as far as Mr. Welch is concerned this is more financially sound. Mr. Nichols was under the impression that we are not allowed out of the Co-op at any time since it was a fifteen-year contract and the only way out was if the revenue dropped to into the negative.

Mr. Welch explained that there is a provision that would allow the Town an out. If this is the case than Mr. Nichols has no concerns, however if it is up to the Co-op as to whether or not the

Town can get out, than the fifteen year contract could be too long. Mr. Nichols expressed concerns that the transportation cost could possibly outweigh the revenue part.

Mr. Welch explained that it depends on how you do the transportation and that is something that has to be worked out. Whether the Town bids it or buys its own equipment. When he set this up in New London, they were doing drop off recycling and had 37% in the first year and it kept up at that rate. All of the overhead expenses were paid out of the money they were making. What happened was they were engaging in contracts to move the material. After the first year, they figured out that it would be cost effective to own their own tractors since they already owned the trailers. They earned back the cost of the equipment plus a profit within two years. We would have to look at those types of mechanics and go out for some type of a bid to transport. We are currently using Waste Management and will continue to do so into mid 2010 paying them a ¼ of a million dollars to haul away the recycling.

Mr. Znoj would just like to clarify that a homeowner would be able to put out all their trash in one barrel without separating items.

No trash and recyclable are separated, and the recyclables can be mixed together but must be kept separate from garbage/wet trash.

Chairman Griffin wonders how it will be picked up. Mr. Welch explained the recycling would be picked up separate as it is now. It was also confirmed that the recycling would be put in the green recycling containers currently being used. Mr. Welch pointed out that ultimately we would probably switch to larger roll around containers.

Mr. Lally agreed with Chairman Griffin that we have been talking about this for a long time. He feels that it is a win-win situation. We are currently paying Waste Management a lot of money and get nothing in return. With this new arrangement, we will still be paying to transport but will be getting something in return.

Chairman Griffin wonders if this means that for events like the Seafood Festival, they will be able to combine all of their cans with their paper. Mr. Welch commented as long as the paper is not soiled with food that is true. Chairman Griffin feels that there will need to be some educating on this topic. He does agree that it can be done especially since he just returned from Japan where recycling is a must.

Mr. Nichols does not have a problem with the Board taking a vote on this now giving Mr. Welch empowerment to sign the agreement with the Concord Co-op after completing his analysis.

Mr. Znoj wonders if the items are going to be compressed before they are transported. Mr. Welch stated that you can get about 25 tons of trash in a normal semi trailer as we have a compression ram.

Mr. Nichols MOTIONED to authorize the Town Manager to enter into an agreement with the Concord Recycling Co-op contingent on his analysis of the cost effectiveness associated with the transportation cost and contingent on acceptable language. Mr. Lally SECONDED.

VOTE: 5-0-0

## VII. New Business

1. Use of Town Highway Land by Tropic Star Development, LLC – Galley Hatch

Mr. Welch explained that this is on the agenda as a direct request of this Board. . This letter is to be sent to the Planning Board and is in regards to town property that is currently being utilized by the Galley Hatch. This letter states that any plans submitted to the Planning Board by the Galley Hatch can not reflect, show or document the use of, and or include Town Property for the development of the Galley Hatch. We do not want to make this too complicated but want to make sure everything is done properly to protect the owner of property in the future.

Discussion

Mr. Bateman explained that the Planning Board has discussed some of this. He thinks that all players want to make sure that it all goes along and is done right.

Mr., Nichols, Mr. Znoj and Mr. Lally all agree that the letter should be sent. Mr. Lally also added that hopefully it would all be taken care of next year at the Town Meeting.

Mr. Bateman MOTIONED to send the letter to the Planning Board. Mr. Nichols SECONDED.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Mr. Nichols added that we need to make sure that we have appraisals, a dialogue with the Galley Hatch and cost estimates on signalization well in advance of the Town Meeting.

2. Authorization to Withdraw Capital Reserve Fund – DPW

Mr. Welch explained this is to purchase a small school bus to replace the current van. This is a "used" school bus, and is small. The bus carries 16 passengers, will be completely painted and overhauled before it is purchased and the cost is \$7,500. They do not want to go out and spend \$25,000 or \$30,000 on a new van. The Public Works Director has passed this by the Budget Committee Chair and has her support for this expense. This is a more cost effective way to transport employees as opposed to several small vehicles. Since there are no funds in the Public Works budget for this purchase, the money must come from the Capital Reserve Fund.

Discussion

Mr. Lally questioned where the employees will be going in this bus. The main use will be to bring the beach cleaning crew to the beach.

Mr. Bateman thinks it is a good idea since the van that has been used for this is not safe. Mr. Welch added that the current van being used would not pass inspection.

Mr. Znoj would like a little more information on what the bus will be used for.

Mr. Bateman explained that there are employees who are hired to clean the Town beaches and they are dropped off at many locations and a form of means to transport them is needed.

Mr. Nichols likes the idea especially since it is not \$25,000.

Mr. Lally MOTIONED to allow Public Works to withdraw funds from the Capital Reserve Fund for the purchase of the small school bus. Mr. Bateman SECONDED.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Other New Business:

Mr. Welch presented a memorandum which identified to the Board several dates of minutes for non-public meetings which can be declassified. Mr. Welch requested that the Board vote to declassify these minutes.

Mr. Bateman MOTIONED to declassify the identified minutes in the memorandum. Mr. Nichols SECONDED.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Mr. Welch informed the Board that they have received the municipal agreement between the State of NH and the Town. This requires his signature but only after approval of the Board for the construction of the handicap walkway and ramp at Winnacunnet and Route 1A. The cost to the Town is \$4,000.

Mr. Bateman MOTIONED to give Mr. Welch permission to sign the municipal agreement between the State of NH and the Town in regards to the handicap walkway and ramp. Chairman Griffin SECONDED.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Atty. Gearreald requested that the Board enter into a non-meeting with counsel at the end of this meeting and no roll call vote is required.

VIII. Consent Agenda

1. Abba Taxi Company Licenses – Diane Bushe, Ricky Bushe, John Fowler
2. New Balance Girls on the Run 5k - Parade and Public Gathering License
3. Piscassic Pond Winery, LLC – License request to sell at the Hampton Farmers Market
4. Permission for DPW Equipment for inclusion in the State’s Annual Auction

Discussion

Mr. Bateman would like to inform everyone that there is going to be a Town Auction and Public Works will be bringing forward a sidewalk plow attachment, snow blower, front plow, rear sander unit, front broom, 1996 van, woods mower attachment, tractor, trailer, 1997 Chevy pickup, 1992 dump truck and old generator. Mr. Welch added that they would have an additional list from other departments.

5. Grant agreement for installation of IT Infrastructure at the Town Offices for the Town’s Emergency Operations Center
6. Grant agreement for the Town to update the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan

Discussion

Mr. Bateman questioned whether items number 5 and 6 needed a separate vote since they are grants. Mr. Welch stated that it would probably be cleaner to have a separate motion for these items.

7. Memorandum of Agreement- Hampton Firefighters, Local 2664

Discussion

Mr. Znoj pointed out that this memorandum agreement with the firefighters will allow probationary firefighters to take days off and exchange days off as the other firefighters are doing. Mr. Welch explained that this would allow the Fire Department to cut overtime.

8. Geannina Guzman-Scanlan - Parade and Public Gathering License

Mr. Bateman MOTIONED to move items 1, 2, 3, 4, 7 and 8 of the Consent Agenda. Mr. Lally SECONDED.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Mr. Bateman MOTIONED to move to bring forward the grant in the amount of \$31,865 to be approved for the installation of IT Infrastructure at the Town Offices for the Town's Emergency Operations Center. Mr. Lally SECONDED.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Mr. Nichols suggested that Mr. Welch might be able to explain what this grant will cover. Mr. Welch explained that the generator is part of this grant. Once the generator is installed, there will be an IT link that will be able to run off the generator if we are to lose power.

Mr. Bateman MOTIONED to move forward the grant for the Town to update the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan in the amount of \$5,000. Mr. Znoj SECONDED.

VOTE: 5-0-0

IX. Closing Comments

Charlie Preston realizes that no one is in denial that a fire station needs to be at the Beach. He thought that a fund for the beach station would be a good idea. He would just like to throw out to the Precinct that maybe they would want to match what the Town would be putting into the fund from the revenues from their parking revenue.

Chairman Griffin agrees that it needs to go forward and they are going to wait for the Chief to come before the Board.

X. Adjournment

Mr. Bateman MOTIONED to adjourn and go into a Non-Meeting with Legal Counsel - RSA 91-A:2., I., (c). Mr. Nichols SECONDED.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Meeting adjourned at 9:23 PM



Chairman

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