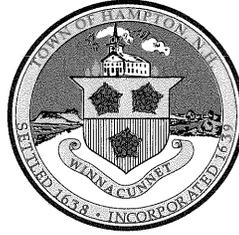


Town of Hampton



TOWN OF HAMPTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN JULY 06, 2009 MINUTES

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

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

Gary Meyers – Requested that the BOS insure that Fairpoint remove branches near the lines.

Brian Kent, 35 Park Ave, increased water flow from CVS project is causing erosion on his property. He has spoken with DPW and Planning and everyone seems to be passing the buck. He would like to see what the Selectmen might be able to do about this problem. Mr. Welch explained that the Conservation Commission went out today to investigate and the plans were approved by the Planning Board.

II. Announcements and Community Calendar

Chairman Griffin announced that the Old Stage Road Bridge restoration as a pedestrian walkway has begun. They are in need of volunteers to help with this restoration. This bridge is co-owned by both Hampton and Hampton Falls and no tax dollars are being spent on this project. Please feel free to donate supplies, time or make a monetary donation to the project. For more information please contact Judy Wilson at 929-0533. Somewhere around \$400,000 has been donated [actually there have been pledges of \$30,000 from Hampton Falls, non from Hampton]. Chairman Griffin also mentioned that John Nyhan has invited the Selectmen and additional invitations will be going out to others who have helped to secure the funding for the Beach Infrastructure to attend a get together with the Governor on July 27th.

III. Appointments

1. Chief of Police – Police Department Monthly Update

Chief Sullivan has two items to discuss before presenting his report. The first one is a JAG Grant that he would ask for the Boards support. Deputy Chief Sawyer explained that this is the second round this year for the Justice Assistance Grant. This grant is given to 5 communities in Rockingham County. The award given to Hampton was in the amount of \$12,179. Additionally we have entered into an agreement again with the Rockingham County Sheriff's department as the facilitator of the grant and the fiscal agent with a 5% administrative fee amounting to \$609 that makes the Town's allocation \$11,570.

Mr. Bateman MOTIONED to accept the JAG Grant in the amount of \$12,179 with \$11,570 being allocated to the Town. Chairman Griffin SECONDED.

VOTE: 5-0-0

In regards to his monthly report Chief Sullivan touched on the following: the 4th of July lots of traffic, lots of people, fireworks went off without a hitch, answered 463 calls for service, made 103 arrest, took 20 incident reports, had 11 accidents, crowd estimated between 90 and 100 thousand people and staff did a commendable job. The month of June as a whole: calls for service and arrest both down slightly, number of incident reports even with last year, motor vehicle accidents are up, part one crimes against person down 27%, part one crimes against property down from this period last year but still up overall for year, part one crimes against society down about 8%, part two crimes down 32%, manpower reports show that they are down about 1400 hours compared to last year, hired new fulltime officer Doug Ruth and lastly operating below 2009 allotted budget.

Discussion

Mr. Znoj questioned the special officer payroll for 2009 totaling \$189,000 for 12 weeks. Deputy Sawyer explained that the number he is referring to is the minimum cost for each officer having 3 shifts a week as required by contract. It does not take into account any extra shifts that many of the senior specials tend to pick up. Mr. Nichols believes that the total amount in the budget for special officer's line is around \$300 or \$400 thousand. Chief Sullivan believes that the overall line item is just under \$400,000. Mr. Znoj questioned the \$67,840 for training and the \$30,000 for equipment/gear for 15 new specials. Chief Sullivan explained that ideally they would like to have 15 more specials which would bring them up to 50 specials total which is what they usually have. This is a projection for the 2010 budget and is not included in this year's budget.

Mr. Nichols wonders if the 90,000 people for the 4th were around normal. Chief Sullivan explained that it is just an estimate and he does believe that it is higher than the last couple of years but not as high as a really hot 4th of July.

Chairman Griffin thanked him for his report and commented that things appear to have gone very well over the weekend. Chief Sullivan added that there was a terrible accident injuring a pedestrian but that was the only major thing for the weekend. Chairman Griffin did receive a call about the illegal parking problems at Plaice Cove. Chief Sullivan said that just today he was

out walking and saw tickets on these cars so yes it is being addressed. However, it is not being done in the same force as in the past since this was one of the items/positions that were cut from the budget.

2. Ralph Fatello – Wounded Warriors and the naming of the Resident Parking Areas

Ralph Fatello, Commander of the American Legion Post 35, here tonight with Michael Taylor. Mr. Fatello informed the Board what a success last year's program was and for those that were not aware he explained what Wounded Warriors did last year. He explained they brought in wounded soldiers who had been in Afghanistan and Iraq up to North Beach and they tried surfing. They have picked a date and have lined up all the volunteers. He has also spoken with Chief Sullivan, Chief Silver and Brian Warburton. Mr. Taylor explained that they work with the group NH Disabled Sports up at Winnepesaukee. Mr. Fatello thanked the Town for their support last year and expressed how much this event means to the soldiers.

Discussion

Mr. Bateman congratulated them for the job that they do and expressed that this project is a blast.

Mr. Znoj thinks this is a wonderful gesture and he will be there.

Mr. Lally thanked them for the great job and he believes this will be one of those events that grow each year.

Chairman Griffin appreciates all that they do for the veterans.

On another note. Mr. Fatello would also like to discuss the naming of the Resident Parking Areas after deceased veterans. The last two veterans who were not recognized were the two Brown's in 2007. The suggestion that he would like to make is naming the Parking Areas after the different wars and having a plaque with the names of the soldiers who died while serving in the war. The reason he came up with this idea is because he feels it would be too hard to pick which soldier to name an Area after.

Discussion

The Board all agreed that this was a good idea.

Mr. Bateman questioned if plaques have been placed on the streets that are named after veterans. Mr. Welch explained that at Town Meeting there was a vote to have plaques put on these street signs. It has not been done yet but it will be done.

3. Rosine (Zappala) Mazzaglia and Marie (Zappala) Stewart – Request for extended hours at the resident parking lot at Sun Valley/Plymouth and Campton Streets.

Rosine (Zappala) Mazzaglia and Marie (Zappala) Stewart explained that they are not actually looking for extended hours but instead would like permission for parking on the street during a family event on August 22nd. The party starts at 3 o'clock and they would like permission for the guest to park along the street.

Discussion

Chairman Griffin explained that Mr. Welch suggested that they drop the no parking ban for the day.

Mr. Bateman explained that this can be done very easily by covering the no parking signs with plastic bags for the day.

Mr. Nichols likes the idea of lifting the parking ban for the day.

Chairman Griffin suggested that the bags not be placed over the signs until the party starts.

Mr. Welch suggested that instead of covering the no parking signs permits could be issued for the guest to place on the dash of their cars. Mr. Lally thinks that Mr. Welch's idea is the way to go.

Mr. Znoj asked why the hours are needed to be extended for the resident lot. It was decided that this was not necessary.

4. Kevin Lonergan – Parking issue on Ocean Blvd., between P Street and N Street

Mr. Lonergan, 7 Windmill Lane, here to discuss a very hazardous situation at the beach concerning parking on the west side of Ocean Blvd from the corner of P Street heading north to the corner of N Street. This is not a new situation and was brought before the Board by Mr. Bateman last year. He informed the Board that the west side of Ocean Blvd is a no parking zone. However, there are two exceptions. The first is on the west side of Ocean Blvd from N Street north up to Ms. Mitchells Country Store there is a loading zone allowing guest to park for ten minutes to unload luggage at the hotels. During the summer this is really only used on Saturdays and does not pose a real safety issue.

The second exception to the no parking on the west side of Ocean Blvd exists between P Street heading north to N Street. As Selectman Bateman pointed out this is a very treacherous part of Ocean Blvd. This allowed parking totally takes away the line of vision of both pedestrians and motorists. He also informed the Board of an accident involving a pedestrian just last summer. The ordinance that Mr. Bateman put forward last year was overturned. It appears that this was done because of a couple of complaints by property owners on the west side of Ocean Blvd. from P Street to N Street. This is very pro-founding since most of these properties have long driveways. If this stretch of Ocean Blvd. was posted as a no parking tow zone it would result in a loss of no more than 8 to 10 parking spaces. In his opinion this is a very small price to pay to resolve a very hazardous safety issue. No one wants to see another preventable accident.

He would also like the Town to enter into a dialogue with Mr. Warburton from the State in regards to posting the same signage on the east side of Ocean Blvd from the corner of Bradford Ave north to the corner of Haverhill Ave. This would only result in the loss of 3 or 4 parking spaces. He would hope the Board would vote on this tonight and that the signs would be posted immediately.

Discussion

Mr. Lally cannot remember why it was reversed and would like to go back and read the minutes. Mr. Nichols also does not remember why it was reversed but would like to review.

Chairman Griffin stated that the Board will take it under advisement.

Mr. Bateman asked if Mr. Loneragan would leave behind his prepared statement for the records.

5. Harris Sea Ranch Motel & Kombosi Bosunga – Bike & Walk Your Health Up

Kombosi Bosunga shared a presentation with the Board on his business venture which includes a bike for seven passengers. He believes that there is real potential for this at Hampton Beach since there is such a parking issue. He stated that he has obtained a State License, a Town License [is on the consent agenda for approval, and is recommended by the Police Chief for approval as a Hawkers and Peddlers License] and he has secured a location like the Board requested. The Harris Sea Ranch Motel is going to provide them with a place to park the bike and a location to conduct the registration process. All riders will be provided with a helmet and there will be a trained driver on the bike at all times.

Discussion

Mr. Lally confirmed that there is always a trained driver provided by the company with the bike.

Mr. Znoj is just hung up on safety and there is so much congestion on Ashworth Ave and Ocean Blvd.

It was confirmed that the Police Chief has signed off on the license for a Hawker and Peddler. Mr. Znoj wonders how many drivers they will have. Mr. Bosunga will be the driver for the first week and then it will be determined how many drivers will be needed and where the bike will go. The duration of the trip is 20 to 30 minutes.

Chairman Griffin questioned the company that was doing this in downtown Boston and why they are no longer running. Mr. Bosunga explained that the designer took the bike back. There was damage to the bikes that was caused by the drivers.

Mr. Nichols also has safety concerns.

Chairman Griffin questioned whether there would need to be anything done by Harris Sea Ranch Motel with the Planning Board.

Mr. Welch and Mr. Bateman both agreed that yes they would need to go before the Planning Board.

Ms. Toomey from Harris Sea Ranch spoke about the meeting that she had with Mr. Bosunga and the fact that he has done the research. She does not believe that there will be a change in use since she is still running her motel and she has an extensive lot and garage so there is ample room to store the bikes.

Mr. Znoj asked about a route. There is not a route set up yet. Mr. Bosunga did elaborate on some additional safety precautions like drivers will not be allowed to use cell phones while operating the bike and they will also be wearing safety vest that will be labeled so if someone sees something unsafe they can report it to the company.

Mr. Bateman commented that the size of the bike shown tonight appears smaller than the original pictures they saw. Mr. Bateman feels that Mr. Bosunga appears to be a business man who will work through any problems that arise and if this is the case then things will go well.

Mr. Welch would only suggest that they contact Jamie Steffen of the Planning Board to make sure that nothing needs to be done with them.

IV. Minutes of June 22, 2009

Page 5: Insert the wording "House Lighting Competition" after the word Christmas within the sixth sentence from the top of page

Mr. Bateman MOTIONED to approve the minutes as amended. Mr. Nichols SECONDED.

VOTE: 5-0-0

V. Town Manager's Report

Effective July 1, 2009, Waste Management has placed a reduction of \$141.84 per month on our contract for recycling pickup as a fuel adjustment credit.

The Hampton Beach Commission's Chairman John Nyhan has confirmed that the Governor will be in attendance at the Commission's appreciation reception on July 27th at the Hampton Beach Casino. This activity is by invitation only.

Please be sure to inspect our 211 postings on the Town Hall bulletin board. This one call can provide assistance including food pantries, health resources, support groups, and rental assistance for those in need.

Now that the Legislature has completed its regular business for the year, please be watchful of announcements that deal with changes in the State laws.

Received an email from Fire Chief and he has filed and submitted his application for the Fire Station Construction Grant. It is the feeling of the Chief after completing the process that it is likely that the money will be allocated to the State as opposed to certain fire departments. He is requesting that the Board write to our United States Senators and United States Representatives asking that they write letters supporting our application. The Chief has been told that these letters of support are critical to getting the grant.

Discussion

Mr. Znoj questioned whether each Selectmen needed to write letters to the Senators and Representatives or if one could be sent from them all. Mr. Welch believes that the individual letters are necessary.

VI. Old Business

1. Gary Meyer, American Service Corp of Experienced Executives Findings Update

Mr. Myers of the American Service Corp of Experienced Executives presented to the Board his findings. Mr. Myers visited the Public Works Department. He reported that the employees are dedicated and committed to the Town. In regards to spending there could be improvements in the way that they purchase products and supplies. He explained how Leen Sig Sigma works and how it can help to cut down on the cost of supplies. He spoke about how if changes were made to State Legislation money could be saved. Some examples included tree limbs hanging over power lines, maintaining State roads through Town and cooperation between surrounding Towns. His conclusion included the following recommendations: process improvement,

education for Management and Selectmen and private project where we do the training for staff. What he is offering is a no risk opportunity where we do not pay him anything unless there are quantifiable cost savings at which time we would pay his company a % of savings.

Discussion

Mr. Znoj clarified that where benefits are recognized for a period of two years Mr. Myers Company would receive 50% of savings. There would be a cap on the amount that the company could receive in a year.

Mr. Znoj wonders if he envisions branching out to other departments beyond Public Works. Mr. Myers thinks to the extent that there are parts and supplies that are common across the organization. However, it would be up to the Board and the Town Manager as to whether other departments will be trained on Leen.

The Board thanked Mr. Myers and will take this item under advisement.

VII. New Business

1. Action on and Authorization for Hannaford Case Settlement. No discussion occurred on this item.
2. Discussion on the Town parking meters at the Beach.

Mr. Bateman would like to suggest adding meters to the resident lots. However, if you have a resident sticker you can park at those meters in these lots for free.

Discussion

Mr. Nichols thinks that there are really broad complications involved with this.

Mr. Lally explained that to get a resident sticker you do not have to live in Hampton you must only be a tax payer. He agrees that this is a huge can of worms. He did bring this up when he first became a Selectmen and it was met with much resistance.

Chairman Griffin thinks that a lot of the opposition in the past came from the business owners. He would like to expand this conversation and discuss the Church Street Lot. He informed the Board that the Town pays a lot to the Church to rent this land. He wonders if there are other opportunities to use this space.

Mr. Welch does not think it is a net loss for this lot.

Chairman Griffin has seen this lot nearly empty most of the time. He wonders if we might be able to rent these spots out for the summer as opposed to using it for daily parking.

Mr. Nichols thinks that Mr. DeMarco and Ms. Martin should come up with some information as to the expenses versus the revenue for this lot.

Mr. Lally wonders if since we lease the land from the Church we can sub lease the land. It is believed that yes this can be done.

3. Action on and Authorization of Chairman for signature for the Hampton and Hampton Falls Agreement for the Old Stage Road Bridge

Mr. Lally MOTIONED that the Selectmen of the Town of Hampton vote to approve the Hampton and Hampton Falls Agreement for the Old Stage Road Bridge project and that the Hampton Board of Selectmen authorize the Chairman to sign the grants for the agreement. Mr. Nichols SECONDED.

VOTE: 5-0-0

4. Action on and Authorization for Fairpoint Communications petition for License for the licensing of pole(s) and or buried wire/conduit(s). Mr. Welch explained this is down on Dow Ave where the barricade was removed.

Mr. Lally MOTIONED that the Selectmen of the Town of Hampton vote to approve the Fairpoint Communications petition for License for the licensing of pole(s) and or buried wire/conduit(s).project and that the Hampton Board of Selectmen authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement. Mr. Bateman SECONDED.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Other New Business

Mr. Nichols thought the 2010 budget was going to be on the agenda tonight. He would suggest having an additional meeting scheduled for this topic or put it on the agenda for the next meeting but limit the number of appointments for that meeting. He would also suggest that it be put at the beginning of the agenda so it can be discussed early in the evening.

Chairman Griffin stated that it will be put on the agenda for July 20th and it will be put on as the first item under Old Business.

Mr. Nichols provided the Board with a brief summary of the budget information provided to the Board by Mr. Welch.

Mr. Znoj wonders if there is any way to prioritize the list that was provided.

VIII. Consent Agenda

1. Bench Request – Peter J. Howard in memory of his mother
2. Hawkers, Peddlers and Itinerant Vendors License “Bike & Walk Your Health Up” – Kombosi Bosunga

Mr. Znoj MOTIONED to move the Consent Agenda. Mr. Lally SECONDED.

VOTE: 5-0-0

IX. Closing Comments

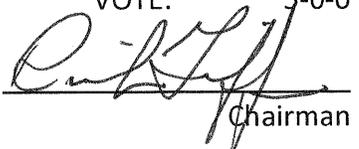
Chairman Griffin announced that the Board would be meeting under RSA 91-A:2, I., (c) a non-meeting with Counsel.

X. Adjournment

Mr. Nichols MOTIONED for adjournment. Mr. Znoj SECONDED.

Meeting adjourned at 9:06 PM

VOTE: 5-0-0


Chairman