

# Town of Hampton



## TOWN OF HAMPTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN August 10, 2009 Minutes

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

6:30 PM

Chairman Griffin called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

### SALUTE TO THE FLAG

#### I. New Business

##### (1) Business Trash Removal Public Hearing

Chairman Griffin opened the public hearing on Business Trash Removal with the following explanation.

The meeting will not be broadcast live as there is a problem with the Inet. He thanked all who attended this evening. This will be a conversation about commercial trash and even more than that it will mainly focus on the issue of recycling. Recycling is a big portion of the commercial and residential trash issue and the issue of recycling will affect not only the businesses but also all the residents of Hampton. The Board is considering starting mandatory recycling in January and in July/August 2010, single stream recycling will begin. The audience's comments tonight are very important keep in mind this is a start of the conversation and more will occur.

Chairman Griffin introduced DPW Director John Price. Mr. Price explained about the two samples that were conducted to determine the trash tonnage that the Towns receives.

The purposes of these samples were to separate the source point for the trash and to weigh that amount of trash, in order to determine the tonnage amount for each individual entity. The first sample began the week of July 6<sup>th</sup>, the trash week begins on Monday and runs through Sunday. This sample focused strictly on weighing just the commercial against the residential. The commercial trash tonnage contained both the beach and uptown commercial trash. Taking in mind that the commercial trash at the beach is picked up seven days a week, commercial trash uptown is picked up five days a week and residential trash is picked up 5 days a week.

That sample revealed that the commercial trash represented 31% of the total tonnage and the residential trash, which is picked up 5 days a week represented 69% of the tonnage, totaling 193.6 tons for that sample.

We were then asked to do another sample on tonnage intake of the trash, but to separate the generators of the trash in order to determine what the percentages would be for the separate generator. This second sample was conducted for the week of August 3 and which was this past week and ended yesterday. The breakdown for the trash intake is tonnage is as follows: uptown commercial trash represented 6.5% of the total tonnage, the beach commercial trash represented 32.9% of the total tonnage, and the residential trash was 60.6%, in all the tonnage totaled 175.8 tons.

No questions were asked of Mr. Price by the BOS.

Chairman Griffin reiterated what Mr. Price stated.

Chairman Griffin asked for public comment.

The following individuals spoke in respect to the commercial trash.

Uta Pinu. She asked of the BOS what do you mean by commercial, as commercial means any activity for profit and all should be treated the same, as the majority of the beach is for profit.

John Bretrick, Best Western. Asked the BOS what were they were doing. Spoke of the letter that ceased picking up their trash on their property. He stated that do not fully recycle their trash now, and to do that would have costs impacts; almost double his cost to recycle.

Chairman Griffin clarified the letter he spoke of and that no decision has been made. And asked him what his trash consists and it was determined that single stream recycling would apply to the Best Western.

Mr. Nichols asked of Mr. Bretrick if any other Best Westerns in the State, have municipal trash pick-up as to his knowledge there are a few to none and he would like the gentleman to find out that information for him.

Bob Preston. Spoke to the dates that Mr. Price did the samples, and that the dates were the high peak season, and should have picked other dates would have a more realistic number to the tonnage.

The Board clarified that this public hearing is only to begin the discussion on the idea of not picking up the commercial trash all over town, not just the beach and also that recycling is also the focus of this public hearing, and that the Town is not obligated to pick up commercial trash.

Chuck Rage, main concern is that if there is no trash pickup at the beach, the people will start dumping their trash and the beach will lost its five star rating.

Skip Windemiller; spoke of the history of creating businesses at the beach and how the Town should increase revenues and stopping trash pick will hurt the businesses.

Gary Provenia. Represents his business from the up side of town, and he spoke how he recycles and if trash pickup were stopped it would hurt his business. Many businesses do not have the land to support a dumpster.

Doc Noel. Representing the Chamber of Commerce. Trash pickup is very important to the Town's tourism based economy and should not stop.

Vic Lessard. If trash is not picked up, the people will dump their trash all around town.

Brian Warburton. Spoke generally about the reasons why a decrease in services especially the commercial trash pickup and that all trash should be picked up by whom ever, in order to preserve what we have and secure the future of Hampton and Hampton Beach as clean. Recycling is working but the placement of the bins should be next to the trashcan. Cigarettes are still a major problem and will continue to exist. More barrels are required and education of the populace is key in helping with containing trash.

John Ciantell. Asked the question on how it would be determined what is commercial trash from residential trash. The trash if it were not picked up every day would attract nuisances such a rats.

It was explained that more than five units the building would have been considered commercial and if a commercial use is in the building it would be considered commercial.

Mary-Louise Woolsey. This a problem we inherited and it is time to cease the commercial trash pickup by the Town to bring an element of fairness. She stated that all commercial uses, business, and large condominium complexes should pay for their own trash removal. There are residential condominium complexes and all the business in the Industrial park pay for their trash removal. It is not fair and every business, commercial use should pay for their own removal of the trash. Ms. Woolsey explained five reasons why the town should cease the pickup of commercial trash.

Fred Rice. Spoke about the how the cost of trash removal is buried in the tax base and that the town should be using the automated side [trash] loaders. Mr. Rice talked about several points about trash pickup and recycling.

Charlie Preston. Said that the goal should be fair and equitable and environmentally sound and the town should lead by example.

Dave Spenser. Explained that his condominium on Kings Highway pays 200-400 a month for trash pickup and the trailer park next door has there trashed picked up. The issue he has is the inconsistency of who gets their trash pickup.

Mr. Znoj asked if the condominium's trash goes to the transfer station and it does not.

Ray Weaving. They pay for the private removal of trash at Hampton Meadows Condo's and the town picks up the recycling and question why some have the service and others do not.

Vic Lessard. Talked about the services he gets for his Florida home. He gets trash picked up three times a week and he is billed for it quarterly, as it is separate from his a tax bill.

Bob Preston. Stated that larger recycling containers would help with the recycling.

Mr. Price. Asked of all people who come to the beach, and those who live in at the beach, please place the trash in the barrels and cover the barrels.

Chairman Griffin closed the public hearing comment period.

## II. Closing comments from the Board.

The Board of Selectman thanked all to those who spoke about concerns regarding business trash pick-up. A solution will be found regarding this issue of trash and recycling and the whole town will be affected by this, as the Town Hampton is one community and not two. Future discussions need to be had on this issue and a fair and equitable solution needs to be found. This

discussion is a work in progress and future discussions need to be had and the need to define what is commercial trash is paramount. In the short term, the Town needs to focus on mandatory recycling.

### III. Consent Agenda

- (1) Entertainment and Dance Hall Permit – Whales Tail Restaurant – 169 A Ocean Blvd.
- (2) Street Closure and Entertainment Permit for “Celebration of Life for Molly Rowlee” – Rings Terrace
- (3) Street Closure Permit – Fielding Lane – Suzanne Salloway
- (4) Use of Town Property – Bi-Centennial Park – Franson Family Chiropractic

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

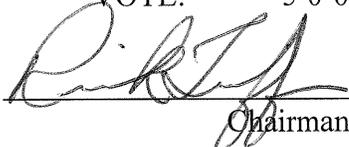
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### IV. Adjournment

Mr. Lally MOTIONED to adjourn. Mr. Bateman SECONDED.

Meeting adjourned at 9:41 PM

VOTE: 5-0-0

  
Chairman