

Town of Hampton



TOWN OF HAMPTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN November 10, 2009 Minutes

BOS

PRESENT: Richard Griffin, Chairman
Richard Nichols, Vice Chairman
William Lally
Frederick Welch, Town Manager
Mark Gearreald, Town Attorney
Chief Silver, Fire Chief

ABSENT: Richard Bateman
Jerry Znoj

BEACH VILLAGE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS

PRESENT: Chuck Rage
Gary Kubik
June White

4:00 PM

Chairman Griffin called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM and introduced the members of the Board and the Beach Precinct Commissioners.

Chuck Rage informed the BOS that the Commissioners met at an advisory committee meeting last week and he outlined the concerns that were identified regarding the Fire Station:

1. loss of meeting space and storage space;
2. loss of parking spaces;
3. loss of revenue due to the loss of parking spaces during construction;
4. the need of a new fire station at the Beach;
5. and whether the current building should be saved.

Discussion:

BOS members and the Commissioners discuss the location of the new station, the loss of parking spaces and estimated new spaces gained with added parking on the Basket Ball Court land.

Storage space, meeting space and parking issues were discussed by the Fire Chief and the timeline to move forward. Design issues for bathroom spaces; separate facilities required for each gender; with respect to the meeting space. The RFP has been drafted for the survey of the land, to identify the correct boundaries of the land, in order to accurately determine the location for the station and future location of the Precinct parking spaces and for an estimated amount of parking space loss; to determine resolution or agreement on the known issues of the loss of meeting space, the need for storage space, the revenue loss from parking spaces during the

construction; compensation on the loss of parking spaces and revenue and the ultimate outcome of the vote by the voters.

The BOS and the Commissioners agreed on the following:

1. To put forward Beach Fire station related Warrant articles for both the Town and Precinct meetings.
2. The Precinct would deed the necessary Land for constructing a beach sub-station.
3. The Town and Precinct would equally share the long term parking loss, estimated to be about 30 spaces, resulting from construction of a new Beach Fire station.
4. The Town will compensate the Precinct for lost parking revenues during the period of construction.
5. The Town will construct shared meeting space on the second floor of the new sub-station.
6. That a new station is needed at the beach.
7. Details will be worked out in the coming weeks.

Public Comment:

Richard Reniere, 29 Highland Ave, spoke about current leases and expiration dates, described the location of the station in relation to the abutting property owners.

Jack Gephardt, spoke about the percentages; 20/80; voters share of the money that would be spent on the fire station.

Art Gopalan, discussed the ways to determine the project cost.

Unknown person, spoke about this meeting was to inform the people and then stated that now to have a channel that restricts comment.

Mrs. Gephardt, spoke about the cost to the town and how the issues of money will be dealt with and who will be responsible to for tearing the building down. And more discussion should be held.

Discussion on the cost of demolition and how long to realize the money back.

Geannina Guzman – Scanlon, spoke about communication and that it goes both ways. We need to keep our minds on the goals and to have a creative process.

Charlie Preston, had questions on whether there will be two warrant articles, and hopes there are two separate articles.

Michael Scanlon, spoke about the size of the location currently and that its size is inappropriate for a four-bay station and split the warrant article in two warrants and put off the beach station till next year for a successful outcome.

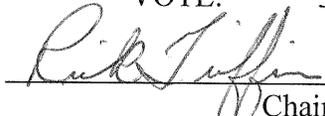
Chief Silver outlined the history of the selection of the location for the Beach Station. And welcomed anyone to come by and he will explain to them how this choice was reached.

Adjournment

Mr. Lally MOTIONED to adjourn. Mr. Griffin SECONDED.

The Board adjourned at 5:44 PM

VOTE: 3-0-0


Chairman