

Town of Hampton



TOWN OF HAMPTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
November 01, 2010 Minutes

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

ABSENT: Richard Griffin, Selectmen

6:00 PM Nonpublic session - RSA 91-A:3., II., (a) Grievance Hearing

7:00 PM

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

I. Acceptance of Donations and Grants Funds under RSA 31:95-b.

Nelson Family

State Homeland Security Equipment Maintenance \$4500

Emergency Management Grant Emergency Ops Plan Update \$4500

Chief Silver explained each of the donations/grants in detail.

Discussion

Mr. Znoj questioned how the donations would come in from the Nelson Family and Chief Silver explained the process.

Mr. Bateman MOTIONED to accept the Donations and the Grants Funds under RSA 31:95-b. Mr. Lally SECONDED.

VOTE: 4-0-0

II. Public Comment Period – None

III. Announcements and Community Calendar - None

IV. Appointments

1. Chief Silver – Departmental Update

Chief Silver provided the Board with his monthly report. The report included personnel issues, response times, types and number of calls for service, vehicle maintenance update, mutual aid, Hazard Mitigation Plan and changing batteries in smoke detectors. He also spoke about different grants that are available and FEMA funds that are coming in. A local business is willing to donate furniture to the Fire Department totaling less than \$5,000, which will be on the agenda next week. He also expanded on the Fire Chiefs ability to designate fire lanes after last week's discussion.

Discussion

Chairman Nichols and Chief Silver had an additional discussion on response times.

V. Minutes of October 25, 2010

Correct page numbers and the spelling of Attorney Ells name.

Mr. Znoj MOTIONED to approve the minutes of October 25, 2010 as submitted. Mr. Lally SECONDED.

VOTE: 4-0-0

VI. Town Manager's Report

The State and National Elections are tomorrow. Please vote, your vote does count. Just a reminder that all political campaign signs must be removed by Saturday, November 13th by State law, RSA 664:17. All signs within roadways not removed by that date will be removed by the Town.

The Board requested that the bid for the purchase of computers be re-reviewed by the Town. That task has been accomplished. We requested proposals and costs from a number of companies who did not bid so that the number of proposals to be reviewed including the original proposal is now 6. The original bidder is the lowest given the specifications. Please note that our IT Supervisor's son is a 5% owner in this company. We would request the Board to approve the bid from R&P Coastal Computer as the low bidder and proposer.

Just a reminder that it is time for the Board to consider establishing its goals and objectives for the year 2011.

Another reminder that your reports to be printed in the Annual Town Report are due not later than December 31st, earlier filing would be of great assistance.

Residents are reminded that mandatory recycling is in effect for all paper, cardboard, most plastic containers, steel and aluminum cans, and glass containers. Please recycle all of these materials each week it will allow our solid waste costs to decrease along with your tax obligations overtime.

There has been some discussion regarding the effective disposal of old drugs. There will be legislation to regulate that process to allow for secure collection by drop-off and destruction that will apply to municipal governments.

He provided the Board with a filing from Aquarion Water to the Public Utilities Commission dealing with improvements to be made to the system.

Comments

Mr. Znoj clarified that the improvements being made by Aquarion will show up as surcharges on bills if the filing is approved by the PUC.

Mr. Lally is glad to see that the bid for computer is going to a local company.

Mr. Znoj is not in favor of approving the computer bid he expressed his concerns and thinks the policy needs to be looked at.

Mr. Bateman has no problems with the bid.

Chairman Nichols made a few comments but feels that the bid should be approved. He also expressed issues with the policy in place for computer replacement. He would like to see this policy looked at and brought back to the Board.

Mr. Lally MOTIONED to approve the awarding of the computer bid to R&P Coastal Computer. Mr. Bateman SECONDED.

VOTE: 3-1-0 (Znoj)

There was an additional discussion about the old computers being taken away by the Company. Mike Pierce went into greater detail on a program he has been running in regards to recycling computers to the Library as well as schools/students in the area. Mr. Pierce would be happy to take the old computers and get them up and running to be donated.

Chairman Nichols Motioned to amend the vote to include that the 15 computers to be given to Michael Pierce for refurbishing and for be distribution. Mr. Bateman Seconded.

VOTE: 4-0-0

Chairman Nichols asked Mr. Welch to go into details about the three bids for the WWTP. It was suggested that the Board have each of these companies come in and explain their bids to the Board. The Board decided to have each of the three companies come in individually and the Board will make a decision on this next week. Mr. Znoj will meet with Mr. Welch and the companies.

Mr. Znoj was a little discouraged by the drug disposal and having to wait for legislation. Mr. Bateman provided some information on the difficulty involved with this. Mr. Welch will check in to this legislation.

VII. Old Business

1. Ellenwood Property Tax Payment Agreement – Atty. Gearreald suggested that this be put off for a week or so since these individuals have not had a chance to meet with Mrs. Kingsley yet.
2. Ellenwood Deed Waiver – Atty. Gearreald provided the Board with the RSA involved with this. He would recommend a modification of this for next week.

Discussion

Chairman Nichols commented on how things have been put on the agenda lately and then are postponed by the Attorney. It was suggested that Atty. Gearreald review the agenda before it is posted. A protocol needs to be set up with all the departments.

3. Warrant Articles

Chairman Nichols thinks that warrant articles need to be discussed each week at this time of year. He made his comments as to where we are at this point. The articles included were: operating budget, fire stations, DPW trash/recycling equipment, library media line, possibility needing one for the WWTP, recreation infrastructure and demolition of Court House and Old Town Hall. Chairman Nichols would like to see another pass taken on the Trash Ordinance.

Discussion

The Board agreed that there should only be one article for both fire stations and not two separate articles.

There was a discussion about the equipment needed if recycling is brought in house and how the equipment would be financed.

The Board also discussed in further detail the trash ordinance and changes needing to be made specifically in relation to the language and authority to charge the State. Mr. Lally clarified that the rate will be negotiable.

They also discussed charging a rate for sewer usage to the State in a manner similar to how Rye is charged by the Town.

Chairman Nichols also brought up the CIP report, which the Board discussed.

The Board would like to get all the money warrant articles on the table even if they are not completed.

Chairman Nichols would also like the Tax Incentive Warrant Article to be put on the agenda next week so that we can start to get some input from the public.

4. September Recycling Report – Chairman Nichols stated that he emailed the report to the Board. He highlighted the report for everyone.

Discussion

Chairman Nichols brought up three issues with the State trash, recycling and beach raking. He went into further detail about the beach raking. Mr. Welch provided some information on the process involved in separating the raking piles and it is his hope to get rid of these two piles before the end of the year.

5. Review of 2010 Objectives – Chairman Nichols went through the objectives that were set for 2010 and updated the status on each of the objectives.

Discussion

There was a discussion amongst the Board that the drainage plan needs to be expanded on if there is going to be a warrant article totaling \$250,000.

Mr. Welch provided the Board with an update on the Concord Coop. The Board discussed the details of the Concord Coop in greater detail.

Other Old Business

Mr. Lally mentioned that tomorrow is the final meeting of the volunteers for the Hampton Mounted Patrol.

VIII. New Business

1. State Surplus Land Review

Mr. Welch provided the Board with information on this and the parcels of land involved. One of the parcels is part of the marshland and the Town would like to ask the State to give this land to the Conservation Commission.

Discussion

Chairman Nichols clarified that this is being done by the State to help balance the budget by selling these properties.

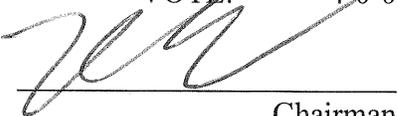
IX. Closing Comments

The Board reviewed the schedule for the polls tomorrow.

X. Adjournment

Chairman Nichols MOTIONED to adjourn the public meeting. Mr. Znoj SECONDED.

VOTE: 4-0-0



Chairman