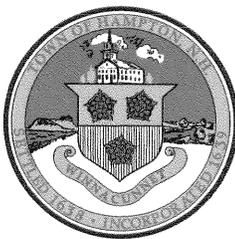


Town of Hampton



TOWN OF HAMPTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN January 3, 2011 Minutes

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

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

7:00 PM Public Meeting

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

- I. Public Comment Period - None
- II. Announcements and Community Calendar - None
- III. Appointments

1. Conservation Commissioners Jay Diener, Chairman and Ellen Goethel

Chairman Diener, Vice Chairman Goethel and David Viale, Southeast Land Trust, New Hampshire explained to the Board that they are before the Board to request financial assistance through a warrant article to acquire a conservation easement on 120 acres of Batchelder Farm. Mr. Vialli went into details on the land and the natural resources available on this land. The appraised value of the conservation easement is \$800,000. Mr. Diener explained the grant available and how the Town must match the grant funds. The Town must match the amount of the grant and Mr. Diener explained were some of the funds would be coming from and the need for \$250,000 to be raised and appropriated by the Town. He went on to give an example of the cost for the taxpayers.

Discussion

Mr. Znoj asked about: the exact location, parcels surrounding the Batchelder properties, benefit of the Town and hunting. Mrs. Goethel explained in detail the benefits to the Town including the habitat all the way down to the Marsh, flooding capacity absorption, Salt Marsh and if it is developed, it would cost the Town a lot of money. Mrs. Goethel commented that there is hunting in this area.

Mr. Griffin verified that there will be public access. Mr. Viale explained what type of public uses are allowed, but since the land will continue to be privately owned, it is the property owner rather than the public, that can only use the land for agricultural and forestry under the conservation easement. Another prime benefit is the farmland. They also explained the easement in greater detail for the Board. Mr. Griffin is in complete support of this.

Chairman Nichols commented that this was included in the spreadsheet discussed amongst the Board last week.

There will be more information on the website.

There was a consensus amongst the Board to sponsor a warrant article in the amount of \$250,000.00 to fund the acquisition of a conservation easement on 120 acres of the Batchelder Farm.

IV. Minutes of December 30, 2010 – Postponed to January 10, 2011

V. Town Manager's Report

The public notice for the required bond hearing has been noticed and will be published on Wednesday, January 5th. The hearing is scheduled for 7 PM on January 12, 2011 in the Selectmen's Meeting Room.

A citizen petitioned article for a Beach Fire Station has been received and will be scheduled for a bond hearing at 7 PM on January 12, 2011 in the Selectmen's Meeting Room.

I have directed that no Wastewater Treatment Plant personnel be assigned to snow plowing unless there is a certified plant operator on duty.

Discussion

Mr. Bateman asked about not having the Plant Operator of the WWTP plow. Mr. Welch explained a problem that arose during the last storm and how there was not a Certified Plant Operator in the plant at the time. Therefore, during regular business hours there will always be at least one Certified Operator in the plant.

Mr. Griffin asked about Trash Pickup during inclement weather. There was a discussion amongst the Board on trash pickup during a storm. Mr. Welch will make sure that a system is set up and get back to the Board on this. Chairman Nichols brought up the trash pickup on holidays and the need to advertise this information in other forms than just the website such as the newspaper, channel 22 and the Selectmen's meeting.

Mr. Znoj brought up the sewer moratorium meeting in Concord on January 11th and it was suggested to notice this as a Selectman's meeting just in case three or more Selectmen are able to attend.

VI. Old Business

1. Warrant Articles

a. Prioritization of Warrant Articles

Chairman Nichols commented that this was put on the agenda but nothing has really changed from last week. Mr. Znoj pointed out that there was one new item and that is the petitioned article for a Fire Station at the beach.

Chairman Nichols asked Atty. Gearreald to provide the Board with an update on the MOU with the Precinct. He provided an update from last week's meeting including the reverter clause. The Commissioners agreed to a cap of 50 years. He also explained to the Board that if there were a termination of the Beach Village District the reverter clause would be terminated. At this point the legal counsel for the Precinct and the Bond Counsel are both ok with the language in the MOU. Chairman Nichols summed up that we are almost there and should have everything finalized before the public hearing on January 12th.

2. Bond – Public Hearing – Discussed under Town Manager's Report

Atty. Gearreald brought up the petitioned article for a station at the beach and this has also been advertised for the public hearing. Chief Silver shared some information about this petitioned article and the reasons he cannot support this article. There was a discussion in greater detail on this petitioned article.

Other Old Business

Mr. Welch would like to confirm that the Board does not want to move forward with the Solid Waste Bid. There was a consensus amongst the Board to not go forward with the Solid Waste Bid.

Mr. Znoj and Atty. Gearreald had a discussion about the language of the warrant articles needing to be very clear and the MOU being included in the Fire Station Warrant Article.

VII. New Business

1. Ratification of the Contract Agreement for the Teamsters Union

Chairman Nichols explained that Mr. Upton and he have come to a tentative agreement with the Teamsters, which they voted to ratify last week. He would propose that the Selectmen vote to ratify this agreement tonight. He provided the Board with some background on this tentative agreement. This proposal is estimated at a cost of \$11,000, which is substantially less than the 2008, and 2009 proposal. He would urge the Selectmen and voters to support this proposal.

Mr. Griffin would just like to point out that the whole Board has been involved with this all along.

Mr. Lally thanked the Teamsters and negotiators for coming to an agreement. This is always one of his goals each March.

Mr. Znoj is in favor and thinks that progress has been made in a very cost effective approach.

There was also a discussion about the work that Mr. Upton has done and how all five Selectmen want to see these union contracts get to the ballot. They also discussed that any further ratifications must be done by January 11th.

Mr. Bateman MOTIONED to ratify the Contract Agreement for the Teamsters Union. Mr. Lally SECONDED.

VOTE: 5-0-0

2. Snow Plowing alternatives on Birch Road

Chairman Nichols shared a letter received by the Board. Mr. Welch will be passing this along to Public Works to have it taken care of.

VIII. Consent Agenda

1. Authorization – Grant for RPC Preparation of Zoning Amendments

Mr. Nichols requested that this item be deferred to January 10, 2011 on the recommendation of Town Counsel to be discussed under New Business.

IX. Closing Comments - None

X. Adjournment

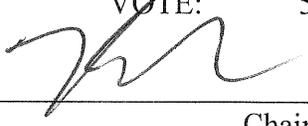
On motion made by Mr. Nichols and seconded by Mr. Znoj to enter into a Nonpublic session RSA 91- A:3.,II.,(a).

By roll call vote, the Board voted unanimously to enter into a Nonpublic session RSA 91- A:3.,II.,(a)

And;

Mr. Lally MOTIONED to adjourn the public meeting. Mr. Znoj SECONDED.

VOTE: 5-0-0



Chairman

Minutes of Non-Public Session on January 3, 2010

Selectmen

Richard Nichols, Chairman
Richard Bateman, Vice-Chairman
William Lally
Gerald Znoj
Richard Griffin

Upon motion made and seconded and upon a unanimous roll vote made at the conclusion of the public meeting, subsequent to a non-meeting with legal counsel, the Board of Selectmen went into non-public session at about 8:45 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters.

After some discussion related to Town Manager Welch's performance review, Chairman Nichols agreed to prepare and email a draft Performance review to the other Selectmen.

The meeting adjourned at about 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Richard E. Nichols, Chairman
For the Board