

Town of Hampton



TOWN OF HAMPTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
January 31, 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 Nonpublic session - RSA 91-A:3., II., (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) **Roll call vote required**

7:00 PM

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

I. Public Comment Period

Ellen Goethel here to express concern about a letter she received from Unitil. There is a planned outage on February 9th from 4 am to 7 am. She wonders if this maintenance can be delayed until a time of year that is warmer. She hopes the Board will address this with Unitil and if the maintenance must be done now we need to make sure that the public is aware of the outage. She would also like to publicly thank the Fire Department for the rescue of her husband last September.

Mr. Welch explained that he received the letter from Unitil late this afternoon and it basically covers the whole north end of the Town. The Board has requested that Mr. Welch contact Unitil and obtain further information.

Chief Silver understands that there are things that have to be accomplished but he would suggest that if this does need to be done at this time that the timeframe be pushed up to later in the morning.

Chairman Nichols asked that if the weather is predicted to be very cold that the day before Unitil should make the call to push it out until the temperatures rise.

Michael Pierce, Hedman Ave, pointed out that if this is done between 4 am and 7 am the children will be going into cold schools since they are also being affected.

II. Announcements and Community Calendar - None

III. Appointments

1. Chief Silver – Departmental Update

(a) Use of "Reverse 911" for Notification for Public Information

Chairman Nichols provided some background on some discussions that have taken place over the past couple of weeks about how the reverse 911 could be put to good use.

Chief silver provided the Board with some history dating back to 2006 when he applied for some grant funds to purchase a system for the Town use. The grant was denied at the time since the State was trying to get a reverse 911 in place for the entire State's use. Last year HB 213 was passed in the House and signed by the Governor for a reverse 911 to be put into place in July of 2010 with a 2-month implementation period. In November, he contacted the State and asked for an update, there were some procedural things they were trying to resolve, and the funding had not been released. The funding has been released and now implementation is expected in late summer early fall. Chief Silver explained how the system would work. They are working on having this work for both landlines and cell phones. The State system will not permit it to be used like the school system works and therefore cannot be used for things like trash pickup is canceled. The State system is for emergency broadcast messages only. Chief Silver did pull out the old proposal for the Town to purchase its own system and the cost would probably be somewhere between \$50,000 and \$75,000.

Discussion

Chairman Nichols questioned if the cost is a onetime only cost and Chief Silver stated that there would be other cost involved such as maintenance.

Mr. Znoj confirmed that the system the Town would purchase could be used for any type of message.

Chairman Nichols questioned the system at the schools and Chief Silver mentioned that the school system is a database and the numbers are inputted each year.

Chairman Nichols summarized that the State system would not work for what the Town is looking to do. He feels that the amount is not so small that he would suggest that we just go out and purchase this but instead maybe it should be pursued a little further. He asked Mr. Welch to bring this up in a staff meeting and compile a list of all the things it could be used for. Once this is done, the Board can revisit this topic.

Chief Silver stated that it is worth it to do some more research on cost.

Mr. Bateman mentioned that this might be something we want to share the cost with surrounding communities.

(b) Fire Department Surplus Equipment Disposition

Chief Silver commented that with the arrival of the new pumper the 1988 pumper has been placed into surplus. He would recommend that this pumper be placed into surplus and put up for sale through a bidding process. He would recommend that the minimum bid be \$5,000. He explained how he arrived at the \$5,000.

Mr. Znoj wonders if it could be kept as a backup. Chief Silver explained that it cannot be recertified at full capacity. He also mentioned the high maintenance cost and if he thought, it could be of use he would not recommend it as surplus. Mr. Znoj is in favor of keeping the pumper. The other piece of surplus is a small diesel generator that was on the old ladder

truck. It was removed at the time of trade in since they thought it might have some value. However, it has not been used since and is taking up space.

Mr. Lally MOTIONED to declare the 1988 pumper truck and the diesel generator as surplus equipment. Mr. Griffin SECONDED.

VOTE: 4-1(Znoj)-0

(c) Departmental Update

Chief Silver provided the Board with a packet including what the department has been doing over the past year. The items discussed included: summary of incidents over 2010, total loss at \$2.376M which is low, breakdown of incident by district which is nearly an even split, mutual aid received and given, working on upgrading some software, average run times/response times and official retirement of Captain David Lang.

Discussion

Chairman Nichols brought up the software upgrades and a timeline to upgrade Fire software data reports since Police has made the necessary upgrades to their computer system. There was an additional discussion on response times.

2. Michael Pierce – PC Project for Kids

Mr. Pierce thanked the Board for allowing the old PC's to be directed to kids who might need them. He provided the Board with an update on the progress and whom the computers have been donated to. He would like to ask the Board to enlarge the scope of who the computers may be donated to include Hobbs House, St. Vincent de Paul, Hampton Preschool, Salvation Army and Sacred Heart School. He currently has permission from the Board to donate the old Town PC's to the Academy and Library. He explained why he is asking the Board to increase the scope to keep the process moving.

Discussion

Mr. Bateman clarified that the goal is to put computer power into the hands of kids in Hampton.

Chairman Nichols thinks that we should continue along the path that the Library gets first shot at them and then increases the scope to include the organizations that Mr. Pierce mentioned. Chairman Nichols would suggest that there is some sort of accounting for where all 15 of the PC's went when all is said and done.

Mr. Znoj verified that all information is being cleaned out of these PC's before Mr. Paquette is releasing them from the Town. Mr. Pierce also makes sure that the PC's are all cleaned out before he passes them along.

There was a consensus amongst the Board that the scope could be increased to include the organizations listed above with the exception that the Library gets first choice.

Chairman Nichols asked that if Mr. Pierce decides to increase the scope that he returns to the Board first for approval.

IV. Minutes of January 24, 2011 – Postponed to February 07, 2011

V. Town Manager's Report

I would request that the Board before we leave the meeting this evening, that the Board determines who will move each non-petitioned article and who will second the article for the Deliberative Session. This information is used by the Board, the Moderator and the Town Clerk for guidance at the Session.

Town Counsel will be working this week on any necessary amendments to warrant articles. Public Works has been requested to provide a cost figure for roadway work that would be required if the warrant article for the acceptance of Williams, Francis and Lyons Streets passes Town Meeting.

The Board had requested that the Town through our Police Department participate in any legally sponsored pharmaceutical take back program that may take place under DEA. It is anticipated that a program will be planned for April 2011. In the meantime, HB 71 allowing communities to conduct such programs passed the HHS Committee in the House 17-0 and will be reported out to the House for vote to adopt and send to the Senate.

The Town has awarded a bid to North Hampton Excavating and Rental LLC for the purchase of screened of compost as the high bidder of the five bids received. The price is \$3.40 per cubic yard processed.

We have a number of reports of coming snowstorms that could arrive this week. Public Works is in the process of clearing snow banks in selected intersections, this work will continue into the foreseeable future.

Senate Bill 97 relative to amendments to the application of the community revitalization tax relief incentive statute will be heard on February 1 at 1:30 PM in State House Room 100.

There is a snow emergency starting at 8 am on Tuesday and lasting through midnight on Thursday. Trash will be picked up on Tuesday.

He is requesting permission to take March 3rd and 4th off and have Mike Schwotzer appointed as Acting Town Manager.

Mr. Bateman MOTIONED to appoint Mike Schwotzer as Acting Town Manager for March 3rd and 4th. Mr. Lally SECONDED.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Discussion

Mr. Znoj clarified that the Salt Shed is holding up and we have just had to reorder more salt. Chairman Nichols provided feedback from an employee at Public Works and the size of the shed has worked out very well.

Mr. Znoj wonders who is going to speak on the Attorney General ruling about tax impact statements on warrants. Mr. Welch will address this if the Board would like him to at the Deliberative Session.

Chairman Nichols thinks that the right way to approach this is through our Legislative Delegation and legislation directed towards next year. Mr. Znoj thinks that it is important for people to know that it is an Attorney General ruling that tax impact notes cannot be on the warrant effective immediately. This is a problem since the warrant has already been printed with the tax impact notes included.

VI. Old Business

1. Warrant Articles – Discussed under new business.

To open Discussion and Seconds – Chairman Nichols informed the Board that they need to go through the articles and decide who will make the motions and second the motions on the Selectmen sponsored warrant articles at the Deliberative. Mr. Welch will provide the Board with a tab sheet for the Deliberative with the motions.

Article 5 – Znoj MOTION – Nichols
SECONDED

Article 24 – Griffin MOTION – Lally
SECONDED

Article 6 – Lally MOTION – Griffin
SECONDED

Article 26 – Griffin MOTION – Lally
SECONDED

Article 8 – Lally MOTION – Nichols
SECONDED

Article 28 – Nichols MOTION – Znoj
SECONDED

Article 9 – To be moved and seconded by
the Budget Committee

Article 30 – Nichols MOTION – Lally
SECONDED

Article 10 – Griffin MOTION – Znoj
SECONDED

Article 31 – Znoj MOTION – Griffin
SECONDED

Article 11 – Nichols MOTION – Griffin
SECONDED

Article 34 – Griffin MOTION – Lally
SECONDED

Article 12 – Lally MOTION – Bateman
SECONDED

Article 35 – Nichols MOTION – Bateman
SECONDED

Article 13 – Znoj MOTION – Bateman
SECONDED

Article 36 – Znoj MOTION – Nichols
SECONDED

Article 14 – Bateman MOTION – Znoj
SECONDED

Article 37 – Znoj MOTION – Bateman
SECONDED

Article 15 – Bateman MOTION – Nichols
SECONDED

Article 39 – Lally MOTION – Znoj
SECONDED

Article 16 – Bateman MOTION – Griffin
SECONDED

Article 40 – Bateman MOTION – Znoj
SECONDED

Article 17 – Lally MOTION – Bateman
SECONDED

Article 43 – Bateman MOTION – Znoj
SECONDED

Article 18 – Bateman MOTION – Lally
SECONDED

Article 44 – Znoj MOTION – Lally
SECONDED

Article 21 – Znoj MOTION – Griffin
SECONDED

Article 45 – Bateman MOTION – Lally
SECONDED

Article 22 – Griffin MOTION – Znoj
SECONDED

Discussion

Chairman Nichols pointed out that the Selectmen making the motion are usually the one to speak in favor of the article.

Other Old Business

Mr. Griffin commented that the Hampton Beach Area Commission was wondering if the Town Manager, Town Attorney or Chairman Nichols would be interested in coming and talking about Article 31 Chapter 79E which has to do with the community revitalization tax relief incentives. Mr. Welch and Chairman Nichols both agreed that Atty. Gearreald would be the best one to discuss this and they will let him know that he should attend the next meeting of the Hampton Beach Area Commission.

VII. New Business

1. ICMA Loan Implementation Program

Mr. Welch provided a background including that this is a voluntary retirement program that employees have the ability to put money into. The Town has not ever authorized that the employees have the ability to take a loan out. He is not in favor of this but we do have employees from time to time who need to take money out. For the second time since he has been here there has been a request made that we do offer this to the employees. He is looking to the Board for approval of this program since it would be a permanent program if it was to be put into place.

Discussion

Mr. Bateman would just like to point out that this is completely an employee-sponsored program and includes no Town funds. He feels that it is their money and it should be up to them if they want to borrow against their plan.

There was a consensus amongst the Board to implement the ICMA Loan Program.

Other New Business

Mr. Znoj brought up a report from John Price on copper and it is missing attachment one. Mr. Welch will make sure that the Board gets this attachment.

Mr. Znoj also brought up a complaint he received from a resident about the use of military time on channel 22. The Board agreed that time should be posted in real time on both Channel 22 and the Website.

Mr. Znoj brought up the meeting of the Trustees of the Trust Funds earlier today. This meeting will be replayed tomorrow night at 7 pm for anyone who missed the meeting.

Mr. Znoj has also received a request for a phone number for channel 22. He has spoken with Brian McCain and he will discuss with Paul Paquette. Mr. Griffin thinks that it should stay as it is and go through the Manager's Office. There was an additional discussion amongst the Board and it was felt that it should be left the way it is and calls should continue to go through the Town Manager's Office or a Selectman.

VIII. Consent Agenda

1. Raffle Permit – Sacred Heart School on 03/08/2011

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

VOTE: 5-0-0

IX. Closing Comments

Mr. Lally reminded everyone that the Deliberative Session will be on Saturday at Winnacunnet High School starting at 8:30.

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

VOTE: 5-0-0



Chairman