

Town of Hampton



Hampton Board of Selectmen Minutes of November 28, 2011

PRESENT: Richard Nichols, Chairman
William Lally, Vice-Chairman
Richard Griffin, Selectmen (left early)
Gerald Znoj, Selectmen
Michael Pierce, Selectmen
Frederick Welch, Town Manager
Mark Gearreald, Town Attorney
Wanda Robertson, Assistant Town Attorney

6:00 PM Non-meeting with Legal Counsel – RSA 91-A:2., I. (b)

7:00 PM Public Meeting – Selectmen’s Meeting Room, Downstairs Town Offices

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

I. Public Comment Period

Diandra Sanphy, 34 Langdale Drive, asked about if the Town has applied for FEMA for any natural disasters/storms. Chairman Nichols answered that we have and shared some of the times the Town has applied for FEMA. She shared information on a company named TerraCycle and the things that this company does with recyclables. She provided information on a program that another community uses and they are obtaining 58% recycling. She is 100% for recycling and hopes to attend the next recycling meeting.

Arthur Moody stated that according to the City Manager in Portsmouth nearly 50 of the 235 municipalities in the State has started taxing utilities. Chairman Nichols pointed out that this year the Town has started taxing the right of ways. Therefore, we taxed Unutil, Fairpoint, and Comcast. They discussed the number of properties that the taxes went down. Mr. Moody asked about Aquarion and they have been taxed right along. Mr. Moody commented on the fact that there is another bench on the agenda and the location is not identified.

Chairman Nichols and Mr. Znoj agree that the Board needs to know the location before it is approved. Mr. Moody expressed concerns with the damage that is being done to the benches and Mr. Welch pointed out that the last bench that was damaged was replaced and paid for by another individual. Mr. Znoj likes the idea of the benches and it is nice to have them to sit down and enjoy a cup of coffee. Mr. Moody brought up the two aluminum benches near the Library that DPW destroyed last year and these benches have not been replaced.

Diandra Sanphy asked about a postcard she received in the mail in regards to Batchelder Farm. Mr. Znoj explained that there was a funding shortfall.

Mr. Welch explained that the company she received the card from is working with the Conservation Commission on this project.

II. Announcements and Community Calendar

III. Appointments

1. Keith Noyes, DPW Director & GHD Engineers
 - a. Church Street Pump Station

Chairman Nichols explained that Mr. Noyes asked to defer his appointment since there may be some cost saving opportunities.

IV. Minutes of November 14, 2011

Page 2. Rework the first sentence of the second paragraph to be clearer.

Page 9. Delete the first motion made by Chairman Nichols.

Page 11. Second paragraph, insert the following “generator for the aeration process” after the word “the”, and remove the word “pump”.

Mr. Peirce MOTIONED to approve the Minutes of November 14, 2011 as amended. Mr. Znoj SECONDED.

VOTE: 4-0-0

V. Town Managers Report

1. We continue to await any zoning article petitions. The closing date for zoning petitions is December 14th at 5 PM. Non-zoning petitions can still be presented until 5 PM on January 10th. All petitions are to be submitted to the Selectmen’s Office.
2. I would like to extend the Towns appreciation to Karin Breen and her husband for replacing the shredded American Flag at the Beach War Memorial. Thanks to Rusty Bridle for sending on the information to us and to John Nyhan for authorizing the replacement. I trust that the State will see that it does not happen again.
3. The Board needs to complete the annual Coalition Communities survey and provide instructions on when we should make our next donation and for what amount?
4. I make note that the Board has received copies of the 2012 Drainage Improvement Projects and the Five Corners Intersection Improvement Project this past week as directed. Would the Board like to schedule discussion time regarding these projects?

Discussion

Chairman Nichols would suggest doing all the DPW discussions at the same time to avoid dragging Mr. Noyes out multiple times. Mr. Lally agrees but the appointments for that night should be limited. Mr. Znoj pointed out that some items to be discussed with Mr. Noyes are warrant articles and the other is implementation of a plan.

Other Items for the Town Manager’s Report

There is a request from the Village Preschool for a raffle permit for December 3rd.

Chairman Nichols MOTIONED to approve the Hampton Village Preschool raffle permit application. Mr. Lally SECONDED.

VOTE: 4-0-0

Mr. Znoj stated that in 2011, we donated \$1,500 to the Coalition and he would be in support of donating again. He would also be in favor of bringing in Pat Remick again maybe in January or February. Mr. Lally agrees with Mr. Znoj and stated that Ms. Remick was very informative. Mr. Znoj stated that there is strength in numbers.

Mr. Znoj MOTIONED to approve a donation in the amount of \$1,500 to the Coalition Communities in 2012. Mr. Lally SECONDED.

VOTE: 3-1(Pierce)-0

Mr. Pierce is not in favor of donating any money until he hears from Ms. Remick on what has been going on.

Chairman Nichols asked Mr. Znoj to arrange to have Ms. Remick in sometime in late January early February.

Mr. Lally reminded everyone that this is the last week to put your leaves out to be picked up curbside.

VI. Old Business

1. 2012 Warrant Articles

Chairman Nichols asked if anyone would like to comment on any of the warrant articles. Mr. Welch will have a hard copy of all the warrant articles next week except the pump station since we have not seen the presentation. Chairman Nichols has asked Mr. Welch to provide a list with the status of each warrant article also.

Discussion

Mr. Pierce asked if he can give a copy of the list to the Budget Committee the next night. Chairman Nichols is fine with that but it needs to be explained that these are all in process and things could change.

Mr. Znoj asked about the sign ordinance and he has a few problems with some of the wording in the article such as the size of the sign, the \$25 fee for a permit to have the sign and the Building Department being put in charge of enforcing this ordinance.

Mr. Welch stated that it is enforced by the Building Department since it is a civil action and he explained the process that Mr. Schultz goes through. Mr. Znoj commented that the Building Department is stretched at this point and we are adding to this.

Chairman Nichols commented that Mr. Schultz is the enforcer of zoning ordinances. Atty. Gearreald explained some of the differences in enforcement and the permit that will now be issued from the Planning Board and that is the \$25 fee. That this is a permitting process. Atty. Gearreald stated that the proposed zoning ordinance would be heard before the Planning Board on December 10 in the first of two public hearings. The Planning Board can suggest a change in the size if they wish.

Mr. Lally thinks this is a colossal waste of time and if there is someone placing the sandwich signs on the sidewalk than a police officer should go by and remove it. He believes it is that simple. Chairman Nichols pointed out that Mr. Welch disagrees and feels that if we are going to be fair we need to change the ordinance to address the issue of sandwich signs.

Atty. Gearreald asked if the Board would want to limit the number of signs per property. Chairman Nichols thinks that this is something that the members of the Planning Board should discuss since they have the experience. Chairman Nichols wonders if it is worthwhile for Mr. Welch to attend one of the public hearings to express why the Board is putting these changes forward and Mr. Welch agreed and will attend the hearing.

VII. New Business

1. Unitil Energy Efficient Financing – Lane Library Lighting Design and Chiller Replacement

Chairman Nichols explained that he received a request from Unitil to sign a document related to the energy efficient lighting at Lane Library. He put this on the agenda to see if he has the full Boards approval before signing.

Discussion

Atty. Gearreald explained that Unitil is hoping to get the document back by December 7th so the Board has one more meeting before this date. We need to make sure that the figure that is given in that document is one that can be put forth with confidence at Town Meeting. He requested that the Board hold off on this for one more week.

Mr. Znoj asked about these items being put into the budgetary process and this will not be in the budget but instead a warrant article.

VIII. Consent Agenda

1. Bench Donation – McMahon Family “Memory of Patricia McMahon”
2. DRA Form – June White Conveyance (Tentative)
3. Assets Title Drainage Easements (Tentative)

Discussion

Chairman Nichols explained that the first item was discussed a little with Mr. Moody and will be deferred to next week or a future week, so that the Board can find out the location of the bench. The other items are not ready for approval at this point.

IX. Closing Comments

Mr. Znoj confirmed that Chief Sullivan has bought two cruisers and he needs another, as he had wanted three. There is money in the revolver fund that he can see now and could be used to purchase the additional cruiser. Mr. Welch commented that the Chief reduced the number for this year by one so that there would be enough money in the revolver to buy two next year, as a minimum he can only replace two out of his budget. Mr. Welch explained the rotation process in place for replacing cruisers. The Board agreed that the Chief was going to buy two cruisers in 2011 and an additional cruiser in 2012. Chairman Nichols asked Mr. Welch to get clarification from Chief Sullivan if these three cruisers were in the 2012 budget to be purchased or expected to be bought in 2011.

Mr. Znoj asked about Chief Silver wanting to purchase some thermal image cameras and if these can be purchased with year-end savings.

Mr. Znoj brought up the ownership of the sidewalks on Ocean Blvd and the horrible condition they are in. He thinks that we need to get clarification on who owns this property so that something can be done about these sidewalks. Mr. Welch has followed up on this with phone calls, with no success, and will continue to do so.

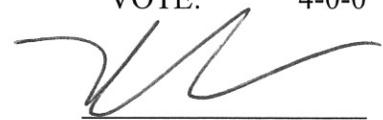
Mr. Pierce asked about the MOU with DRED and Mr. Welch has responded to the Commissioners but he has not heard back from the State, and he will continue to pursue this. There was an additional discussion on the condition of the sidewalks and what needs to be done to correct the problems. Mr. Znoj thinks that these issues need to be resolved.

Mr. Lally reminded everyone that the parade is on Saturday at 1 pm. This is going to be a pretty big deal with the Stanley Cup being in the parade.

X. Adjournment

Mr. Pierce MOTIONED to adjourn the public meeting and SECONDED by Mr. Znoj

VOTE: 4-0-0



Chairman

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