

Board of Selectmen
November 05, 2012

PRESENT: Richard Nichols, Vice Chairman
Michael Pierce, Selectmen
Philip Bean, Selectmen
Ben Moore, Selectmen
Frederick Welch, Town Manager

ABSENT: Rick Griffin, Chairman

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

I. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

II. Public Comment Period

Roy Urdanoff, 972 Ocean Blvd, read a statement for the Board expressing concerns with expected property tax increase and history of how his taxes have increased between 1996 and 2008.

III. Announcements and Community Calendar

Mr. Pierce reminded everyone that tomorrow is election and encouraged everyone to get out and vote.

Mr. Moore announced the time for voting and location.

Mr. Bean announced that the United States Marine Corps will have its 237th Birthday Party this coming Saturday and he shared the details of the event.

IV. Appointments

1. Keith Noyes, DPW Director
 - a. Draft Cart Distribution and Replacement Policy

Mr. Noyes provided the three options for the Boards consideration and he went through the options: including current policy of issuing all carts free, 2nd option charge for replacement carts but new property owners would still receive for free and the 3rd option is to charge for all carts issued or replaced.

Discussion

The following members of the Board asked questions and made comments as follows which Mr. Noyes addressed.

Mr. Pierce asked questions and made comments as follows: giving carts free for the first time, current owner would be charged if needed replaced with the exception of a police report and return policy changed to 30 days.

Mr. Moore asked questions and made comments as follows: repairs being made to carts, money in budget and would be happy with option 2.

Mr. Nichols asked questions and made comments as follows: In the definition of a new property owner does it apply to new owners of new construction and to new owners of existing structures; Mr. Noyes stated it applies to both. Mr. Nichols stated he would lean in the direction of option 2 as well.

There was a consensus amongst the Board to go with Option 2 and change the return policy to 30 days.

Mr. Nichols suggested that at this time they discuss the warrant articles having to do with DPW while Mr. Noyes is present. He reminded the Board that Mr. Moore and he met with Mr. Schwotzer and Mr. Noyes in regards to these articles.

Discussion

Mr. Nichols made comments as follows: road maintenance for \$300,000 shared details on discussion, the amount that needs to be set aside needs to be increased and the fact that Mr. Noyes needs to come up with an amount of money that realistically needs to be set aside each year for this fund. Mr. Moore agreed with Mr. Nichols summary.

Mr. Moore added the following comments: do not need to start the higher savings amount now, if they think \$400,000 will pass then it should be put forward and agrees there needs to be a realistic amount.

Mr. Noyes is fine with leaving the \$300,000 for next year and giving Mr. Noyes a little more time to get a plan in place and be able to come up with the realistic amount the Board has spoken about.

Mr. Pierce made comments and asked questions as follows: Exeter Road plan and agrees that looking at the pipes/drainage first is the right way to go.

There was a consensus amongst the Board on the plan for the capital reserve for road improvement fund.

Mr. Nichols shared the discussion on solid waste collection and in-particular the purchase of a rear load packer and items that should be left out of cost analysis in regards to handling trash in-house.

Mr. Moore commented on: suspend purchase of packer until further study is done on routes in summer and support as much as they could the people who may be upset in the frequency of pick-up being reduced.

Chairman Nichols shared the following as his own opinions: in depth evaluation of solid waste pickup prior to purchasing additional rear loaders, critical to get their arms around the whole process, look for deficiencies, careful not to focus too much on the negatives and prior complaints received when using outside vendor.

Mr. Moore pointed out that if we do not have the capital equipment we run the risk of increased overtime cost.

There was an additional discussion on the number of current rear loaders and how they are used.

Mr. Nichols pointed out that they have 2 months before they have to put warrant articles forward so he would like to see in that time some sort of proposal in regards to solid waste collection so that a decision can be made as to whether or not they need to put this article forward.

Mr. Pierce made comments and asked questions as follows: is not in favor of a rear loader since he feels side arm trucks should be used, study Mr. Noyes is going to do is very important, why side arms are not being used, workers comp reduction with side arms, need to know how many streets can be picked up using the side arm trucks, data on repair cost/needs for side arm trucks, would support side arm truck purchase and will not support rear loader.

Mr. Nichols commented on input he has received in regards to why side arm trucks are not being used.

Mr. Noyes commented that what they are asking is a lot of work and a huge project. He will look at this and come up with some answers.

Mr. Bean made comments and asked questions as follows: thanked him for coming in, knows that this work is hard, drivers can tell what needs to be done as much as any outside firm, Board is not hear to micromanage, gentlemen who came in to talk about taxes tonight and increases over years, less revenue coming in so have to do more with less, look at this when focusing on their routes and continue with the great job he is doing.

V. Approval of Minutes

1. October 22, 2012

Page 3, Section VI, Approval of Minutes. Change \$20,000 to \$120,000

Mr. Pierce MOTIONED to APPROVE the minutes of October 22, 2012 as amended. Mr. Moore SECONDED.

VOTE: 4-0-0

VI. Town Manager's Report

1. The State DOT has notified the Town that it is conducting pre-construction boring tests on the area of the Taylor River Dam located on the north side of Interstate 95. The work is expected to take up to 3 weeks to complete.
2. The printing of the Town Report has been awarded to the Country Press as the low quote at a sum of \$4728. 16 Proposals were mailed for quotes with only 4 responders.
3. The bid for the installation of street lighting on beach streets has been awarded to Scarponi Electric, LLC at a cost of \$132,020. Scarponi Electric, LLC bid was the lowest of 4 bids received. Work is to be completed by May 17, 2013
4. The Police Department has been awarded the Safe Community Funds for use in patrol work through September 19, 2013.

5. The Town of Hampton's 2011 Annual Report has won 1st place in the LGC's Excellence in Annual Report Contest. Congratulations the Town's Department Heads, Town staff and Kristina Ostman for their work in the preparation of the report.
6. VOTE TOMORROW.

Discussion

The following members of the Board asked questions and made comments which were addressed by Mr. Welch.

Mr. Moore asked which streets are involved in the street light project and it is A, B and C.

Mr. Nichols asked questions and made comments as follows: the \$132,000 for street lights is less than what was available and cost of Town report compared to previous years.

VII. 2013 Warrant Articles

Mr. Bean brought up the article for new ball fields at Campbell Field and the article for office space at Tuck Field should be removed after discussing this with the Town Manager and the Recreation Director.

Mr. Bean MOTIONED to ELIMINATE #7, the new ball fields at the Campbell Property and #19, the new office space at Tuck Field. Mr. Nichols SECONDED.

Discussion on motion

Mr. Moore expressed concern with removing the ball field after hearing the support from the Director at the last meeting which Mr. Bean addressed, and stated that the Director was in support..

VOTE: 3-0-1(Moore)

Mr. Pierce has issues with Warrant Article #9 Wash-down Facility; and would like the Board to consider this article next year, as this article overloads the Department of Public Works; the Department's staff presently has a very heavy workload.

Mr. Nichols made comments and asked questions as follows: road improvement changes, WWTP I&I study flexibility and new article related to Conservation Commission land acquisition fund which he does not have a problem with but thought he would bring up for discussion.

Mr. Moore asked if the Conservation Commission land acquisition fund is usually a Selectmen sponsored article. Mr. Moore asked to have legal look at the last sentence. Other than that the Board decided they do not have a problem with this article.

Mr. Pierce asked for opinions from the Board on his thoughts in regards to a wash-down station. Mr. Nichols suggested that they wait until there is a full Board before a final decision is made on this.

VIII. Old Business

1. Animal Control Officer Responsibilities

Mr. Welch has spoken to Jamie and there are basically no written policies on wild animals but he shared the general rules which he went through for the Board.

Discussion

Mr. Pierce asked about the traps and how one might go about getting one of these traps.

Other Old Business

Mr. Nichols brought up Mary Louise Woolsey suggestion a few weeks ago in regards to a Selectmen sponsored warrant article that would prevent the State from bringing items to the Transfer Station to keep cost down. He has done research and found the following: recycling tonnage from the State has doubled, trash is down, no problem with comingling of recycling with trash from the State, State employees do not have the ability to work the compactors, 2012 agreement with State Parks states must pay for the entire cost of trash, DRED picks up trash on Town side of Ocean Blvd, headed in right direction and it is not costing the Hampton taxpayer.

Mr. Nichols MOTIONED to instruct the Manager to begin the process of renewing the 2012 operational agreement for 2013. Mr. Pierce SECONDED.

VOTE: 4-0-0

IX. New Business

1. Janitorial Services Contract Award

Mr. Welch explained that the Town has been having problems with the current contractor and decided to terminate the contract. He went through the bids received and how the current contractor was the low bidder however they would recommend that the bid be awarded to next low bidder Jani-King at difference of seventy-five dollars.

Mr. Bean MOTIONED to AWARD the Janitorial Services Contract for the Town Offices to Jani-King of Boston. Mr. Pierce SECONDED.

VOTE: 4-0-0

Other New Business

Mr. Nichols asked who is available to come to the polls at the end of the night to sign and all members are available and will work out the details at the polls. There was a discussion on expected turnout.

X. Consent Agenda

1. BOS 2013 Meeting Schedule
2. Departmental Update Schedule
3. Town Office Holiday Schedule
4. John Nyhan – Appointment to Hampton Beach Area Commission
5. Hampton Cemetery Deed – Richard S. Petri

Mr. Nichols would like item #2, the Departmental Update Schedule removed for discussion and Mr. Pierce wants item #1 removed for discussion.

Mr. Moore MOTIONED to MOVE the Consent Agenda items 3 through 5. Mr. Pierce SECONDED.

VOTE: 4-0-0

Mr. Nichols would suggest not having 2 department heads on the same night. Mr. Moore questioned if it was done for a particular reason and it was not.

Mr. Pierce would like to meet on every Monday and the Board agreed to hold off on this discussion until the Chair returns.

XI. Selectmen's Closing Comments

XII. Adjournment

Mr. Pierce MOTIONED to adjourn the public meeting. Mr. Moore SECONDED.

VOTE: 4-0-0

Chairman