

Board of Selectmen
January 08, 2013

PRESENT: Rick Griffin, Chairman
Richard Nichols, Vice Chairman
Michael Pierce, Selectmen
Ben Moore, Selectmen
Philip Bean, Selectmen
Frederick Welch, Town Manager
Mark Gearreald, Town Attorney
Kristina Ostman, Administrative Assistant

5:00 PM Public Meeting

The Chairman opened the meeting at 5:05 PM.

I. 2013 Warrant Articles

Petitioned Articles received 01/08/2013 at 3:47PM

The Board of Selectmen met to discuss the one petitioned warrant article that was submitted today. The article was for the Skateboard Park. The article requests that the Town match private fundraising dollars “dollar for dollar” up to \$25,000 for improvements to the area of the park that is unimproved.

Mr. Bean MOTIONED to Recommend the Article for discussion. Mr. Pierce Seconded.

Discussion on the Motion.

The Board discussed the article and their reservations concerning the amount of money requested, specifically that \$35,000 was approved last year; the lateness of the filling of the article; it is the third year the subject is being submitted by petition. It was noted that the petitioners should be fundraising to make the wanted improvements with 100% percent private funds.

Mr. Bean amended his original MOTION to “Not Recommend” the Article. Mr. Pierce SECONDED the amendment.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Discussion on information received from DRA on 01/08/13 Articles 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 19.

Attorney Gearreald explained to the Board that the Town is earlier in asking DRA for advice and review of the warrant articles. The Board has until January 28 to make any changes to the warrant articles if needed.

The warrant articles were sent to Jeane Samms of DRA for review and advice and she responded this morning with suggested language changes to improve several warrant articles.

Attorney Gearreald explained what effects the suggested language changes would have; they do not alter the intent of any article, and the Town is not obligated to make them; however, the suggestions do improve the Articles. DRA suggested adding the language of “non-lapsing” in the following articles: Articles 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 & 13. The Town Manager has added suggested lapsing dates to those articles.

The following is a synopsis of DRA suggested changes.

Date: 1/08/2013 Pre-Review done by: Jeane Samms

Articles with suggested changes: (Recommended changes, but not mandatory)

Articles 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 & 13: Do you want to make these non-lapsing until a specific length of time as a “just in case” measure?

Article 14: Suggested wording: change the last part to read, “...and to authorize the withdrawal of that amount from the Recreation Infrastructure Special Revenue Fund established for that purpose under Article 44 of the 2007 town meeting. No amount to be raised by taxation.”

Article 15: Suggested wording: “Shall the Town of Hampton vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$90,000 to carry out all lawful functions allowed under federal, state and local criminal justice forfeiture programs and to authorize the withdrawal of that amount from the Police Forfeiture Special Revenue Fund created for that purpose under Article 55 of the 2003 town meeting.”

Article 18: Suggested wording: “Shall the Town of Hampton vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be added to the Hampton Conservation Commission Land Acquisition Fund to acquire, maintain, improve, protect or limit the future use of or otherwise conserve and properly utilize open spaces and conservation easements in accordance with RSA 36-A:4?”

It was noted that Article 18 has been re-numbered Article 19.

These changes have been brought before the Board this evening for consideration and a vote.

The Board discussed the suggested changes and were satisfied that the suggested changes did not alter the intent of the articles, nor would they invalidate the Board’s recommendations on them.

The Board noted the importance of providing the Budget Committee with the most up to date information received from DRA on articles.

Mr. Moore MOTIONED to accept the language changes as recommended by DRA on Articles 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 19; and to include this revised language in the warrant, and to accept the recommendations of the Town Manager as to the suggested lapsing dates for the Articles 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 & 13; and to reflect all changes in the warrant that is being given to the Budget Committee this evening and to do so without any change to the recommendations voted by the Board at its meeting on Monday, January 7, 2013 on those articles. Mr. Pierce SECONDED

VOTE: 5-0-0

II. Adjournment

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

VOTE: 5-0-0

Chairman