

March 17, 2014

PRESENT: Philip Bean, Chairman
Mary-Louise Woolsey, Vice-Chairman
Rick Griffin, Selectman
Rusty Bridle, Selectman
Frederick Welch, Town Manager
Mark Gearreald, Town Attorney

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

I. Oath of Office – Swearing in of Elected Officials (8:28)

1. Town of Hampton Elected Officials

Selectman Bean opened the meeting, and introduced Hampton Town Clerk Jane Cypher who swore in the following individuals for the Elected Officials of the Town of Hampton, New Hampshire.

With the statutory oath, Richard P. Griffin and Russell D. Bridle were sworn into the Office Selectmen

With the statutory oath, Robert A. Casassa was sworn into the Office of the Moderator of the Town of Hampton.

With the statutory oath, Ellen Lavin was sworn into the Office of the Town Treasurer of the Town of Hampton.

With the statutory oath, Sharon A. Fontaine became a member of the Library Trustees.

With the statutory oath, Timothy “Citizen” Jones, Stephen LaBranche, David Wood, and Michael Pierce became members of the Municipal Budget Committee.

With the statutory oath, Ed St. Pierre, Tom McGuirk, and Norma Collins became members of the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

2. Hampton School District Elected Officials

Hampton School Board Clerk Jane Cypher swore in the following individual for the following elected Office of the Hampton School District.

With the statutory oath, Andrea Shepard became a member of the Hampton School District Board.

3. Winnacunnet School District Elected Officials.

Winnacunnet School District Clerk Jane Cypher swore in the following individuals for the following elected Offices of the Winnacunnet School District.

With the statutory oath, David Gandt and Frances Henderson became members of the Winnacunnet School District Board.

With the statutory oath, Donald Janik became a member of the Budget Committee for the Winnacunnet School District.

II. Reorganization of the Board of Selectmen (27:34)

1. Election of Chairman & Vice Chairman

Chairman

Motion by Selectman Griffin to nominate Selectman Bean as Chairman **SECONDED** by Selectman Woolsey.

VOTE: 3-0-1 (Bean)

Vice Chairman

Motion by Selectman Bridle to nominate Selectman Woolsey as Vice Chairman **SECONDED** by Selectman Bean.

VOTE: 3-0-1(Woolsey)

2. Appointment of Member and Alternate Member to the Budget Committee

Member

Motion by Selectman Woolsey to nominate Selectman Bridle as Member **SECONDED** by Chairman Bean.

VOTE: 3-0-1(Bridle)

Alternate Member

Selectman Woolsey volunteered as the Alternate Member **SECONDED** by Selectman Bean.

VOTE: 3-0-1(Woolsey)

3. Appointment of Member and Alternate Member to the Planning Board

Selectman Bridle commented that he has heard that there are two interested individuals. The Board decided to table this until next week when they have a full board.

III. Public Comment Period (30:05)

Arthur Moody, 3 Thomsen Road, commented on: new board; questions if they will be reviewing their public comment section, hopes they keep it, possibility of liberalizing in a couple of aspects; good luck.

William Sullivan, 12 Colonial Circle, commented: congratulations to the new board and re-election of the Chairman; sees agenda item in regards to Fire Inspector and shared history of when this position was reinstated into the department; importance of getting this second position back into the Fire Department.

“Citizen” Jones, 16 Dustin Ave, 929-7097, commented: encouraged individuals to visit website hamptonbud.com to find references to what he will discuss tonight; congratulated Waddell, Griffin and Bridle; here to assist them in finding savings within the Default Budget;

as well as to right the conspicuous wrong done to the voters of this Town; in short this is an opportunity to kill two birds with one stone and save money as well; stated how for 3 consecutive years the voters of Hampton voted down having the position of Town Planner created; how shortly their after a Town Planner was hired this act was of arbitrary power that denied the right of the people to have their vote properly respected; he worked quietly on this matter with the previous Board to right this deliberate injustice; whether it is humane to fire an employee because a position was created illegally; however this is no longer an issue since no one is in the position but no one should be hired either; respectively ask this Board to free up the Town Planners salary by preventing the filling of this position until a vote of people approves of it; to date the people have said “no” three times; talked about the oath they all took tonight and shared a quote from the Constitution; please maintain fidelity to their oath; take this rare money savings opportunity and stop arbitrary use of power.

Eileen Latimer, 251 Mill Road, commented: congratulated them all; announced that the Budget Committee still has two opennings; discussed the vacant positions and how they go by appointment after the election; anyone who expresses interest will be voted in by the committee; both positions would be for 1 year until the next election; anyone interested should send letters of interest to the Town Manager by March 31st.

Richard Reniere, 29 Highland Ave, commented: how one vote was cast for David Ortiz for the Budget Committee; last Saturday was the end of the winter parking ban; unless of course there is another snowstorm; since lifted has caused a little problem; discussed what he is seeing along Highland Ave in regards to snow drifts and how they make it impossible to park here; safety factor of having people in the roadway; questioned whether they would be ticketed for parking so far out into the road; renovation that will be taking place at the Ashworth; wondering if it is possible to have Public Works come down and remove the snow banks at least back to the curb.

IV. Announcements and Community Calendar (42:17)

Selectman Woolsey commented: thanked the public who turned out to vote; reminded everyone that the Annual Precinct Meeting will take place on March 28th at 7 pm at the new Fire Station at the Beach; wishes everyone a Happy St. Patrick’s Day and pointed out St. Bridget’s Cross given to her by former Police Chief William Wrenn (who is now head of the Corrections Agency in Concord).

Selectman Griffin commented: message from Tuck Museum about a program they will be holding on Sunday March 23rd at 2 pm (read details of event); thanked all the voters for coming out to vote and he is happy to be back.

Selectman Bridle commented: thanked all the voters; thanked Dick Nichols, Mike Plouffe and Mike Pierce for their service to this Town; also thanked the other people who were running; visiting hours for former Selectman Cliff Pratt were held last Saturday and a Memorial Service will be held on April 26th at the Congregational Church; talked about the Town Clock project that Cliff Pratt and others have been working on; Cliff’s family has asked that memorial donations to the clock fund be made in his memory provided details on how people can do this; Hampton Academy is doing their First Annual Chili Cook Off this Saturday from 4:30 to 7:30 to raise money for the 8th Grade Class Trip; asked for a moment of silence for the passing of Janet Fitzgerald wife of a former Selectman.

Chairman Bean commented: like to offer congratulations to Mr. Bridle, Mr. Waddell and Mr. Griffin; thanked Mr. Plouffe, Mr. Pierce and Mr. Nichols for their past service; confirmed with Mr. Welch that he will be preparing the letters thanking them for their service; appreciate their service to the Town; thanked candidates who were not elected and congratulated those that were elected to other committees in Town; talked about the many people present at the polls including Town Clerk, Moderator, Police and Fire; Public Works did a wonderful job.

Chairman Bean brought up the following in regards to housekeeping items: thanked them for their confidence in him as Chair; in terms of their round discussion when items do come up he will first turn to Selectman Woolsey Vice Chair, then to Selectman Griffin, then to Selectman Bridle and finally to Selectman Waddell; then of course to Mr. Welch and whoever may be at the table.

V. Appointments (49:22)

1. Don Allison “The Eastern States 20k” (4:26)
 - a. Parade and Public Gathering Permit

Mr. Allison commented: has photos of the route and some information to show the Board; first time he has been before the Board for this road race; event started 20 years ago; goal to have a race that covers three States; starts in Kittery, ME and ends in Salisbury, MA; have successfully held this race through the years; knows there are other races that have come along over this time; he tends to be a little quitter than some of the other race organizers; talked about the contributions he had made back into the communities after the race; revenue he brings into the Ashworth Hotel; have not been able to do the three States race because of work being done on the Memorial Bridge; this year facing problem with Sagamore Bridge in Portsmouth; in order for race to be 20 miles it must end in Hampton this year; some logistics involved in Hampton that need to be addressed; also going to be holding a 13 mile run; he has worked with Lt. Gidley; went through details of race route in Hampton; permits he has already gotten from the State; detail of race finish line; best solution to make this work; field of about 1000 runners total; only problem would be if race day turns out to be a 60+ degree day.

Selectman Woolsey asked that this does not intrude on any of the side roads in Hampton; and it was confirmed that it is strictly on Rte. 1A.

Selectman Woolsey MOTIONED to approve the “Eastern States 20k” Parade and Public Gathering Permit SECONDED by Selectman Bridle.

VOTE: 4-0-0

2. Jay Diener, Conservation Commission (59:54)
 - a. Rain Barrel sale, painting project, and auction
 - b. Permission to accept donation of the supplies and services for Rain Barrels

Mr. Diener spoke about the last two years working with Art Teacher at the Academy; successful both years; hope to do again this year; will hold a Silent Auction at the Hampton Garden Club Plant Sale on May 17th here in the parking lot; supplies for project are being donated; here to ask for Boards permission to accept donations; supplies are rain barrels (10) approximate value of \$75 each donated by Aquarion Water, Wicked Awesome Paint &

Wallpaper will be donating roughly \$500 of paint and Wayne's Auto Body will be applying a protective clear coat worth approximately \$1200; value of all materials being donated is \$2500.

Selectman Griffin MOTIONED to grant permission to accept donation of the supplies and services for Rain Barrels SECONDED by Selectman Woolsey.

VOTE: 4-0-0

VI. Approval of Minutes (1:02:42)

1. March 03, 2014

Selectman Woolsey MOTIONED to approve the March 03, 2014 minutes SECONDED by Selectman Griffin.

VOTE: 2(Bean,Woolsey)-0-2(Griffin,Bridle)

2. March 03, 2014 Sealed Minutes of Non-Public Session

Selectman Woolsey MOTIONED to approve the March 03, 2014 minutes of Non-Public Session SECONDED by Selectman Griffin.

VOTE: 2(Bean,Woolsey)-0-2(Griffin,Bridle)

VII. Town Manager's Report (1:03:12)

1. Work continues on the Church Street Pumping Station and is proceeding on schedule.
2. With Town Meeting completed, a number of warrant article programs are in the progress for implementation.
3. If you are a Veteran, over age 65, blind or disabled please check with the Assessor's Office to see if you qualify under NH Laws for an exemption or credit from property taxes. Filings must be submitted by April 15th.
4. Dog registrations are due by April 30th, please see the Town Clerk's Office for registration. Under State Law, fines and penalties will be assessed after that date.
5. If you have not signed up for the Town's non-emergency notification system please do so online, forms are also available at the counter here at the Town Office.

Mr. Welch added the following to his report: change that has been taken up by the Legislature that will be heard in the House, there will be a floor fight in the House on Wednesday March 19th for HB1591, that bill will require that any subject to be addressed for any reason at a Selectmen's meeting will have to be on an agenda, if not on the agenda the Board cannot address it no matter what it is, this means Public Comment would be out, provided some examples of this, agenda would have to be posted 72 hours before meeting, He is asking that they call their representatives and ask them to vote "no" on this; the work being done on JOP with DRED, need to review verbiage; report given to them in regards to the projected tax rate for this year, projecting an increase of approximately \$0.76 per \$1000, going to suggest to the Board that they apply \$1M from surplus and reduce the rate by \$0.36; begun the process of seawall registrations, going to be sending out the lease agreements over the next few weeks; will be providing the Board with a pile of material in regards to adjusting the fees being charged by the Building Department; asks that the Board move forward on the discussion on hydrant fees for one of the subdivisions in Town and the

general hydrant fees themselves, whether the developer should pay for that or the homeowners association or whether the Town should pay for it, this subject was not resolved with the previous board; also brought up the ongoing discussion on trash pickup in certain condominium developments in Town and whether this board wishes to continue in the same manner in regards to inviting members in from these developments to discuss with the board.

Selectman Woolsey commented that she is pleased with the work on the pump station and wonders if there is a completion date yet; Mr. Welch does not have an exact date but thinks it will be real soon.

VIII. Old Business (1:11:03)

Selectman Woolsey brought up: prepared some spreadsheets in regards to business that is left hanging; she will be passing these out from time to time; they have her name and date on them so they can track them by date; has also started a list of possible 2015 warrant articles; asked the Manager if we can get Mr. Schwotzer and get together on the Default Budget; wants to get the Fire Inspector position in motion; need to get started on the calculation to get the buy in charge for the sewer connection.

Selectman Griffin commented: need to start working on an idea to have a limited amount of 2015 warrant articles; big disservice to the public to have as many warrant articles as we did this year.

Selectman Bridle commented: agrees with Selectman Woolsey in regards to the Fire Inspector position when they go through the Default Budget; discussed some of the frustrations he has heard from the public over the last couple of years so important to help that department out.

Selectman Woolsey pointed out that this position is critical since it brings in fees and the series of inspections that take place when a business is getting started.

New Business (1:14:02)

Fire Inspector Position (1:14:07)

Selectman Woolsey and Bridle agreed that this is something they need to work on.

6. Default Budget (1:14:19)

Selectman Woolsey commented that they need Mr. Schwotzer's help with this one.

IX. Entertainment Licenses Under Review (1:14:30)

Mr. Welch commented that these are license request that have been filed with the Selectmen's Office; in response to a request from prior board they are listed here; they have been sent to the Police Department for review; hope to have them back for next meeting.

1. Boardwalk Café – 139 Ocean Blvd
2. 401 Tavern – 401 Lafayette Road
3. World's Greatest Karaoke Bar – 9A Ocean Blvd
4. Ashworth by the Sea Hotel – 295 Ocean Blvd
5. Ocean Gaming – 81 Ocean Blvd

X. Consent Agenda (1:15:16)

1. Traffic Control Ordinance “Parking Restrictions Route 1A High Street to Church Street”
2. IT policy related to the monitoring and intercepting of information
3. New Veteran Tax Credit: MacKinnon, 30 Towle Farm Rd., #2 123/3/2; Delaney, 7 Munsey Drive 77/17; Twombly, 32 Ashworth Ave., #412 282/183/412; Cloutier, 2 Dupuis Circle, 88/12; O’Connor, Timothy, 19 Park Ave, 190/9; O’Connor, Mary, 19 Park Ave., 190/9; Gray, Robert, 20 Mill Rd., 147/5
4. Requalifying Veteran Tax Credit: Kearney, 8 Glade Path, 273/14/2; Busch, 52 Drakes Landing, 124/6/52; Van Oss, 581 Ocean Blvd., #14, 245/3/14; Mounger, 79 Hampton Meadows, 172/6/79; Lonergan, 7 Windmill Lane, 191/13;
5. Requalifying Elderly Tax Exemption: Baltzer, 93 Little River Rd. 129/15; Levis, 20 Brown Ave, #67, 274/151/67; Tirrell, 17 Mill Pond Lane, 150/35; Harrington, 3 Sicard St., 57/36
6. Requalifying Elderly Tax Exemption & Veteran Tax Credit: Doucette-Brown, 4 Mace Rd., 128/36; Kostandin, 10 Glade Path, 273/14/1; Fothergill, 179 Mill Rd., 109/28
7. New Elderly Tax Exemption: McLaren, 1 Burgundy Drive, 69/60
8. Parade and Public Gathering Permit Hampton Core Group of NH Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty “Hampton Vigil” 03-23-2014

Selectman Griffin MOTIONED to MOVE the Consent Agenda SECONDED by Selectman Woolsey.

Selectman Woolsey questioned item #2 the IT Policy being on the Consent Agenda. Mr. Welch pointed out that they actually voted on it at the last meeting and is now ready for signatures.

VOTE: 3(Bean,Bridle,Griffin)-1(Woolsey)-0

XI. Closing Comments – None

XII. Adjournment of Public Meeting (1:16:23)

Mr. Welch asked that the Board enter into a non-public session under RSA 91-A:3,II, (i) that is consideration to matters related to the preparation for and caring out of emergency functions including training.

A motion was made by Selectman Woolsey to go into a non-public session under RSA 91-A:3,II, (i), this motion was seconded by Selectman Bridle. A roll call vote was taken, and all four Selectmen were in favor.

Selectman Woolsey MOTIONED to adjourn the Public Meeting at 8:10 PM SECONDED by Selectman Griffin.

VOTE: 4-0-0

Chairman