

June 16, 2014

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

### SALUTE TO THE FLAG

7:00 PM Public Meeting

#### I. Recognition of Service (05:57)

Selectman Griffin, on behalf of the Selectmen, honored Michael Schwotzer with a certificate for his dedication and loyalty to the Town of Hampton for over 40 years of service.

Selectman Bridle, on behalf of the Selectmen, honored Richard Nichols with a certificate for his dedication and loyalty to the Town of Hampton for his numerous years of service.

Selectman Waddell, on behalf of the Selectmen, honored Michael Pierce with a certificate for his dedication and loyalty to the Town of Hampton for his numerous years of service.

Selectman Woolsey, on behalf of the Selectmen, honored Michael Plouffe with a certificate for his dedication and loyalty to the Town of Hampton for his numerous years of service.

#### II. Public Hearing – RSA 31:95- b,III(a) (12:03)

1. To apply for, accept and expend unanticipated moneys in the amount of \$20,000 under the LCHIP Grant Program for the purpose of improvements to the exterior of the Gristmill

Public Works Director Keith Noyes explained that they are applying for the third time a LCHIP Grant, asking for the authority for the Town Manager to sign for \$20,000; they have about \$27, 000 in matching funds available that is left in the account to do additional work; would like to do the foundation, replace the roof and do work on the siding.

Michael Gingras added that they would like to also start looking at the interior; the subflooring; the charring from the last fire; building has cultural significance and integrity; would like to bring that back to Hampton.

Town Manager Welch explained if the funds are available, Hampton should get them; need to preserve the historical artifacts of our community; supports the work of the department and Public Works Director who are trying to do their best to preserve these historical buildings.

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Selectman Woolsey inquired if a Public Hearing is needed; Town Manager Welch answered yes; she stated she'd be prepared to make the motion after hearing the public comment.

Selectman Griffin commented that he thinks this great and thanked Keith Noyes and Mike Gingras.

Selectman Bridle commented that the building does needs the work; it's a treasure and believes we should go after any funds.

Selectman Waddell concurred.

Chairman Bean opened the Public Hearing at 7:08pm.

Candy Stellmach, 488 High Street, invited all to come and see inside the Mill in order to see what they are asking the money for; can arrange for a group meeting.

Selectman Woolsey MOVED to apply for, accept, and expend unanticipated moneys in the amount of \$20,000 under the LCHIP Grant Program for the purpose of improvements to the exterior of the Gristmill SECONDED by Selectman Bridle.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Selectman Griffin thanked Candy Stellmach for all she has done for the Mill.

Selectman Woolsey MOVED to close the Public Hearing at 7:11pm SECONDED by Selectman Bridle.

VOTE: 5-0-0

### III. Public Hearing – RSA 41:14-a Second Hearing (16:27)

#### 1. Acceptance and acquisition of 5.107 acre parcel Map/Lot 96/2D-11 – Great Gate Drive

Town Manager Welch explained that this parcel was to be deeded to the Town pursuant to the original subdivision; the subdivision was done decades ago; the road was renamed by the Town; originally named Old Road then Fifield Island, now Great Gate Drive; this 5.107 acre parcel fronts on Woodland Road and Great Gate Drive; been pursuing this for about 3 years, and have finally obtained the deed from the property owner;; the process of acceptance requires three public hearings; there are no votes at the first and second hearings; just the ability for the public to come and speak on it; on the third hearing, which will be held June 30, will require a motion to either accept or reject the acceptance and acquisition of the parcel.

Selectman Woolsey asked what the stipulations of the acceptance of this are; will there be parameters as to what can and cannot be done on the parcel; are we prepared to make some arrangement after we own it to guard the land and preserve it.

Town Manager Welch answered that it will be municipal property if accepted; not conservation property; it is wetlands; the Board would have the ability to meet with Conservation Commission; if both Board's agree, it could be assigned to the Conservation Commission for the supervision of the property.

Chairman Bean opened the Public Hearing at 7:13pm.

No public comment.

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Selectman Bridle MOVED to close the Public hearing SECONDED by Selectman Woolsey at 7:13pm.

VOTE: 5-0-0

#### IV. Public Hearing – RSA 674:40-a (19:06)

##### 1. Change Conditions of Acceptance of Jane Appleton Way

Town Manager Welch explained that this is a subdivision street that was constructed off of Exeter Road; as part of the acceptance of the roadway, the Board requested that the developer give the deed for the road to the Town;; done a number of searches, but cannot find the developer. This hearing is to ask the Board to reaccept the road without the stipulation of the deed; the RSA statute does not state a deed is required for acceptance; requires acceptance so it can continue to be a public road.

Selectman Woolsey asked Town Manager Welch to reiterate what the condition is that's being asked to get rid of.

Town Manager Welch answered that the developer was required to give the deed for the road to the Town.

Selectman Griffin asked who the developer was.

Town Manager Welch answered that David Barney is the developer, and we cannot locate him.

Selectman Griffin believes he has passed away.

Selectman Woolsey asked if the road was in acceptable condition.

Town Manager Welch answered that the road actually exceeds the requirements of the Town by roughly 300%.

Chairman Bean opened the Public Hearing at 7:15pm.

There were no public comments.

Selectman Woolsey MOVED to accept Jane Appleton Way as a public highway under the statute SECONDED by Selectman Waddell.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Selectman Bridle MOVED to close the Public Hearing SECONDED by Selectman Woolsey.

VOTE: 5-0-0

#### V. Public Comment Period (21:41)

Candy Stellmach with the Hampton Historical Society spoke about how the past year volunteers from the society have been working on a community interest project; involved digitizing the seven volumes of Hampton's old Town records; date from 1635 to the 1850's; previously some of the records were kept in the safe by the Town Clerk, and at the Lane Memorial Library. They have been enhanced, cropped and available online for the public to review, download and print; the society has indexed each volume; gives a quick overview of the time period; great way for kids to learn their history; been using information in records in order to map the lots owned by the original proprietors; project is going to take a few more

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years to finish; very first kind of mapping for Hampton; will be of great interest to the founding families and their descendants; information is also going to be of great interest to Hampton's history and tourism for placing heritage markers, understanding the unique terms that are used in the old deeds and for rediscovering the history of the disappearing of homesteads. These Hampton Town records are available online at archive.org and a link has been provided on the Hampton Historical Society's website, any questions call the Historical Society at (603)929-0781.

Selectman Griffin commented that he was in Newburyport and picked up a guide of where to go, in it was a place of things to do in Hampton; the Tuck Museum was the first thing listed; even before the beach; stated Candy has done a great job as President of the Tuck Museum and the Historical Society.

Selectman Bridle thanked them for the hundreds of hours spent for the benefit of the Town.

Jay Diener, 206 Woodland Road, stated he is a race walker and has been giving clinics in Portsmouth for the past five years; Tuesday, June 17, 2014 a race walking clinic will be held at the Winnacunnet High School Track at 5:30pm; it's free, no pre-registration required and open to anybody and everybody of all ages; it's a great way to compete and exercise and it's something different.

#### VI. Consent Agenda (26:26)

1. 2014 Ambulance Billing Rates – No Change in Rate
2. PA-28 Inventory of Taxable Property Form for 2015
3. Lease for Seawalls, Revetments, and/or Stairs on Town Property: 4 Nor' East Lane
4. Appointment to the Cable TV Advisory Committee: Brad Jett, John Judson
5. Appointment to the Mosquito Control Commission: Russ Bernstein
6. Request for Permission of Outdoor Seating for Service of Alcohol and Food: PEPS, LLC, Bryan Provencal & Paul Fields, Members DBA Perkins Pier Clam Shake and Bar at 134 Ashworth Ave; Bryan Provencal & Joe Kelly DBA Joe's NY Pizza & Brew, LLC at 888 Lafayette Road
7. One Day Entertainment License: James House June 28, 2014
8. Dance Hall Permit – Mac Restaurant Group 9A Ocean Blvd; Hampton Beach Casino Ballroom
9. License for Coin Operated Amusement Devices: Hampton Beach Amusement Corp

Selectman Bridle MOVED the Consent Agenda SECONDED by Selectman Waddell.

VOTE: 5-0-0

#### VII. Appointments (28:37)

1. Donna Bennett, Tax Collector
  - a. Full Time Deputy Tax Collector

Ms. Bennett was here before the Board to asked that the Deputy Tax Collector position be changed from part-time to full-time; required position by law under RSA 41:38; important position as the position needs to step into the Tax Collector role if he/she becomes incapacitated; must be trained just as the Tax Collector position is trained in order to fulfill the duties; believes she is the only office that needs to have a Deputy and the position is not a full-time position; believes she also the only Department Head without a full-time employee;

also has one of the smallest budgets in the Town; the Deputy currently works 28 hours a week; it would only increase the house by 6.5 a week to become full-time; if the position were to be approved as of August 28, the cost of the salary would already be covered in her budget; other costs associated with it would be insurance rates and retirement which don't come out of her budget but out of the Town's budget; believes the insurance would be approximately \$7,700 for the end of the year; \$1,200 for retirement benefits for the remainder of the year; after scrutinizing her 2015 budget, it would only rise less than \$4,000; an example of how important this position is: if the Tax Collector were to pass away, it is now the Deputy Tax Collector's job to step into the position and fulfill the duties; the position being part-time has limited the training on all the aspects of the job; it did happen about 6 years ago in Stratham where the Deputy had to step in after the Tax Collector passed away; there are only two employees in this office; unfortunately the Deputy position in the past has had a high turnover rate; has to keep training new employees when the previous deputy leaves to pursue a full-time position; the current Deputy has been in the position for four years; nice long-term employee that can be trusted; benefits for the people in the Town is recognizing long-term employees faces; they don't have to explain everything all over again; given two warrants to collect approximately 50 million dollars a year; it's approximately 1 million dollars a week; it's very important the people in the office are bonded, trustworthy and honest, and long term; keep accurate records for the auditors; answer questions in the office and on the phone; many things that people don't understand they do in the office; they work alongside the Assessor's Office to create two tax warrants a year; create and send out 19,000 tax bills a year; collect about an average of one million dollars a week; during tax time the Deputy processes approximately 1,200 payments a day in the computer; resend about 300 bills that have returned to the office during tax season; process all the checks through a scanner on a daily basis and verify each check that the scanner can't read; every year mail out 750 letters of overdue taxes, 450 letters of impending liens; 70 letters of impending deeding and about 40 certified letters to mortgagees; place liens on about 250 properties a year; take partial payments on taxes and input them in the computer system; handwrite receipts for partial payments; there are 645 property owners that are on the uncollected list totaling approximately 1.5 million dollars; create bills for land use change, yield tax, excavation taxes and manually have to maintain these records; redeemed paid off liens to the Registry of Deeds within 30 days of pay-off; export files for current and delinquent taxes to mortgage companies for payment; process imported files from mortgage companies for payment of 4 million dollars of current taxes; in the past, this took over a week to process but have it now to get it into the bank much quicker; keep accurate records for six years of outstanding liens and taxes; working from 2008 to the current year; balance on a daily, weekly, monthly and yearly basis for all those seven years of taxes; audit them all on a monthly basis; send quarterly consensus forms to U.S. Government; send proof of claim documents to bankruptcy court; attend some of those hearings; attend court cases when subpoenaed; help process spreadsheets for sewer abatements; process abatements in the computer; abatement refunds to the Finance Department; process refunds for overpaid taxes; contact property owners when there is a bounced check; research tax payments for current years and prior years for people who need to prove they own property in the past; anything older than 2009 are in the records stored in the vault; print tax statements for people that need to get a beach sticker or for federal taxes; both have attended a three year certification course in which they both graduated with honors; attend yearly meetings to keep the certifications;

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work closely with the Finance Department to ensure the general ledger accounts related to taxes are accurate; work closely with the auditors every year; during tax time process about 300 pieces of mail a day; only tax office that runs a drive thru window; annual gross receipts of the tax department during the last calendar year 2013 was just over 49 million; total outstanding prior years and number of parcels was 647; total tax principle outstanding at the end of June 10, 2014 was about 1.5 million; total late payment interest collected in 2013 was just over \$318,000; in the last three calendar years over 1 million dollars of interest has been collected; total current payroll for part-time employees in her position for 2014 is \$32,045; the proposed change would be \$36, 771; the bottom line of the budget after going through line by line it'd be about \$3,700 more next year; she'd be in the Tax Collector's budget and the Town's budget next year.

Selectman Woolsey commented that that was the most comprehensive description of the Tax Collector's position; it's a critical position; suggests that it be emailed to Chairman Latimer of the Budget Committee immediately so they can start digesting it before the Fall hearings; the Board has the authority to create this position, this is not to be misconstrued as person specific; this is an addition of an actual position that needs to be made in the department, and the full-time position of the Deputy Tax Collector is the goal.

Selectman Griffin commented that both do a wonderful job; however, going to vote against it tonight because he wants the Town to look at all of the possibilities of what are going to be done this year as a whole.

Selectman Bridle concurs with Selectman Woolsey; talking about a position and not a person; a position that is greatly needed; witnessed a person talking with the department and how relaxed they were; it's important to our citizens.

Selectman Waddell agrees 100% with the well laid out plan; has a problem with the benefits and what we're getting into there; Finance Director Kristi Pulliam's letter stated that we may be overdrawn there at the end of the year; we're operating on a default budget; also agree with Selectman Griffin; should we be looking at all of the positions; every department probably needs employees; understands the need and agrees with it; it's just the insurance and benefits; asked Town Manager Welch if any of them were cadillac insurances; Town Manager Welch answered no this is the changed insurance types that the Board voted to implement last year.

Ms. Bennett stated that when she talked with previous Finance Director Mike Schwotzer and with Finance Director Kristi Pulliam; yes, they were close and on track but that some people might leave and some might come in; insurance is one of those things that is constantly changing; no idea whether it would be overdrawn at the end of the year.

Selectman Waddell asked if we're going to set up and do this that all the positions are looked at in all departments; make a review of what needs to be done and do it in a very organized manner.

Town Manager Welch understands the reluctance of the Board; we don't know what's going to happen with the benefits of this particular year; periodically there are changes to employees; a department head just left and there will probably be two months of benefits not paid out which would be a surplus in that particular account; frequently have personnel changes throughout the year where one person will go out with a family plan and a new

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person will come in with a two person plan which is a significant change; this happen every single year and happen on a regular basis; we always come in pretty close even with hiring new employees to what the bottom line is; we're very conservative on how we estimate those costs; what it will actually end up being, we won't know; there is money within the Finance Department budget to pay for the expenses regardless of what they are; there are other lines in there that don't always get completely expended; there is a line for employees who leave and have accrued time which usually has a substantial amount of money left over; we don't usually deficit the Finance Department payroll accounts and benefits accounts, it is possible; it's taken on a case by case, one by one basis because that's the way they are allocated; Donna and Vivian work hard downstairs; it is the only department in Town that requires by statute a deputy; the real issue is that we have had a revolving door down there except for the last four years; Ms. Bennett is trying to ensure we keep the employee; the decision is a tough one but sooner or later we need to look at the realities of making the position full time.

Chairman Bean read from the June 2, 2014 draft minutes where all Board members were present as well as Donna Bennett and Wanda Robertson explaining the effect on the benefits and retirement. Spoke about a local business that does 2.2 million in loans and has four full-time staff members. Complimented the work of the Tax Collector and Deputy, the work effort that is performed is incredible; if an employees in Town gets married to a spouse with three children, that increases the health budget and it does not increase the work of that employee or decreases the productivity of that employee; these are fluid expenses that we have minimal control of.

Selectman Woolsey commented that they have to look at it as value to the community; it's one of the most critical operations in the whole Town, we need to collect tax money and collect it efficiently.

Selectman Griffin added: the reason he is not voting for it is for the reasons he stated before; that this issue needs to be discussed overall for the whole Town, and that all the departments haven't been looked at.

Selectman Woolsey MOVED to approve the Full Time position of the Deputy Tax Collector effect September 1, 2014 SECONDED by Selectman Bridle.

VOTE: 4 (Bean, Woolsey, Bridle, Waddell)-1 (Griffin)-0

2. Ed Tinker, Chief Assessor (53:15)
  - a. 2013 Abatement Approvals

Mr. Tinker presented two 2013 abatements, he recommends both for refunds totaling \$22,110.98.

Selectman Woolsey MOVED to approve the 2013 Abatements totaling \$22,110.98 SECONDED by Selectman Waddell.

VOTE: 5-0-0

3. Jay Diener, Conservation Commission Chairman (54:13)
  - a. NH Resilient Coast project

Mr. Diener explained that he is representing the Seabrook Hampton Estuary Alliance; the Alliance mission is to protect the coastal and aquatic resources and preserve our estuary through education and community outreach and research; earlier this year received an

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assistance grant from the New Hampshire Coastal Program; the grant is managed by the UNH Cooperative Extension and New Hampshire Sea Grant and is being carried out by a steering committee of the three towns; there is no cost to any of the towns to participate; as part of the grant, organizing a meeting called Preparing for Climate Change; here to give background and give an invitation to attend the meeting; the situation is that we are seeing more storm activity along the coast; we are seeing more intense storm activity along the seacoast; seeing a lot more flooding in our communities and an increase cost in recovering from those floods; the purpose of the project is to provide the three towns with information and tools to better understand how climate change and sea levels rise may impact our towns; the goals of the project are to conduct workshops to facilitate discussions about these issues and to identify priority issues and/or actions the towns may want to consider to address the impacts of climate change and sea level rise; from 1950-2002 there were 14 declared natural disasters in New Hampshire with storm related damage of approximately 59 million dollars; from 2002-2012 there were 15 natural disasters with storm related damage of well over 151 million dollars; clearly the weather patterns are changing and the impacts we're feeling are significant in terms of cost and physical structure; in 2011 the three towns participated in a coastal adaptation workgroup; looked at key infrastructure of the towns and the impact of storm damage on them; in Hampton the Police Station, Fire Station and the Pump Station were looked at; they are the three most vulnerable facilities; looked at the cost of avoidance and the cost of replacement; the ratio between the two was approximately 16:1; these are issue that need to be explored; need to look at where our money is going to go and where it will be most well spent. There is a meeting in Seabrook on this subject on July 17 at 6:00 PM and all Town officials of the three towns are invited, for more information you can contact the Conservation Coordinator at 929-5808.

Selectman Woolsey asked if he was presenting to the Planning and Zoning Board, and if other Town's planning and zoning board representatives are at these meetings.

Mr. Diener answered that Rayann Dionne, Conservation Coordinator, will be making a similar presentation to the Planning Board this coming Wednesday; and at the Coastal Adaptation workshop meetings Hampton and Seabrook's Planning Boards are represented.

Selectman Woolsey commented that one of the big impediments to this is that the Planning and Zoning Boards are under tremendous pressure from developers; is it know much of our marsh is already lost because of overdevelopment, which is a huge concern.

Mr. Diener does not have an answer to Selectman Woolsey question on how much has been lost.

Selectman Griffin thanked Mr. Diener, that he sees how hard he works, and that he addressed all issues that the planning board needs. I hear talk about stopping development. Where I live on Ocean Boulevard opposite Boars Head, there is a problem with flooding because the sewers need to be replaced, it is a State issue to repair them. My property is the oldest property on the street and there are condominiums around me and my house is so old, it is now lower. Before we stop development, we have to look at how families have handled the flooding over the past 50 years. I have watched the sea rise and only in 1978 had the water come close enough to come into my house, this year has been a light year in regards to tidal flooding compared to last 3 years. There is a lot that has to be done but I do not want to see

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the property rights of anyone to be determined by any Board. I have lived there and know what to expect and I don't want my rights taken away as a property owner.

Mr. Diener commented the he also does not want to see rights of a property owner being taken away, that development do not have to stop, just that we need to be smarter about ways in how properties are developed.

Selectman Griffin commented he had discussions with Mr. Diener about property he thought about buying, and Jay's recommendation was that there are ways to improve on what is there; there are ways to make the situation better; the ways to take water off of Ocean Boulevard is overgrown with plants and there needs to be a better way to remove that water that collects there.

Selectman Bridle commented that he is glad that we have Mr. Diener watching the areas of Town; I lived on Ocean Boulevard for 40 years and know how the flooding can be down there; we have to start looking at it.

Mr. Waddell commented that being proactive is the most important thing; the sea rises and goes down; being proactive, we can save money in the future without getting into property rights and halting development; we can be smarter of how properties are built.

Mr. Diener explained we have to look at the long term cycles because that's where we'll see which way things are headed; long term, the seas have been increasing in height and there is no science that says the process will not continue into the future and in the meantime we have to prepare for what's in front of us.

4. John Chagnon, Ambit Engineering (1:15:48)

a. 52-54 Glade Path Seawall – Glade Path Condominium c/o Barbara Gingrande

Town Manager Welch explained that this a repair to the back of the property; part of the property they are going to build a revetment or seawall on is Town property; we own the marsh directly behind them; the engineer will explain exactly what they're going to do.

Mark Batchelder from Ambit Engineering explained they are proposing to go in there with light to medium equipment and excavate out the existing soils in order to create a solid base and bring in large stone; plan on going down 2 feet to get base going; if you don't do that you get the chance that storms will wash it out; intent is to build something that will last and will save the frontage that's there; currently there is some dead trees which will be removed and new vegetation will be replaced there; contractor will be accessing the construction area via the driveway and equipment will stay on the property; the only time the equipment will be on Town property is when actual excavation work will happen; every day the equipment will be brought back on the property and out of marsh area; will be putting down control measures prior to construction starting, the contractor feels the soils are suitable for it and if not, swamp mats will be used for extra support; the intent is to start as far away from the driveway as possible and excavate putting down geotech style fabric and stone staying in the footprint of the stone wall; it varies 2 feet on one side and 4 feet on one side that is on Town Property.

Selectman Woolsey asked if the water there is fast moving; have you had a survey done to see how much of your property has been eaten away.

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Barbara Gingrande commented that they have noticed it, but I don't know whether they did that when they did the survey, probably 9 inches to a foot has been eaten away.

Selectman Woolsey liked the idea of the mesh; I know when the ocean comes in and takes the stones away; is it going to be loose stone or big blocks.

Mark Batchelder explained they are proposing larger stone; 50-100 or 200 pound stones so it will diminish any potential for erosion and will be long lasting.

Selectman Woolsey commented that it's nice to see properties that are adjacent to the water being taken care of.

Selectmen Bridle commented: I think it's a good project.

Town Manager Welch proposes that the Board authorize the erection of a seawall revetment for 52-54 Glade Path subject to completion of paperwork and fees.

Selectman Woolsey MOVED that Glade Path Condominium c/o Barbara Gingrande of 52-54 Glade Path be granted a lease for use of Town property and a permit to repair a seawall at that location in accordance with DES approvals and in accordance with the plans submitted to the Board of Selectmen SECONDED by Selectman Waddell.

VOTE: 5-0-0

b. 1034 Ocean Blvd Seawall – John & Jerri Cerullo (1:23:24)

Mark Batchelder of Ambit Engineering explained that this is a similar situation, but this is on the beach with more wave action; the abutting property has approval to reconstruct their revetment wall; the proposed contractor is the same contractor; the plan is the exactly the same; reconstruction of the stone revetment wall; proposed work is to use much larger stone; the base material will be 1-3 ton stone; the surface will be on the upwards of 4-7 ton; some situations will be anchored to one another with rebar and epoxy; construct long lasting durable product; this situation the contractor has no access from the property; he's asking accessing it through an access further down; certain requirements are going to be needed for fencing and keeping people out of the way and working specific hours.

Selectman Woolsey asked about the access to the beach, are there stairs.

Mark Batchelder answered that there is currently a staircase, it is to remain, and it is a winter staircase, with a removable ramp.

Selectman Bridle asked if the work will be done concurrent with the neighbors in the fall and not now.

Town Manager Welch would suggest the Board vote to authorize the erection of the seawall revetment with staircase at 1034 Ocean Boulevard; construction not to begin until after September 15, 2014, and after all required permits and documents are completed and signed by the Board.

Selectman Woolsey MOVED that Mr. and Mrs. John & Jerri Cerullo of 1034 Ocean Blvd be granted a lease for use of Town property and a permit to repair a seawall at that location in accordance with DES approvals and in accordance with the plans submitted to the Board of Selectmen SECONDED by Selectman Waddell.

VOTE: 5-0-0

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### VIII. Announcements and Community Calendar (1:29:14)

Selectman Waddell announced that the James House Association is going to celebrate its 20<sup>th</sup> Birthday with a full year of celebration starting June 28, 2014 at the James House at 186 Towle Farm Road in Hampton; 11:30 AM there will be a tour; 1:00 PM there will be a potluck lunch free to all visitors; during lunch “Avery Hill” will sing folk songs; 2:00 PM featured presentation of choosing the right plants for your landscape; followed by the annual meeting.

Selectman Bridle also mentioned that Smuttynose is having their 5K race this Sunday; 9:30-10:30 AM on Towle Farm Road.

### IX. Approval of Minutes (1:31:09)

#### 1. June 02, 2014 Non-public

Selectman Woolsey MOVED to ADOPT the June 02, 2014 Non Public minutes SECONDED by Selectman Bridle.

VOTE: 5-0-0

#### 2. June 02, 2014

Selectman Woolsey MOVED to ADOPT the June 02, 2014 minutes SECONDED by Selectman Waddell.

VOTE: 5-0-0

### X. Town Manager’s Report (1:31:41)

1. The Seafood Festival will be held on September 5, 6, & 7. The Seafood Sidewalk Vendors License is on the Town’s Website, the deadline to submit to the Town Managers Office for Sidewalk Vendor License approval is August 25<sup>th</sup>.
2. The Town still has a number of vacancies in appointed Committees and Commissions. Please contact the Selectmen’s Office if you are interested in serving on any of the following: Energy Committee; Lease Land Commission; Recycling Education Committee; Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Advisory Committee.
3. Permit Procedures for Planned Activities within the Boundaries of the Town of Hampton.
4. The State Department of Resources and Economic Development have updated their activities list requiring a State Special Permit. There are 14 activities remaining on the list through October 5<sup>th</sup>.
5. The Selectmen and Planning Board are advised to keep an eye on House Bill 1210 that places extensive new requirement on the Town for any proposed zoning changes. The bill has not been signed by the Governor as of yet but probably will be since these new requirements were added to a bill legalizing a school district bonding vote.
6. Update on the status of the Withdrawal from the Southeast Regional Solid Waste District. Had a meeting last week and the district voted the Towns of Hampton and South Hampton to withdraw from the district. They will now to send a letter notifying the process.

Additional items:

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Town Manager Welch stated: sent a communication today to the Governor regarding the conditions at North Beach on 1A; the construction makes people cross the street and walk in the breakdown lane; in the past they had fenced off the east side and placed a jersey barrier; it hasn't be done this year; send an urgent appeal to the Governor to do that again immediately.

Selectman Woolsey commented: still doesn't have a list of the state contacts from DRED for the summer; communicate with them that the Board is annoyed that they don't have them; ask if we could draft a letter of concern and sympathy to the women struck at the beach and their families; talking about the revetments at the beach; a lot of complaints at Plaise Cove and access to the beach with all the large stones washing up; ask Town Manager Welch to put it on a future agenda.

Town Manager Welch commented: looking at changing the entrance to a better area.

Selectman Woolsey stated: permit procedures for permit activities at the beach and they go to the precinct commissioners; if they could tell them they need to go to the Board of Selectmen it would help; the Joint Operation Plan is the Board's responsibility and she's not going to touch it until someone from DRED communicates; they are negotiating with the manager and wasting his time; the SRF funding deal has been that we construct projects and get reimbursed 20% from the state; Hampton is out 840 thousand dollars and we're receiving \$50,609; there are a couple of years we didn't receive anything; tax payers have paid for these things; it's insulting and outrageous; in regards to the HealthTrust are we going to get our share; they are not returning the surplus as a non-profit; want to see an annual audit by the Office of the Bureau of Securities, so we know what the money situation is; they are supposed to turn back the surplus; can we contact Bill Gardner's office.

Town Manager Welch explained that they sent a letter stating they are going to refund the 17.1 million but not when; for this past year they have refunded to us; it wasn't much.

Selectman Woolsey commented: asked them what's going to happen to the money that was there before the Legislature stepped in; the years before haven't been compensated.

Town Manager Welch stated he does not think we'll see those years.

Selectman Woolsey stated: in regards to the Sanborn Road drainage; ask Keith or Chris to take a look; don't want another development built adjacent to add to the problem.

Selectman Griffin commented that beach and the rocks change each year; would like to thank Mrs. Woolsey for some of her opinions; noted that she speaks for herself and not necessarily the Board.

Selectman Bridle stated: they are out putting new signs up for the crosswalks; they are going to be painting the crosswalks this week; can we get a crosswalk installed at 401.

Selectman Bridle MOVED to have a crosswalk installed at the area of 401 Lafayette Road  
SECONDED by Selectman Woolsey.

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Selectman Waddell commented that the Board should be utilizing our state representatives as DRED appears before them on Committees, and we need to look at how many events we want in Town.

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Chairman Bean commented that the Town Manager could reach out to department heads, Hampton Beach Area Commission, and precinct; for them send an email from the Town Manager in regards to permits for events, if asked by them, and reach out to the state.

Town Manager Welch informed the Board that we are now getting a list of the state activities; we have asked them for a list of the filings so we actually know what is going on; also to give us a copy of every activity program.

#### XI. Old Business (1:53:12)

Selectman Woolsey as mentioned before and mentions this again, that she'd like to see the Board get together some Saturday morning at 10am and take a serious look at the rolling stock; the reconfiguration of the land; see all the equipment sitting out there exposed to the elements; is there a way to get from the vendor the number of defaults for the ambulance service; it was setup to be self-funding; get a report in intervals; the number of runs being done and not compensated.

Selectman Griffin commented that the reason the State doesn't come as it is their policy; they can't make any agreements here without going back to checking with their superiors; it's one of their concerns.

Town Manager Welch commented that it's more widespread than that now; if we call the State with a question they turn to the Attorney General's office; the answer can take a month; it's getting worse not better

Selectman Griffin stated: maybe we should be dealing on a bigger level; something that probably that needs to be done on a higher level.

Selectman Bridle commented that they could at least come and listen.

Selectman Waddell added that we should use every influence we have; we don't want to be ignored; we want to be listened to and be dealt with.

Selectman Bridle asked about the Town auction.

Town Manager Welch answered: still waiting for lists; try to maximize the money; going over everything with a fine toothed comb; want to hold it as soon as possible.

Chairman Bean commented: we have an extraordinary relation with the State of New Hampshire; we should always see self-improvement; these are the perfect time to ask candidates; this is a geographic area that contributes revenue to the state; elected representative is the way to go.

#### XII. New Business (2:02:16)

Selectman Woolsey spoke about Sergeant Newcomb who just retired and would like to see a letter from the Board go to him; in regards to the CIP; clear the tables and start from scratch to start the discussion to try and decide where we are going; need serious planning for the future; there are major projects that need to happen in this Town; need to plan; asking for a special meeting on a Monday night; need to do it before the budget is setup; no time to waste.

Chairman Bean explained that the appropriate way to staff a CIP is to have Mr. Welch get with his department heads; he needs time to sit with his folks; going from the top down is

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not the way to go; happy to meet post labor day; not appropriate to tell department heads what to do; go at it in the Fall.

Selectman Woolsey commented that we should ask the department heads what they truly need when planning the budgets; in conjunction with that we need to have them think ahead 10 years minimum; talking about bond issues; need ongoing commitment from this Board and future Board's to plan for the upkeep of this Town.

Selectman Griffin commented that it is inappropriate for two new members of this Board who haven't talked this over to the department heads; how can they not discuss these issues with the department heads; need to find out the facts.

Selectman Bridle commented that fall is a better time; summer is a busy season for the three departments; need to look at them for what their needs are; it's up to the department heads to come up with the plan; start early in September after the Seafood Festival and before budget time.

Selectman Waddell commented that there is a current CIP; there is current planning; department heads are the experts; top down does not work; utilize all the expertise in Town to come up with it properly; make sure it follows through and goes.

XIII. Closing Comments (2:11:49)

Selectman Griffin commented that one sees a different side of the Town as a Selectman than sitting in the departments.

XIV. Adjournment of Public Meeting (2:12:20)

Selectman Griffin MOVED to ADJOURN the Public Meeting at 9:06PM SECONDED by Selectman Waddell.

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Chairman