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November 10, 2014

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

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

I. Oath of Office (02:00)

1. Deputy Chief of Police David Hobbs

Police Chief Sawyer introduced Town Clerk Jane Cypher to swear in newly appointed Deputy Chief of Police David Hobbs.

Town Clerk Jane Cypher swore in Deputy Chief Hobbs.

II. Public Comment Period (13:10)

Norm Silberdick, 70 Tide Mill Road, spoke on behalf of the Rational Tax Payers of Hampton which believes there has been limited to no discussion on the default budget; respectfully requests that the topic be brought to the public's attention so they can have a complete understanding of the decision making process of the items included in the default budget.

Art Moody, 3 Thomsen Road, spoke about the ZBA entertaining a petition in a double A zone near the Exeter line a week from Thursday; first day of National Kindness Week; thanked Selectman Bridle and Selectman Woolsey for supporting his thoughts with the leaf pickup.

III. Announcements and Community Calendar (20:51)

Selectman Woolsey stated: congratulations to all the Veterans; trash collection adjusted this week due to the holiday; no pickup on Tuesday; Tuesday will be picked up on Wednesday; Wednesday on Thursday; Thursday on Friday.

Selectman Griffin stated: Jay Diener is going to be speaking at the Beach Precinct meeting this Wednesday on something to do with the flood plain; State is having a meeting from 9-11am on February 15, 2015 at the State Park; everyone is invited.

Selectman Bridle stated: thank the Veterans for their service; thank the Boy Scouts for their Scouting for Food done on Saturday; thank you to all that left things out for the drive.

Selectman Waddell stated: thank you to all the Veterans; Rusty got second place in the chili cook-off.

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Assistant Town Manager Sullivan stated: reminder of the Veteran's Day services that Post 35 puts on; Tuesday at 8:00am at Hampton Beach; 9:00am at Hampton Falls; 10:00am at North Hampton; 11:00am outside Post 35.

Chairman Bean stated: impressive ceremony tonight; Town has such a deep talent pool of dedicated professionals; on board tonight we have the Finance Director, hired from within; have Mr. Sullivan, hired from within; true testament to the leadership capability that runs from our taxpayers and shareholders right up to the Board and through those ranks; know everyone will support the Deputy Chief and the new Chief in their new roles; congratulates them; talked about former Marine and Captain John Paul Falcone Jr., his great-grandson is the child of Kayla and Robbie Bean; they are taxpayers in Town; he was a Hampton resident; serving in Vietnam in 1967; unknown to him and that combat scenario that would confront him the next day, he wasn't coming home; have his Silver Star citation he was awarded for that action; read from the citation; visited with Colonel Paul Lessard today, another distinguished Marine; he is well and sends his greetings; his Brother-in-Law Wolfman 39, Lieutenant Colonel Jack Vogt says hello; local Marines Johnny Cafarella, Meatball Master Gunnery Sergeant LaMontagne, Gunny Mac Bishop; epitomize the great service platforms that Hampton residents put forth.

IV. Consent Agenda (27:42)

1. Hampton Cemetery Deed – Russell Bridle
2. Liquor License Transfer Request – Catalano's Lighthouse, LLC, 396 Ocean Blvd
3. Bid Waivers under Purchasing Policy Section 718-4,B,(2)
 - a. 2014-014 Snow Plowing and Removal - DPW
 - b. 2014-016 Aggregates – DPW
4. Sustainable Ales, LLC Subordination Agreement
5. Forms for License to Sell Pistols and Revolvers RSA 159:8

Selectman Woolsey stated: no problem with number 1 and 2; agree with number 3 because we need to do it; want to discuss it more when Public Works Director comes in. Assistant Town Manager Sullivan stated: had to push his meeting back; he's coming in on the 24th.

Selectman Woolsey stated: hate to see these go out to bid; would like to see it in-house; have a question mark on Sustainable Ales? Assistant Town Manager Sullivan stated: reason its back on after you've signed it; it's a formatting issue with what needs to be recorded at the Registry of Deeds; same material elements, just a different format.

Selectman Woolsey asked: all of a sudden we have forms for licenses to sell pistols and revolvers; can you give us a little background? Assistant Town Manager Sullivan answered: had one other request for this years ago; have an individual who is seeking to open a retail store; this is to comply with the state law to issue a license to sell.

Selectman Woolsey asked: this is different than discussions on martial arts weaponry? Assistant Town Manager Sullivan answered: yes; knives and guns are not part of that statute; it's a completely separate statute for weapons and guns.

Selectman Woolsey asked: this isn't rifles or anything; just talking revolvers and pistols? Assistant Town Manager Sullivan answered: anybody who would receive this would be a federally licensed firearms dealer; it's a requirement; it's a local issuance of essentially being aware that this is going to be taking place in your environment.

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Selectman Woolsey asked: so the feds and state are regulating? Assistant Town Manager Sullivan answered: the feds regulate; the state has a law that the person who wishes to do it in the community must come before the Board; they do not regulate; they do concealed carry permits; it's our recommendation that you adopt this.

Selectman Woolsey asked: what effect if any does this have on our Police Department; does our Police Department have any control over any of this; would they be able to recommend whether a person may or may not be reputable? Assistant Town Manager Sullivan answered: part of this is a local records check; the hurdle to become a federally licensed dealer goes into a far more stringent degree of looking into their background; will look at the local abilities; have discussions with them on how to store, that type of thing.

Selectman Woolsey asked: not worried about the concept as long as it's going through all the steps? Assistant Town Manager Sullivan answered: they have to go through the Planning and Zoning; this is the procedure the law asks us to put together; it's prudent we have a process if we were to have another request.

Selectman Woolsey MOVED the Consent Agenda SECONDED by Selectman Waddell.

VOTE: 5-0-0

V. Appointments (32:07)

1. Kristi Pulliam, Finance Director
 - a. Revenue Budget Approval

Ms. Pulliam stated: the revenue budget is up almost \$450,000 over 2014's budget; some notable items the NextEra settlement which requires them to have payment in lieu of taxes; it's been added to the revenue budget; increased motor vehicles by \$100,000; increased the parking lot revenue trying to put it closer in line with what has been actuals over the past couple years but not increase it drastically as it's a weather driven revenue source; placed a decrease in district court fines only because that's what we have been seeing this year; it's much lower than it has been; that's what makes up the increase.

Selectman Woolsey asked: still really concerned about the SRF funding; what are we going to do; do we have any leverage; was under the understanding the town had to be compensated on those SRF funds after the project was completed and we put the bonding out. Ms. Pulliam answered: it has increased; did contact both DES and one other division; did get a printout from each of the departments of what we can expect in 2015; have received what we were supposed to get so far this year in regards to the State Aid Pollution grant and the Landfill grant.

Selectman Woolsey asked: we are still in the hole; we've completed the projects; do we have an update on the sewer buy in? Ms. Pulliam answered: have that for the monthly financials next week.

Selectman Woolsey stated: instead of relying heavily on the Town Clerk and vehicle registrations we have to other sources of revenue.

Selectman Griffin stated: thank you for the report; amazes me you can keep track of it and keep it all in your head.

Selectman Bridle stated: good to see there is an increase.

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Selectman Waddell asked: you said the increases were in motor vehicles and parking lots? Ms. Pulliam answered: there is almost \$200,000 between those two line items; was pulling out the more notable items; there are other increases; pointing out anything that is \$50,000 or more.

Selectman Waddell asked: does this go along with historically how revenues have come in? Ms. Pulliam answered: since this is my first revenue budget, I did look back though; especially on the parking lots, last year was \$526,000; didn't want to increase it too much as it's very much weather related; just looked back at the last couple of years.

Chairman Bean asked: is the revenue from trust funds in here? Ms. Pulliam answered: it should be on there; it's in there at almost \$600,000.

Chairman Bean stated: want to thank you for such a great job you're doing; there has been comment two weeks in a row during the public comment period about our budget and the Selectmen's budget has been handed up from department heads; there has been yearlong work in that budget process from department heads; it has been chopped by the Town Manager; it has come to the Board; it has been approved by a unanimous vote; would say as a rational taxpayer myself and the Board as well, we support our budget and encourage the Town to support that budget and vote for that budget.

Selectman Woolsey commented: we do not put the default budget together; the Finance Office, to the best of my knowledge, puts that together; decisions that this Board makes regarding management, moving positions, adding positions, is within the scope of authority.

Assistant Town Manager Sullivan stated: Kristi and the Town Manager put the default together; the Board approves it to move it on to the Budget Committee.

Selectman Bridle MOVED to APPROVE the 2015 Revenue Budget in the amount of \$6,867,196 SECONDED by Selectman Woolsey.

VOTE: 5-0-0

VI. Approval of Minutes (40:10)

1. October 27, 2014

Selectmen Woolsey MOVED to APPROVE the minutes of October 27, 2014 SECONDED by Selectman Waddell.

VOTE: 5-0-0

VII. Town Manager's Report (40:27)

1. Warrant Articles Workshop Schedule

Assistant Town Manager Sullivan stated: Fire Department has been doing a great deal of training on the Emerging Infectious Disease Protocols; the drop-dead deadlines for warrant articles are in January as follows: January 9, 2015 the petition bond articles; January 13, 2015 for petitioned non-zoning articles; January 13, 2015 for bond articles over \$100,000 or any collective bargaining agreements; want to be aware of the Budget Committee deadlines of January 6, 2015 and January 8, 2015; recommendation is to continue to put the backup together; Monday, November 24, 2014 currently don't have a meeting scheduled; dedicate

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that week to reviewing them; give a couple weeks in December if needed; get it to the Budget Committee with them having a couple weeks to review.

Selectman Woolsey asked: any Police Department training? Assistant Town Manager Sullivan answered: there are a couple things that went on; tactical training as well as annual firearms for the retired officers to comply with the federal law.

Selectman Woolsey asked: there was an inquiry from the public; we are only training our own officers or are we training officers from other communities? Assistant Town Manager Sullivan answered: trained primarily our own; we are a member of the Seacoast Response Team; it is our tactical team; does shooting at our range; that does include officers from other jurisdictions.

Selectman Griffin asked: have we heard anything on Fred? Assistant Town Manager Sullivan answered: saw Fred today; came in and visited; looked great; be encouraged to move around; no word on a return date still.

Selectman Bridle asked: did we hear anything on leaves? Assistant Town Manager Sullivan answered: talked with the DPW Director; it was been pushed down to one week this year; has not been done that way in the past; reason is the aggressive schedule dealing with the patching of potholes; issues with limited staffing; is possibility to increase but it would shift schedule away from being able to do that; concerned about losing some of the ability to pave; it's the balancing of those needs.

Selectman Griffin stated: had a lot of phone call about that; people would like for it to go until the end of the month; think it's fair that it goes until the last week of November. Assistant Town Manager Sullivan stated: we'll do whatever the Board wants; suggestion would be to do one week then skip a week; it's a staff related issue; very aggressive pothole filling issues; limited staff that does both of those jobs.

Selectman Griffin asked: do we have a consensus that we would like through the end of November? Selectman Woolsey stated: would like to discuss that item under old business or new business.

VIII. New Business (45:54)

Selectman Griffin stated: I'm concerned about the leaves; appear they are going to be on there until the end of the month.

Chairman Bean asked: you would like it to go until the end of November? Selectman Griffin answered: at least one at that point so people can shoot for.

Selectman Bridle stated: think Jamie makes a good point; pick up that one week that they are already picking up then go off for a week then go back in another week; a second pickup wouldn't be a bad thing.

Assistant Town Manager Sullivan asked: do that week then skip a couple weeks; come in the week of December.

Selectman Bridle stated: yes, maybe the first week of December.

Selectman Waddell stated: will refer to the DPW; they know the manpower and what they have; agree that the leaves are a big problem; the roads are a big problem; go until the end would probably be smarter.

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Selectman Woolsey stated: used to have four collections; no excuse for not helping people to keep yards clean; public deserves at least three pickups; maybe one every other week; starting no later than the third week of October; if we could stagger.

Selectman Woolsey moved to have three leaf collections separated by one week in the fall.

Selectman Griffin stated: just want one by the end of the month; the potholes have been there since last winter; the leaves come every year; we have to take care of both of them.

Selectman Woolsey stated: the leaves are mostly done falling by the end of October; would like to see them staggered; minimum of three collections.

Selectman Griffin stated: as long as there is one at the end of the month.

Chairman Bean stated: thinks that is a wonderful consensus.

Selectman Waddell stated: the Chairman of the Budget Committee was going to email you; she has something that she would like for us to take up.

Chairman Bean stated: have not received any email and check his spam.

Selectman Waddell stated: as to the Rational Taxpayers of Hampton; do people really understand what the default budget is; do we need to explain it; how it is put together and why it is what it is.

Selectman Griffin stated: it's not the Rational Taxpayers of Hampton; it's Mr. Silberdick; he's bringing a letter here that lists everybody's name for who he is speaking for; but he is speaking for himself; that's all any of us here need to be concerned about.

Chairman Bean stated: we're now looking at warrant articles; we have done our job tackling the department heads budgets; we have unanimously passed the budget; we have asked the Finance Director to explain the default budget on TV; I'm enthusiastically supporting the budget we unanimously have passed; if we receive queries or questions from anybody we can task those to the Assistant Town Manager and Mr. Welch when he returns or to Finance; we can staff these appropriately; think it is an important issue.

Selectman Griffin stated: anyone that speaks for a petition they set the letters down; he is speaking for himself; that's all we have to hear from him; if he's speaking with other people he needs to submit their names.

Selectman Bridle stated: we were elected by the public to do a job; we have done a very good job presenting the budget; with the help from the department heads, the Town Manager, and our Assistant Town Manager they have given us the needs of what they wanted to move forward; that's what has been presented; people are tired of seeing potholes in roads; tired of seeing us go backwards; say it again, can't run my house on what it cost ten years ago; we've been given a budget; need to go forward with it; defend a budget that is just fully needed.

Assistant Town Manager Sullivan asked: the consensus number on leave pick up; we have one scheduled; do we have consensus to do one more or two more?

Selectman Bridle answered: do one more; either at the end of the month of the first week of December.

Selectman Woolsey stated: we need to do them in October.

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Assistant Town Manager Sullivan stated: let's discuss October next year; so two more; the one schedule the week of the 17th and an additional.

IX. Old Business (53:14)

Selectman Woolsey stated: talked with Frank Swift; out there patching the roads in November when it's not going to take as well as in the summer; the waste collection tie up in the summer season he does not have the personnel to do the job that should be done; going to have to sit down and offload some of the commercial waste collection; the town is growing; need to send direction to the Planning Board on new builds; we are breaking the back of the Public Works Department; there are simply not enough men to do the job; the roads are a huge issue; there is no excuse for doing the patching in November; need to sit down and take a hard look at what we are doing; offload some of the commercial waste pickup and/or increase the staffing; cannot survive sensibly the way we are going now; the old Mustang in the High Street parking lot; can we get rid of that; it's on the east side; there is also a construction trailer in the back of the High Street lot.

Assistant Town Manager Sullivan stated: went through that just prior to my leaving the post; will have them look into that.

Selectman Woolsey stated: the focus on the default budget; prior Boards of Selectmen have done just what this Board is doing; if new positions are initiated or discontinued during the year that is factored into the default budget; there is a formula for the default budget; expenses you are locked into and things like bonds and interest need to be factored in; so sick and tired of hearing people blabbing about the default budget; it's a technicality; it's there to advise the taxpayers; it doesn't have a life of it's own.

X. Closing Comments (57:45)

Selectman Woolsey stated: still want to pursue at some point in time, the memo from the HealthTrust; should be providing the Budget Committee with the franchise fee memo; doesn't hurt to let them know what revenues are coming in; want to get some direction at some time about signage in the town forest; going to have to discuss this with the warrant articles; got one memo that they are going to give us a little more money.

Assistant Town Manager Sullivan stated: yes, a large amount of money.

Selectman Woolsey stated: the HealthTrust is still on my bad list.

XI. Adjournment (59:09)

Selectman Griffin MOVED to ADJOURN the public meeting at 07:59PM SECONDED by Selectman Waddell.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Chairman