

February 01, 2016

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

### SALUTE TO THE FLAG

#### I. Oath of Office Fire Fighters

Fire Chief introduced Firefighter Ryan Pitts.

Ryan Pitts was administered the Oath of Office by Deputy Town Clerk Shirley Doheny to become a Hampton Firefighter.

Fire Chief introduced Firefighter Brian Alley.

Brian Alley was administered the Oath of Office by Deputy Town Clerk Shirley Doheny to become a Hampton Firefighter.

Fire Chief introduced Firefighter Kourtney Auger.

Kourtney Auger was administered the Oath of Office by Deputy Town Clerk Shirley Doheny to become a Hampton Firefighter.

#### II. Public Comment Period (16:10)

#### III. Announcements and Community Calendar

Selectman Waddell: tomorrow night is the meeting on the school and people should attend that, next Tuesday is the Primary.

Selectman Bridle: thank you to everyone that showed up for Deliberative Session on Saturday.

Selectman Woolsey: attendance was sparse at the Deliberative Session, but we did it, thank you for being there.

#### IV. Consent Agenda (17:17)

1. 2016 Veteran's Tax Credit Requalification: Bernard, Ernest VET \$500 293/2/3; Bonnin, Rene VET \$500 133/87; Brown, Stanwood VET \$500 147/4; Buckley, William VET \$500 266/2/14; Burgon, Jane SPOUSE \$500 130/6; Burns, William VET \$500 168/46; Cilluffo, Salvatore VET \$500 54/4; Clark, Bunny SPOUSE \$500 69/67; Cliché, Richard VET \$500 172/6/31; Colman, Rena SPOUSE \$500 90/32; Cote, Ernest J. Jr. VET \$500 127/4; Curtis, Jeffrey VET \$500 107/4; Ghiradi, John and Mary VET & VET \$1,000 133/56/2; Macfarlane, Cynthia SPOUSE \$500 146/43; Pierce, Edward VET

\$500 172/6/73; Quandt, Roger VET \$500 132/11; Russell, Anne S. SPOUSE \$500 189/13; Sullivan, William VET \$500 89/15; Smith, Thomas VET \$500 168/2/A1; Wilbur, David M. VET \$500 129/11

2. 2016 New Veteran: Hart, Andrew VET \$500 91/12; Blair, Alan VET \$500 221/7/1/1
3. 2016 New Disabled Blind: King, Robert BLIND \$25,000 124/3
4. 2016 Change From Vet to Spouse: King, Cecile Spouse \$500 127/63
5. 2016 New Trust for Existing Vet: Parzick, Chester VET \$500 267/22
6. Hampton Cemetery Deed: Robert T. Gearheart
7. Parade and Public Gathering Licenses: Half at the Hamptons 03-06-16

Selectman Bridle MOTIONED to MOVE the Consent Agenda with the exception of Item #7 SECONDED by Selectman Waddell.

Selectman Woolsey requested that Item #7 be voted on separately.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Selectman Bridle MOTIONED to approve the Parade and Public Gathering Licenses: Half at the Hamptons 03-06-16 SECONDED by Selectman Waddell.

VOTE: 4-1(Woolsey)-0

#### V. Appointments (18:30)

1. Chief Ayotte & Deputy Kennedy, Fire Department
  - a. Departmental Update

Chief Ayotte: Matthew Clement retired; we will miss him and wish him and his family well in the future. Hampton Fire Rescue fielded 2,152 calls for service on the fireside and 2,264 calls for service on the emergency medical side; totaling 4,416 calls for service; an additional 55 calls more than our previous record. In a manner of four years we have seen an increase of 25%; fire prevention has seen an increase in issuing 193 permits, 91 permits of assembly were included in that number; fire prevention bureau reviewed 126 plans and performed over 175 fire code inspections and conducted 11 fire investigations. Over 400 fire code reports have been sorted and examined; 458 students have received fire safety education. We have four members that are on long-term leave and wish them a speedy recovery. If we have a snowstorm, members of the community are asked to adopt a fire hydrant and keep it clear 3' in all directions; keep appliance vents cleared. Our new fire engine pumper is being fabricated and expect the engine to be delivered in late April or early May.

Selectman Bridle: sounds like you have been very busy.

Selectman Woolsey: are flags being put on the hydrants. Chief Ayotte: we had a few go on recently.

Selectman Waddell: what do you attribute the increase in calls for January; has the population increased that much. Chief Ayotte: it has, the growth at the beach; the heroin drug overdoses; and population rise.

Selectman Waddell: you coordinate with the police. Chief Ayotte: absolutely; we have weekly conferences; we work well together.

Selectman Waddell: has there been more coordination at the State level.

Chief Ayotte: Senator Shaheen and Senator Ayotte have procured funding for Narcan and the distribution of; education; working through the State on protocols for drug abuse.

Selectman Waddell: as we changed the fees, we are doing better with that. Chief Ayotte: through February 1<sup>st</sup> we are at \$3,950, this time last year we were at \$475; which is also coming with an increased call volume.

Chairman Griffin: I appreciate your report; it was very informative; I like the idea about adopting a hydrant.

Selectman Woolsey: With the development of the Montrone property, it was discussed a possibility of having a fire and police substation on the property; it would add to your burden tremendously once it is developed.

b. Waiver from Purchasing Policy 718-4.B.(1) & (2)

Chief Ayotte: we are looking to purchase a SCVA filling station; we received two proposals and we would like to purchase the lower priced model; the total cost is \$48,000.

Selectman Bridle MOTIONED to approve the Waiver from Purchasing Policy 718-4.B.(1) & (2) for the purchase of a SCVA filling station for \$48,000 SECONDED by Selectman Woolsey.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Chief Ayotte: our radio system is old; we are looking to make Fair Point the contractor; total upgrade is \$9,000.

Selectman Waddell: is this state of the art.

Chief Ayotte: no, but it will improve the system so we do not drop signals; we are looking into grants to become state of the art ,which costs around \$100,000; replacing radios is covered under the \$9,000 fee.

Selectman Bridle MOTIONED to approve the Waiver from Purchasing Policy 718-4.B(1) & (2) for the upgrade of the radio system for \$9,000 SECONDED by Selectman Woolsey.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Chief Ayotte: replacement program for fire turnout gear, looking to purchase six sets, which costs \$18,000.

Selectman Bridle MOTIONED to approve the Waiver from Purchasing Policy 718-4.B.(1) & (2) to replace six sets of fire turnout gear for \$18,000.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Chief Ayotte: live fire training; the total cost is a little over \$17,000.

Selectman Bridle MOTIONED to approve the Waiver from Purchasing Policy 718-4.B.(1) & (2) for live fire training.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Chief Ayotte: replacing two command vehicles with new vehicles, we have a total of \$9,000 to outfit with lights and safety equipment, also new radios.

Selectman Bridle MOTIONED to approve the Waiver from Purchasing Policy 718-4.B.(1) & (2) for the purchase and outfit of two command vehicles SECONDED by Selectman Woolsey.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Chief Ayotte: we need to replace a 2006 ambulance; we received only one bid; we were able to repurpose some items; the bid came in at \$208,000.

Selectman Woolsey: where is it coming from and what is the delivery date. Chief Ayotte: Florida and 60 days.

Selectman Woolsey: with this purchase we are going to be back to an every other year rotation. Chief Ayotte: that is the goal.

Selectman Bridle MOTIONED to approve the Waiver from Purchasing Policy 718-4.B.(1) & (2) for the purchase of the Ambulance SECONDED by Selectman Woolsey.

VOTE: 5-0-0

2. Hampton School Board (49:30)  
a. Common Issues

Ms. Bridle: we have a new proposal and renovation project that we have proposed to the taxpayers; we are here to answer any questions you may have.

Selectman Bridle: I have heard the proposal many times, and I think it is a good proposal.

Selectman Woolsey: this work is long overdue for the safety and the health of everyone working in the building; you are going to sponsor another tour February 13, 2016 at 9:00am; I am more than happy to support this. You might mention one more time the balance of the two existing bonds, and the dollar amount that it will relieve us of once the new bond goes into effect.

Mr. Lunney: the two bonds we are paying roughly \$340,000 a year in debt service for the Marston School Project, which will be paid off in August 2016; the other is about \$115,000 against the Centre School project and that will terminate in August 2018. The financing of the proposed project is the initial interest only payment of \$460,000. The total tax impact for the entire project is \$0.61 per thousand.

Selectman Woolsey: so in the process of retiring the debt for both Marston and Centre School's, SAU 90 will have only the one bonded debt for the Hampton Academy, a 20-year bond. Mr. Lunney: interest rates are still low about 3.25%.

Ms. Bridle: we want to thank you for the support of the cable article; we are very excited as Channel 13 is up and running.

Selectman Waddell: I am in full support of this, it is a great project and you have done a great job.

Ms. Bridle: if anyone would like to take a tour of Hampton Academy call either Dave O'Connor at 926-2000 or Kathleen Murphy or Nathan Lunney at 926-4560; they will arrange for you to get a tour to see what is going on, and also the proposed article. We would like to work together with the Town for the crossing areas to get safe routes done.

Selectman Waddell: I agree, Hampton is the most unfriendly pedestrian Town and the routes to school are most unfriendly, and it is horrendous that kids cannot walk to school safely; working together to get it solved is an absolute must.

Selectman Bridle: we have been investigating some of the solar powered wireless crosswalk lights, you should meet with our DPW Director to see what some of the locations you might like to have them at, and come up with some grant money to help offset the cost; we can work together and get them put in.

Selectman Bean: this is a wonderful project, and you have kept everyone informed magnificently and the community should support it.

Selectman Woolsey: you have been communicating with the youngsters who will be phased into the Junior High and Marston next year, sensible idea to have a presentation to run on Channel 22 to reassure children about the possible disruption.

Superintendent Murphy: the parents have embraced the idea and the issue will be addressed at Tuesday's meeting; we think we found a good compromise and the kids were great.

Selectman Woolsey: a real community effort; has been an outstanding job.

VI. Approval of Minutes (1:07:38)

1. January 25, 2016

Selectman Bridle MOTIONED to APPROVE the January 25, 2016 Minutes SECONDED by Selectman Waddell.

VOTE: 5-0-0

VII. Town Manager's Report (1:08:25)

1. Property owners within the Hampton Beach Precinct who wish to avail themselves of the reduced tax rate should come to the Assessor's Office to complete the necessary forms by April 15<sup>th</sup>.
2. The filing period for those who would like to apply exemption against their tax bill for the Town must come to the Assessor's Office to obtain the necessary forms to complete the process for Elderly, Veterans and other exemptions and file the completed forms before March 1, 2016.
3. We had the auction of 27 Pearl Street and sold the property for \$215,000, which is substantially more than what was due in taxes, interest costs and expenses; also need to sign the quitclaim deed.
4. The Primary election coming on Tuesday, February 9, 2016
5. We have been asked to be the host community for the arrival of the USS Hampton sometime in the spring, my suggestion is the Board they appoint a committee to work on this process within the next couple of weeks, and we will only get 24 hours' notice when the sub will be arriving.
6. We have been having problems with recycling carts in condominiums; people are acquiring them because they have moved from a house to a condominium; we are running into a logistical problem because of the number of stops we would have to increase and might not be able to complete the collection of all the houses. We need to come to a reasonable conclusion on this particular subject.

Selectman Bridle MOTIONED to sign the Quitclaim Deed of 27 Pearl Street, Hampton Beach, NH SECONDED by Selectman Waddell.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Chairman Griffin: we would like people to come forward who are interested in being on the welcoming committee for the USS Hampton.

Selectman Woolsey: suggests that we contact the people who were apart of the old reception committee.

Town Manager Welch: I will let the former committee know about the formation of a new committee.

Selectman Waddell: the primary is coming up next week, go on the website and look at the sample ballot; there are 58 names running.

Selectman Bridle: I was surprised to see the number of people at the auction and the price we received for 27 Pearl Street.

Town Manager: There were more people at the auction than at the Deliberative Session.

## VIII. Old Business

Selectman Waddell: are we going to revote on the recommendation for the warrant articles that were amended? Town Manager Welch: we would have to amend the warrant again.

Selectman Bridle: I will go in at 7am to help work the election; then Selectman Waddell would stay in until 2pm; Selectman Woolsey will work 2-5pm; Chairman Griffin will arrive at 5pm to close and Selectman Bean will arrive after 5pm.

Selectman Woolsey: At the Deliberative Session all the articles that needed a tax impact statement were so noted except for the bond - Article 10.

Town Manager Welch: in conformance with the prior bond, it was determined at the time since there is no outlay of cash in 2016 so there would be no impact in 2016, the tax impact on the interest begins in 2017.

Selectman Woolsey: on Article 29, I was surprised at Nick Bridle and Mr. Jones comments, because they brought up information I was not aware of when we voted on that article; it is concerning if there is a subcommittee investigating something I think it would be nice if we got the results as well. My big concern is Article 34, which is the Franchise Fee.

Selectman Waddell: that was amended at the Deliberative Session.

Selectman Woolsey: Yes, it was, but my concern is as we discussed this, it was a Board warrant article, we have had the Franchise Fee since 2000 and my concern is funding; we want to be able to fund the cable channels adequately for their equipment. To jump from 25% to 100% on something that is bringing in revenue of \$328,000; we would be losing \$246,000 of revenue for the taxpayers. What is the original purpose of a franchise fee? Town Manager Welch: to be able to operate a community system of TV for education, for Town government and for individuals who want to appear on an open channel.

Selectman Waddell: Mr. Chairman I have a parliamentary question; can anything be done on this. Chairman Griffin: no.

Selectman Waddell: it was voted on at the Deliberative Session, the amendment was approved, and it passed; Selectman Woolsey might have her own feelings; that is fine, but I do not think we have to sit here and listen to her.

Selectman Woolsey: well I am sorry that none of you wants to listen to me, but maybe the public does.

Selectman Waddell: the public had a chance to come to deliberative.

Selectman Woolsey: I was talking and am right in the middle of my comments.

Chairman Griffin: he is correct; please wrap up your comments.

Selectman Woolsey: my point is this; there is something that can be done and that means to ask the public to vote no on this article.

Selectman Bean: point of order; we are not here for this.

Chairman Griffin: we are not here to pick out warrant articles; you are campaigning.

Selectman Woolsey: I was blindsided.

Chairman Griffin: this is not the moment we are going to discuss and to cherry pick the warrant articles, and how we want to vote for them. The night before the election, when the time comes we will get to weigh in on these things; this has been done by the citizens of Hampton already and you cannot change it.

#### IX. New Business (1:26:01)

##### 1. Acceptance of HealthTrust Donation \$500.00 Recreation and Parks

Selectman Bridle MOTIONED to Accept the HealthTrust Donation of \$500.00 for the Recreation and Parks SECONDED by Selectman Waddell.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Selectman Woolsey: the parade and public gathering license was approved on a 4-1 vote shortly after we started the meeting. If we had a chance to discuss this I would have made a suggestion to the Board that I think when we are issuing these permits we should hopefully discuss the possibility of allowing closure of only ½ of the roads that these races are run on.

Chairman Griffin: so when we have one you will get a chance to bring it up the next time.

#### X. Closing Comments (1:28:04)

Selectman Waddell: the public got a chance to speak at the Deliberative Session.

Selectman Bridle: in reference to the road races and marathon, we have an excellent Police Department, Fire Department and Public Works, which all have input when we put those together and I think we leave it in their trusted hands.

Chairman Griffin: Hopefully, there will be more people to come and vote on these articles, than at the Deliberative Session.

Selectman Woolsey: we have no right to close off public roads.

#### XI. Adjournment

Selectman Waddell MOTIONED to adjourn the meeting at 8:23PM SECONDED by Selectman Bridle.

VOTE: 5-0-0

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Chairman