

**Town of Hampton
Annual Town Meeting
January 30, 2010
Results of Balloting
March 9, 2010**

Moderator Robert Casassa opened the Deliberative Session of the Hampton Town Meeting at 0835 on January 30, 2010 in the Winnacunnet High School Community Auditorium.

Moderator Robert Casassa welcomed everyone to deliberative session and announced that the warrant had been posted.

Moderator Robert Casassa introduced Captain Arthur Michael Edgar, US Navy, who led the group in the pledge of allegiance.

The Moderator introduced the town officials: Selectmen Chairperson Richard Nichols, William Lally, Richard Griffin, Richard Bateman, Gerald Znoj; Town Manager Fred Welch; Town Attorney Mark Gearreald; Town Clerk Jane Cypher; Deputy Town Clerk Shirley Doheny; Administrative Assistant Kristina Ostman; Finance Director Michael Schwotzer; Budget Committee Chairperson Mary-Louise Woolsey; Supervisors of the Checklist Arleen Andreozzi, Davina Larivee, and Barbara Renaud. Assisting the Supervisors are, Teresa Ryan and Martha Williams.

The Moderator advised if you intend to vote today you must check in with the Supervisors of the Checklist and obtain your voting card.

Assisting the Moderator are Denis Kilroy, Darold Mosher, Nathan Page, Glyn Eastman, Howard Stiles, and Nancy Stiles. Breakfast is served in the entry way. Lunch will also be served in the entry way by Laurie Sullivan to benefit the WHS Girls Basketball Team.

The Moderator advised we will be voting on March 9 at the WHS Gymnasium.

The Moderator gave the rules of the deliberative session and gave information regarding exits and fire codes.

Moved by Griffin Seconded by Bateman to allow out of town residents to speak (Fred Welch, Town Manager; Mark Gearreald, Town Attorney; Kevin Schultz, Building Inspector; Mike Schwotzer, Finance Director; Dyana Martin, Recreation and Parks Director; Ed Tinker, Assessor; Jamie Steffen, Planner; Kristina Ostman, Administrative Assistant; John Price, Public Works Director) Motion passed.

Pursuant to Supreme Court Ruling, the names on the ballot are listed as determined by a drawing on the day of the first session.

ARTICLE 1

To choose by non-partisan Ballot: One (1) Selectman for a 3-year term; One (1) Town Clerk for a 3-year term; One (1) Moderator for a 2-year term; One (1) Supervisor of the Checklist for a 6-year Term; One (1) Trustee of the Trust Funds for a 3-year term; One (1) Library Trustees for a 3-year term; One (1) Library Trustees for a 2-year term; One (1) Library Trustees for a 1-year term; Two (2) Planning Board Members for a 3-year term; One (1) Cemetery Trustee for a 3-year term; Four (4) Budget Committee Members for a 3-year term; One (1) Zoning Board Members for a 3-year term.

SELECTMEN

Rick Griffin – 1990*

TOWN CLERK

Jane Cypher – 2351*

MODERATOR

Robert A. Casassa – 2440*

SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST

Arleen Andreozzi – 2327*

TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS

William A. Hartley – 1297*

Michael Pierce - 1192

LIBRARY TRUSTEE (3-YR)

Linda Sadlock – 2168*

LIBRARY TRUSTEE (2 YR)

Sunny Kravitz – 2111*

LIBRARY TRUSTEE (1 YR)

Garry Meyer – 107

Note: Garry Meyer passed away prior to the election. Position vacant until Selectmen appoint a Library Trustee.

PLANNING BOARD

Keith R Lessard – 1831*
Fran McMahon – 1748*
Scott A. Eagleson - 1043

CEMETERY TRUSTEE

Richard W. Bateman - 1175
Susan Erwin – 1385*

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Mark F. McFarlin – 1705*
Mary-Louise Woolsey – 1606*
Michael Pierce – 1560*
Garry Meyer - 90
Eileen Latimer – 1587*

Note: Garry Meyer passed away unexpectedly prior to the election.

ZONING BOARD

Bryan Provencal by Write-In Vote – 159*

ARTICLE 2

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Hampton Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Amend Article III to add a new use regulation (Section 3.44), for properties fronting on Ocean Boulevard from the northerly portion of Ocean Boulevard where it intersects with Ashworth Avenue south to the northerly side of N Street, that limits the use of the first twenty-five (25) feet of depth of the ground floor of any building, measured from the front of a structure, to non-residential principal uses permitted in the Business Seasonal (BS) District. Entries, lobbies, stairs, and elevators providing pedestrian access to permitted upper-floor residential uses, not exceeding twenty percent (20%) of the ground floor area, shall also be permitted.

Recommended by the Planning Board

Moved by Mark Loopley , seconded by Rick Griffin to open Article 2 for discussion.

Mark Loopley gave an overview of Article 2.

Tracy Emerick spoke to the Article.

John Nyhan, 4 Penniman Lane, spoke as part of the Hampton Beach Area Commission.

No further discussion. Article 2 will be on the ballot as written.

Yes – 1536*

No – 1245

Article 2 Passed.

ARTICLE 3

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Hampton Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Amend Article II, Section 2.7 Professional Office / Residential District, Subsection C. Use Regulations, (1) Principal Uses, b. Professional services to reword this Subsection to make it consistent with the existing wording in the Article III, Section 3.22 as to Banks, offices and professional establishments, such as insurance agencies, real estate offices, attorney offices, medical professionals and/or other similar businesses, providing direct services to consumers.

Recommended by the Planning Board

Moved by Mary-Louise Woolsey, seconded by Jay Diener to open Article 3 for discussion.

Mark Loopley gave an overview of Article 3.

Arthur Moody spoke against Article 3.

No further discussion. The article will be on the ballot as written.

Yes – 1370*

No – 1354

Article 3 Passed.

ARTICLE 4

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Hampton Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Amend Article II, Section 2.7 Professional Office / Residential District, Subsection D. Height, Setback and Area Regulations to add new and amended provisions for the district's dimensional requirements.

Recommended by the Planning Board

Moved by Rick Griffin , seconded by Richard Bateman to open Article 4 for discussion.

Mark Loopley gave an overview of Article 4.

No further discussion. The article will be on the ballot as written.

Yes - 1274

No – 1423*

Article 4 Failed.

ARTICLE 5

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Hampton Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Amend Article II, Section 2.7 Professional Office / Residential District, Subsection F. Signs and Article V - Signs Tables I & II to add specific requirements for signs in this District.

Recommended by the Planning Board

Moved by Mark Loopley , seconded by William Lally to open Article 5 for discussion.

Mark Loopley gave an overview of Article 5.

Arthur Moody spoke against Article 5.

No further discussion. The article will be on the ballot as written.

Yes -1341

No – 1357*

Article 5 Failed.

ARTICLE 6

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Hampton Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Amend Article II, Section 2.3. Wetlands Conservation District in Section 2.3.3 Permitted Uses to add wording for a new section 2.3.3.A.6 and a new section 2.3.3.B.9, both entitled "Landscaping," to clarify if a special permit is needed for that activity.

Recommended by the Planning Board

Moved by Mary-Louise Woolsey, seconded by Rick Griffin to open Article 6 for discussion.

Mark Loopley gave an overview of Article 6.

No further discussion. Article 6 will be on the ballot as written.

Yes – 1849*

No – 835

Article 6 Passed.

ARTICLE 7

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Hampton Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Amend Article XVIII – Solar Panels Ordinance, to delete Section 3. Roof-mounted solar panels, subsection b. to allow roof mounted solar panels to be located on any roof face which provides the effective and efficient performance from the system being installed.

Recommended by the Planning Board

Moved by Mary-Louise Woolsey, seconded by Peter Trainor to open Article 7 for discussion.

Mark Loopley gave an overview of Article 7.

Arthur Moody spoke against Article 7.

No further discussion. Article 7 will be on the ballot as written.

Yes – 2470*

No – 307

Article 7 Passed.

ARTICLE 8

Shall the Town of Hampton raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth in the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$24,364,484. Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$24,374,733 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town Meeting or by law, or the governing body may hold one special town meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only? (Majority vote required)

NOTE: This warrant article (Operating Budget) does not include appropriations proposed in ANY other warrant article.

Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen Recommended by the Budget Committee

Fiscal Impact Note (Finance Dept.): The proposed operating budget figure of \$24,364,484 is \$1,189,479 less than the budget amount adopted in 2009 of \$25,553,963 which included a \$650,203 cost related to NHRS HB 1645 Spike Charge. The net estimated 2010 tax rate impact of the proposed operating budget is a negative \$<0.18> per \$1,000 valuation (minus eighteen cents per thousand dollars of valuation). The default budget figure of \$24,374,733 is \$1,179,230 less than the budget amount adopted in 2009 of \$25,553,963 which also included a \$650,203 cost related to NHRS HB 1645 Spike Charge. The net estimated 2010 tax rate impact for the default budget is a negative \$<0.18> per \$1,000 valuation (minus eighteen cents per thousand dollars of valuation).

Moved by Mary-Louise Woolsey, seconded by Peter Trainor to open Article 8 for discussion.

Mary-Louise Woolsey gave clarification of the Selectmen/Budget Committee's duties in regard to the budget. She advised that there is no such thing as a Selectmen's Budget. Mary-Louise Woolsey gave an overview of how the Budget Committee came to the budget they did. Mary-Louise Woolsey offered her support for the police, fire and public works departments and the overtime required to provide the services we expect as citizens.

June White, 8 River Ave, offered an amendment to zero out line items totaling \$136,174 including Town Attorney Wages, Legal Assistant, Staff Development, Supplies & Expenses, Motor Vehicle Allowances. Seconded by Linda Libby. June White advised the budget would be reduced to \$24,228,310.

Fred Rice gave a point of clarification regarding the amendment that having in-house counsel did not save the town money.

Jim Workman spoke against the White amendment.

Richard Nichols spoke against the White amendment.

The audience asked for an adjustment of the audio in the auditorium.

Ellen Goethel spoke against the White amendment.

Andrew Guthrie, Boston Ave spoke in favor of the White amendment.

Victor DeMarco, 11 Milbern Ave, spoke against the White amendment.

Richard Nichols commented on Mr. Guthrie's comments regarding collective bargaining costs and advised that the figure includes amounts spent on disputes as well as negotiating.

Michael Schwotzer advised the collective bargaining cost was \$11,369 (minimal charges for contract negotiations).

Norman Silberdick, 70 Tide Mill Rd, spoke against the White amendment.

A brief pause was taken to allow the audio technicians to adjust the audio.

Brian Warburton, 24 Sanborn Rd, asked who Mark Gearreald works for. Mr. Welch advised that Town Counsel is hired by and works for the Board of Selectmen. Brian Warburton advised that James Barrington hired Mr. Gearreald and that he was on the Board of Selectmen at the time. The Moderator asked Mr. Warburton to speak to the White amendment. Mr. Warburton spoke in favor of the White Amendment.

Rick Griffin gave a background on some of the lawsuits that have been in the works for years. He advised that Mark Gearreald assisted the town with bringing many of those lawsuits to a reasonable close. He advised that the person who has brought this amendment to the floor is presently involved in a lawsuit with the town. He spoke against the White Amendment.

Gerry Znoj spoke against the White Amendment.

William Lally gave statistics regarding how many lawsuits were brought against the town of Hampton and how many were filed by the town of Hampton since 2003.

Sue Kepner, 105 Mill Rd, asked why there are so many more court cases at present? Gerry Znoj advised many are tax abatement cases in 2009 (11 of 27). Rick Griffin advised that people should bring their issues to the zoning board instead of hiring a lawyer. Not enough people are willing to just speak to the necessary boards to resolve the issues themselves.

Eileen Latimer spoke in favor of the White amendment.

Mike Scanlon spoke about this form of democracy. Mr. Scanlon asked The Moderator to step down and have an assistant moderator fill in. The Moderator asked Mr. Scanlon to speak to the White Amendment. Mr. Scanlon asked why no one knows the length of this person's

position and why has it been renewed without the voter's knowledge? He advised that he is neither in favor nor against the White Amendment.

David Goethel, 20 Ridgeview Terrace, spoke against the White Amendment. He advised that he believes this amendment is penny wise and pound foolish.

Michael Schwotzer provided the floor with a spreadsheet showing what has been spent since 2006 in legal expenses. Michael Schwotzer, Finance Director gave personal experience advice regarding having inside Town Counsel.

Richard Bateman gave details on the number of suits filed with the town and spoke against the White amendment.

Mark Gearreald thanked the townspeople for allowing him to be of service to the town. He advised that the legal dept runs at the rate of \$95/hour. He advised that outside counsel is more than double that rate.

Skip Webb spoke against the White Amendment.

Vote to end discussion on White Amendment. Secret Ballot vote will be taken on the White Amendment.

Results of Secret Ballot Vote are Yes 68 No 70. White Amendment Failed.

Art Gopalan offered an amendment to Article 8. To increase the budget of 24,364,484 to 24,681,058. Seconded by Mike Pierce.

Mike Pierce spoke in favor of Art Gopalan's amendment.

Mary-Louise Woolsey spoke against the Gopalan amendment.

Skip Webb spoke on the budget and was asked to speak on the amendment.

Victor DeMarco spoke against the Gopalan admendment.

Vic Lessard asked if the amendment takes anything away from fire or police? The Moderator advised that it increases the bottom line of the budget. Mr. Lessard spoke in favor of the Gopalan amendment.

Peter Trainor, 59 Presidential Circle, spoke against the Gopalan amendment.

Richard Nichols gave Selectmen clarification of Mr. DeMarco's comments.

Fred Rice asked a procedural question regarding the bottom line budget. He asked if there is any obligation by Selectmen to keep a line item to a certain figure. Mr. Nichols advised that

in the case of a default budget, the Selectmen have carte blanche to transfer between accounts as they see fit.

Eileen Latimer spoke against the Gopalan amendment.

The Moderator asked if the body is ready to vote on the Gopalan amendment, body indicated they are ready to vote. **Gopalan amendment failed.**

The Moderator asked if we are ready to move on. Body indicated end discussion of Article 8. Mary-Louise Woolsey made a motion to restrict reconsideration of Article 8, Seconded by Michael Plouffe. Motion passed.

No further discussion. The article will be on the ballot as written.

Yes – 1239

No – 1625*

Article 8 Failed.

ARTICLE 9

Shall the Town of Hampton vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$546,000 to fund the purchase without further bidding of a Pierce Rescue/Pumper truck for the Hampton Fire Department? (Majority vote required).

Such authorization shall include all engineering, design, procurement, construction, shipping, delivery, training, together with all related appurtenances and activities necessary or desirable to complete the purpose of this article.

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Recommended by the Budget Committee**

Fiscal Impact Note (Finance Dept.): The estimated 2010 tax rate impact is \$0.181 per \$1,000 valuation (eighteen and one tenth cents per thousand dollars of valuation).

Moved by William Lally, seconded by Richard Bateman to open Article 9 for discussion.

Chief Christopher Silver gave an overview of Article 9 and a review of current situations with equipment currently owned by the Hampton Fire Department.

William Lally advised this was a unanimous vote in favor by the Board of Selectmen.

Arthur Moody, 3 Thompson Rd, asked why it is not being purchased over a period of three years. Chief Silver advised that the total cost would increase by \$10- \$13K.

Brian Kent, 35 Park Ave, spoke in favor of Article 9.

Richard Reniere 29 Highland Ave, spoke in favor of Article 9. Additionally, he spoke in favor of purchasing it with a one-time payment to avoid any interest charges if purchased over a period of a few years.

Art Gopalan asked what is the town requirement/policy with regard to bidding for capital equipment such as this. Richard Nichols advised that is best answered by Christopher Silver.

Christopher Silver advised sometimes the areas are territorial. The purchase of this pumper would not receive any benefit of a bidding process.

Mary-Louise Woolsey spoke against funding capital expenditures in one lump sum. She spoke in favor of Article 9.

Norman Silberdick, 70 Tide Mill Rd, asked why we would not consider using unexpended fund balances to pay for this? Richard Nichols advised the surplus was \$2.9M at the end of 2008. At the end of 2009 it should be at \$3.7-3.8M this year. The amounts already designated bring us down to what some of the different accounting organizations recommend. Funding the pumper would bring us below a comfortable level of surplus.

No further discussion. Article 9 will appear on the ballot as written.

Mary-Louise Woolsey made a motion to restrict reconsideration Article 9. Seconded by Mike Plouffe. Motion passed.

Yes – 1687*

No – 1287

Article 9 Passed.

Break for Lunch

ARTICLE 10

Shall the Town of Hampton vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$172,751 for the cost of Hampton's contribution to nineteen human service agencies in the seacoast area; furthermore, these 21 Human Service Agencies shall be required to give a written report at the end of the given fiscal year to the Board of Selectmen highlighting what the funds were used for and what the impact these had in assisting in their goals and objectives? (Majority vote required)

<u>Human Service Agency</u>	<u>Agency Request</u>	<u>Recommended</u>	
		<u>Board of Selectmen</u>	<u>Budget Committee</u>
A Safe Place	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$5,500
Are Home Care & Family Services	12,000	12,000	12,000
Big Brothers/Big Sisters	6,500	6,500	6,500
Child & Family Services	5,000	5,000	5,000
Cross Roads	15,000	15,000	15,000

New Generation Shelter	2,000	2,000		2,000
American Red Cross	1,000	1,000		1,000
Retired Senior Volunteer Program	1,800	1,800		1,800
Rockingham Community Action	25,000	25,000	25,000	
SeaCare Health Services	10,000	10,000	10,000	
Seacoast Hospice	7,500	7,500		7,500
Seacoast Mental Health Center	8,000	8,000		8,000
Seacoast Visiting Nurse	40,000	40,000	40,000	
Seacoast Youth Services	2,500	2,500		2,500
Sexual Assault Services	2,000	2,000		2,000
Richie McFarland Children's Center	6,000	6,000		6,000
AIDS Response Seacoast	2,700	2,700		2,700
Lamprey Health Sr. Transp. Program	4,200	4,200		4,200
Families First Health & Support Center	10,000	10,000	10,000	
Transportation Assistance for Seniors		1,000	1,000	1,000
Rockingham Meals on Wheels	<u>5,051</u>	<u>5,051</u>	<u>5,051</u>	
Total	\$172,751	\$172,751	\$172,751	

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Recommended by the Budget Committee**

Fiscal Impact Note (Finance Dept.): This warrant article is for the same purpose and in the same amount as requested and approved in 2009. Therefore passage of this article would have no additional impact on the 2010 tax rate. The estimated 2010 tax rate impact is \$0.057 per \$1,000 valuation (five and seven tenths cents per thousand dollars of valuation).

Moved by Rick Griffin, seconded by Gerald Znoj to open Article 10 for discussion.

Fred Rice made a motion to waive the reading of Article 10. Seconded by Rick Griffin. Motion passed.

Warren Bambury advised that last year's transportation for senior citizens was \$6400, and that Meals on Wheels was not on last year's article. Warren Bambury made a motion to increase TASC from \$1000 to \$6400. Seconded by Rick Griffin.

Art Gopalan advised that the numbers do not equate.

Bambury amendment passed.

Non-voter to speak – Carol Geller. Body passed.

Garry Meyer asked if we have to amend to apply to NH Trust. Fred Welch advised we do not have to amend.

Arthur Moody asked about the dollar figure for Seacoast Visiting Nurses. Fred Welch advised they are not double dipping.

No further discussion. The article will be on the ballot as amended.

Yes – 2348*

No – 587

Article 10 Passed.

ARTICLE 11

Shall the Town of Hampton vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 for the purpose of providing full larvaciding of mosquito breeding areas in the Town, including catch basins, and for spraying of adult mosquitoes during the months of June through September 2010? (Majority vote required)

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Recommended by the Budget Committee**

Fiscal Impact Note (Finance Dept.): This warrant article is for the same purpose and in the same amount as requested and approved in 2009. Therefore passage of this article would have no additional impact on the 2010 tax rate. The estimated 2010 tax rate impact is \$0.017 per \$1,000 valuation (one and seven tenths cents per thousand dollars of valuation).

Moved by Gerald Znoj, seconded by Rick Griffin to open Article 11 for discussion.

Ann Kaiser spoke in favor of Article 11.

Article 11 will be on the ballot as written.

Yes – 2746*

No - 236

Article 11 Passed.

ARTICLE 12

Shall the Town of Hampton vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$340,000 to be placed in the Department of Public Works Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created under Article 23 of the 2008 Annual Town Meeting in accordance with the provisions of RSA 35, this sum of \$340,000 to come from the unexpended fund balance (surplus) as of December 31, 2009 and no amount to be raised from taxation? (Majority vote required) (No Tax Rate Impact)

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Recommended by the Budget Committee**

Moved by William Lally, seconded by Richard Nichols to open Article 12 for discussion.

John Price gave an overview of Article 12.

Brian Warburton asked if this article is a legal requirement or is it another way to confuse the public. Fred Welch advised there is no double appropriation and that the DRA specifically requires us to use the terms “raise and appropriate” which authorizes funding & expenditures.

Where it is a surplus this designates the surplus to fund the appropriation. Mr. Welch advised the fund was established in 2008.

**Mary-Louise Woolsey offered an amendment, to change the parenthetical on Article 12 to delete no tax rate impact and add “Tax Rate Impact has already occurred.”
Seconded by Brian Warburton. Woolsey amendment passed.**

Arthur Moody asked about a sweeper that was purchased for Public Works.

John Price advised that the sweeper that we had was ten years old and is rusting out and was bought used. He advised that it does not meet requirements from the federal government.

No further discussion, and Article 12 will appear on the ballot as amended.

Yes – 2328*

No – 587

Article 12 Passed.

ARTICLE 13

Shall the Town of Hampton vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300,000 for the purpose of making road improvements, and authorize the withdrawal of \$40,000 from the Road Improvement Capital Reserve Fund created under Article 16 of the 1998 Annual Town Meeting created for this purpose, and to fund the balance of the appropriation by a transfer of \$260,000 from the unexpended fund balance (surplus) as of December 31, 2009 and no amount to be raised from taxation for the improvement of Dearborn Avenue, Academy Avenue, Leavitt Road, Fairfield Drive, Ruth Lane, Belmont Circle, Munsey Drive, and Morningside Drive; to include street repairs, reconstruction and associated materials and labor necessary to do the work, and also to include associated drainage system maintenance, upgrades and improvements? (Majority vote required) (No Tax Rate Impact)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Moved by Gerald Znoj, seconded by Rick Griffin to open Article 13 for discussion.

John Price gave an overview of Article 13.

Mary-Louise Woolsey made a motion amend Article 13 to delete “No Tax Rate Impact and to add in its place “tax impact has already occurred.” Seconded by Michael Plouffe.

Woolsey amendment passed.

Art Gopalan asked for confirmation when the items are completed. He asked Mr. Price to give an overview of what was accomplished last year.

John Price gave an overview of the streets that were completed which included Dumas, Cliff, Towle Farm, Towle Ave, and Sunset Ave.

Arthur Moody advised it is quite a project.

No further discussion. The article will be on the ballot as amended.

Richard Nichols made a motion to restrict reconsideration of Articles 10-13, Seconded by Mr. Znoj. Motion passed.

Yes – 2445*

No – 450

Article 13 Passed.

ARTICLE 14

Shall the Town of Hampton vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$177,000 representing the balance remaining to be appropriated from the special revenue fund created by Article 41 of the 1996 Town Meeting, and to close such account, for the purpose of Town owned infrastructure within the Hampton Village District boundaries but rescinded by Article 45 of the March 13, 2007 Town Meeting for the purpose of installing new decorative street lighting at Hampton Beach on the lettered streets beginning at A Street, including all engineering, design, procurement, shipping, delivery, and installation costs, together with all related appurtenances and activities necessary or desirable to complete the purpose of this article? (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Recommended by the Budget Committee

This infrastructure item has been duly determined by the Precinct Commissioners, Public Works Director and the Town Manager on December 18, 2009. This will be Town owned infrastructure. Adoption of this article will have no effect on the Town's Tax Rate. (No Tax Rate Impact)

Moved by Rick Griffin, seconded by Gerald Znoj to open Article 14 for discussion.

Rick Griffin spoke in favor of Article 14.

Chuck Rage, 121 Ocean Blvd, spoke in favor of Article 14.

Richard Reniere spoke in favor of Article 14.

Fred Rice spoke in favor of Article 14 and made a motion to amend Article 14 to change 177,000 to 176,799, and delete "to close such acct." Seconded by Andrew Guthrie. Fred Rice withdrew the amendment following an explanation from Mike Schwotzer.

Arthur Moody asked for a point of order. The article is not in a format required by statute, RSA 31-95c, does not conform to the statute & therefore is illegal.

Mary-Louise Woolsey stated she is not comfortable with putting an Article on the ballot that is not legally binding.

Richard Reniere advised Mr. Moody's remarks are irrelevant about this Article, spoke in favor of Article 14 and disputed Mr. Moody's remarks.

William Lally disputed but respected Mr. Moody's opinion.

Rick Griffin advised the lighting has been put in, that the first phase has been completed, and that this will be the second phase.

Mr. Znoj advised that the money is there and has been raised legitimately and the project should go forward.

Arthur Moody asked why the Budget Committee did not recommend this two years ago.

Mark Gearreald recited language from the RSA cited by Mr. Moody. He advised it does not require specific quoted language.

No further discussion. The article will be on the ballot as written.

Yes – 2008*

No – 839

Article 14 Passed.

ARTICLE 15

Shall the Town of Hampton vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150,000 for the purpose of constructing a salt storage shed at the Department of Public Works yard, including all engineering, design, procurement, construction, shipping, delivery, and training costs, together with all appurtenances necessary to complete the project, and to fund this appropriation by a transfer of \$150,000 from the unexpended fund balance (surplus) as of December 31, 2009 and no amount to be raised from taxation? (Majority vote required) (No Tax Rate Impact)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Moved by Richard Nichols, seconded by Richard Bateman to open Article 15 for discussion.

Richard Nichols gave an overview of Article 15.

Diandra Sanphy, 34 Langdale Dr offered an amendment to increase the funds to \$185,000, Seconded by Fred Rice. Ms. Sanphy gave an overview of her basis for increasing the sum by \$35,000. **Amendment failed.**

Mary-Louise Woolsey made a motion to amend by deleting “No Tax Rate Impact” and replace it with “Tax Rate Impact has already occurred.” Seconded by Mike Plouffe.

Garry Meyer asked if we had already been taxed on this appropriation. Mary-Louise Woolsey advised we have.

A vote was taken on the Woolsey Amendment. Amendment passed.

Skip Webb spoke in favor of Article 15.

Nathan Page spoke in favor of Article 15.

Diandra Sanphy asked voters to take this very seriously and spoke in favor of Article 15.

Garry Meyer 4, Nersesian Way, spoke in opposition of Article 15.

No further discussion and Article 15 will be on the ballot as amended.

Richard Nichols made a motion to restrict reconsideration Articles 14 & 15. Seconded by William Lally. Motion passed.

Yes – 2298*

No – 600

Article 15 Passed.

ARTICLE 16

Shall the Town of Hampton vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 from revenues generated from the Hampton TV Origination Fund, a special revenue fund created by Article 21 of the 2000 Annual Town Meeting and funded by revenues generated from the Cable TV local origination franchise agreement fund, to upgrade, expand, and enhance the development of the local origination channel(s)? (Majority vote required) (No Tax Rate Impact)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Moved by Richard Bateman, seconded by Richard Nichols to open Article 16 for discussion.

Richard Bateman advised this is a housekeeping article and gave an overview of Article 16.

Art Gopalan advised he would like to see an accounting of what has been done from last year.

No further discussion. The article will be on the ballot as written.

Yes – 2345*

No – 506

Article 16 Passed.

ARTICLE 17

Shall the Town of Hampton vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$90,000 from revenues generated from the Police Forfeiture Fund, a special revenue fund created by Article 55 of the 2003 Town Meeting to carry out all lawful functions allowed under Federal, State and Local criminal justice forfeiture programs? (Majority vote required) (No Tax Rate Impact)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Moved by William Lally, seconded by Richard Bateman to open Article 17 for discussion.

William Lally gave an overview of Article 17.

Art Gopalan would like a listing of what we are voting for as to what are “all lawful functions,” and would like an explanation.

Richard Nichols advised that \$100k in cable expenditures is a not to exceed number, the other is cable franchise fees. He advised that Mr. Schwotzer produces monthly expenditure reports and there is an accounting of what has been spent.

Mike Schwotzer advised a monthly summary does show what is expended. He advised that the forfeiture fund is in a special holding account with the Town Treasurer.

No further discussion. The article will be on the ballot as written.

Yes – 2430*

No – 418

Article 17 Passed.

ARTICLE 18

Shall the Town of Hampton vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$76,000 for the purpose of reconditioning the hockey rink on Hardardt’s Way and to repair or replace existing chain link fencing and backstops at Tuck Field and to fund such appropriation by transferring \$76,000 from the Recreation Infrastructure Special Revenue Fund established under Article 44 of the 2007 Annual Town Meeting? (Majority vote required) (No Tax Rate Impact)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Moved by Richard Bateman, seconded by Gerry Znoj to open Article 18 for discussion.

Dyana Martin gave an overview of Article 18.

Art Gopalan asked what would be the fund balance after this expenditure. How is the fund being accrued into this account. Richard Nichols advised 20% comes from parking lot revenues. Mr Schwotzer advised the current fund balance is \$30,000 plus last year's \$117,000.

No further discussion. The article will be on the ballot as written.

Yes – 2442*

No – 472

Article 18 Passed.

ARTICLE 19

Shall the Town of Hampton vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$27,850 generated from the sale of Town owned-cemetery lots to the Cemetery Burial Trust Fund; the interest from this Fund is withdrawn annually and deposited in the Town's General Fund as an offset to the amount appropriated in the operating budget for the maintenance of cemeteries? (Majority vote required). (No Tax Rate Impact)

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Recommended by the Budget Committee**

Moved by Richard Bateman, seconded by William Lally to open Article 19 for discussion.

Richard Bateman gave an overview of Article 19 and advised this is just another housekeeping article.

Vic Lessard asked that Article #38 be brought up with Article #19.

Mike Schwotzer advised the money goes into the cemetery trust fund. Whether or not you have cemetery trustees is not important – they are not necessarily interlocking Articles.

A sense of the floor was taken as to whether or not the body wants to take Article 38 immediately after Article 19. We will move to Article 38 following Article 19.

Arthur Moody made a comment regarding the “no tax rate impact” statement. He advised it would actually reduce the tax rate.

No further discussion. The article will be on the ballot as written.

Yes – 2627*

No – 248

Article 19 Passed.

ARTICLE 20

Shall the Town of Hampton vote to rescind the direction, as given to the Board of Selectmen by Article 44 of the 2009 Town Meeting, not to renew the “Agreement between the Town of Hampton and the Town of Rye, New Hampshire regarding Treatment and Disposal of Wastewater” upon the expiration of its first renewal period on November 17, 2014, and instead vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to renew said Agreement for an additional 5 year period after November 17, 2014 on the same terms? (Majority vote required).

Note: The initial 20-year agreement, which was entered into in 1989, has enabled the Town of Rye to dispose of its wastewater at Hampton’s wastewater treatment plant, in return for Rye’s initial investment of approximately \$5 million dollars to establish a Hampton-Rye sewer connection and Rye’s continuing payment to Hampton of a proportionate share, based on gallons, of both a) the use of Hampton’s facilities and b) Hampton’s capital costs. For the year 2009 these payments from Rye to Hampton totaled \$87,531. Due to the sewer work completed in the course of the Hampton Beach Infrastructure Improvements Project, Hampton’s Wastewater Treatment Plant has more than enough capacity to handle the wastewater coming from Rye.

By its terms, this Agreement is automatically renewable for successive periods of not less than 5 years unless 2 years prior to the termination date either party notifies the other that the Agreement shall not be renewed.

Moved by Gerald Znoj, seconded by Richard Nichols to open Article 20 for discussion.

Gerald Znoj gave an overview of Article 20 and spoke in favor of such.

Mary-Louise Woolsey spoke against Article 20.

Fred Rice spoke in favor of Article 20.

Nathan Page asked a question regarding the second paragraph of the Article – do we know what it costs to process the sewer from Rye? Do we know if we are giving Rye a fair deal? Richard Nichols stated we (Richard Nichols & Mike Schwotzer) believe they are being charged by a percentage of flow.

Arthur Moody spoke to Article 20.

Mark Gearreald stated the town has five years to renew.

No further discussion. The article will be on the ballot as written.

Ben Moore made a motion to restrict reconsideration of Article 20. Seconded by Mr. Guthrie. Motion passed.

Yes – 2116*

No – 735

Article 20 Passed.

ARTICLE 21

Shall the Town of Hampton enact the following Administrative Enforcement Ordinance?
(Majority vote required)

ADMINISTRATIVE ENFORCEMENT ORDINANCE FOR VIOLATIONS OF TOWN ORDINANCES, BY LAWS OR REGULATIONS

Authority

This Administrative Enforcement Ordinance is adopted by the Town of Hampton in accordance with the provisions of New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated Chapter 31, Section 39-c, authorizing the Town of Hampton to establish a system for the administrative enforcement of violations of any municipal code, ordinance, by law, or regulations, and for the collection of penalties, to be used prior to the service of a formal summons and complaint, and to include opportunities for persons who do not wish to contest violations to pay such penalties by mail, and to provide for a schedule of enhanced penalties the longer such penalties remain unpaid.

Purpose

It is the declared purpose of the Town of Hampton, through the adoption of this Ordinance, to establish an administrative enforcement system, as authorized by N.H. RSA 31:39-c, to enable simplified, less expensive and expeditious enforcement of violations of the Town's codes, ordinances, by laws or regulations. This system shall be in addition to, and not in replacement of, any other remedies for enforcement available by law.

Section 1. Notice of Violation

Violations of Town of Hampton municipal codes, ordinances, by laws or regulations may be enforced via the issuance of notices of violations containing a description of the offense and any applicable penalties, either delivered in person or by first class mail to the last known address of the offender.

Section 2. Administration

The system may be administered by the Hampton Police Department or by such other Hampton municipal agency or official as is designated by the Hampton Board of Selectmen.

Section 3. Separate Event

Each instance of offense shall constitute a separate event for purpose of assessment of a penalty and in the case of a continuing violation, each day said violation occurs shall constitute a separate violation for penalty purposes.

Section 4. Amount of Penalty

The dollar amount, before the doubling or tripling specified below, of the penalty for a particular violation shall be the amount set forth in the particular code, ordinance, by law or regulation for whose violation a notice is issued.

Section 5. Enhanced Penalties

Failure of the offender to pay the penalty designated in the notice of violation within 30 days shall automatically increase the penalty to double the amount specified, which said doubling shall be warned of in the notice, provided that the total amount assessed for each offense shall not exceed \$1,000. Failure of the offender to pay the penalty designated in the notice of violation within 60 days shall automatically increase the penalty to triple the amount specified, which said tripling shall be warned of in the notice, provided that the total amount assessed for each offense shall not exceed \$1,000.

Section 6. Payment of Violations

Penalties imposed under this system may be paid by mail to the issuing department to the address for payment specified on the notice of violation.

Section 7. Appeals

Appeals for the issuance of a notice of violation shall be heard by the Town Manager or his designee as judge utilizing the informal procedure of the small claims court justice, which said appeal shall not be governed by the rules of evidence, provided that such appeal is requested by letter to the Town Manager within 15 calendar days from the issuance of the notice of violation. Any enhanced penalty may also be appealed in like fashion to the Town Manager, provided that such appeal is requested within 15 calendar days from any increase in penalty. The decision of the Town Manager on any such appeal, which may include the waiver of any enhanced penalty, shall be final.

Section 8. Other Remedies

If the administrative enforcement system established by this Ordinance is unsuccessful at resolving an alleged violation, a summons may be issued as otherwise provided by law, including use of the procedure for plea by mail set forth in RSA 31:39-d, and any other remedies available by law may also be utilized.

Moved by Richard Bateman, seconded by William Lally to open Article 21 for discussion.

Richard Bateman gave an overview of Article 21 and advised it is a housekeeping article.

Andrew Guthrie spoke against Section 7 Appeals.

No further discussion. Article 21 will be on the ballot as written.

Yes - 1130

No – 1613*

Article 21 Failed.

ARTICLE 22

Shall the Town of Hampton vote to accept the provisions of RSA 72:29-a, II, granting to the surviving spouse of any person who was killed or died while on active duty in the armed forces of the United States or any armed forces of any governments associated with the United States in the wars, conflicts or armed conflicts, or combat zones set forth in RSA 72:28, shall receive a tax credit in the amount of \$1,400 from the taxes due upon the surviving spouse's real and personal property, whether residential or not, in the Town of Hampton where the surviving spouse is a resident, said exemption to be effective on and after April 1, 2010? (Majority vote required)

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Recommended by the Budget Committee**

The purpose of this article is to update the terms of the exemption as it is being administered in Hampton to conform to several amendments that have been made to RSA 72:29-a by the New Hampshire General Court (legislature), including the legislature's elimination of the disqualification for the surviving spouse upon remarriage.

Fiscal Impact Note (Finance Dept.): The estimated 2010 tax rate impact is \$0.001 per \$1,000 valuation (one tenth of one cent per thousand dollars of valuation).

Moved by Rick Griffin, seconded by Richard Bateman to open Article 22 for discussion.

Rick Griffin advised this is another housekeeping Article.

Ann Kaiser, 7 Palmer St, asked if it includes motor vehicle registrations and the answer was no.

No further discussion. The article will be on the ballot as written.

Richard Bateman made a motion to restrict reconsideration of Articles 18-21. Seconded by Rick Griffin. Motion passed.

Yes – 2595*

No – 288

Article 22 Passed.

ARTICLE 23

Shall the Town of Hampton vote to clarify the terms of the Ambulance Service Revolving fund established by Article 19 of the 2006 town meeting pursuant to RSA31:95-h, 1(b) by providing that such part of the money received from fees and charges for ambulance and attendant emergency medical services, deemed by the Board of Selectmen to be in excess of EMS fund capital and expense needs, be treated as general revenue by the Board of Selectman for the purpose of reducing the tax rate? (Majority vote required)

In accordance with the RSA 31:95-h,1(b) funds then allocated to and deposited into the EMS fund to provide and improve emergency medical services as well as for ambulance replacement as needed, will be allowed to accumulate from year to year and shall not be considered as part of the Town's general fund unreserved fund balance. Defeat of this article will leave in place the Ambulance Service Revolving Fund as established by Article 19 of the 2006 Town meeting.

Moved by Gerald Znoj, seconded by Richard Nichols to open Article 23 for discussion.

Gerry Znoj gave an overview of Article 23.

Mary-Louise Woolsey spoke against Article 23.

Brian Warburton spoke against Article 23.

Victor DeMarco spoke against Article 23 and made a motion to amend striking all of the language but leaving “Shall the Town of Hampton vote.” Seconded by Sandy Buck.

Fred Rice spoke in favor of the DeMarco amendment.

Eileen Latimer spoke in favor of the DeMarco amendment.

Peter Trainor spoke in favor of the DeMarco amendment.

David Goethel spoke against the DeMarco amendment.

Jay Diener spoke against the DeMarco amendment.

Larry Quinn, 18 Towle Ave, spoke against the DeMarco amendment.

Richard Nichols advised he objects to terms used such as grab, squirrel, shell game. He advised all or any was not clarified in Article 19 from 2006 and gave more clarification of the intent of the Article.

A vote on the DeMarco Amendment was taken. Motion passed. Actual hand count taken. Count results 43 Yes, 32 No. DeMarco Amendment passed.

No further discussion and Article 23 will be on the ballot as amended.

Mary-Louise Woolsey made a motion to restrict reconsideration of Article 23. Seconded by Sandy Buck. Motion passed.

Yes – 1205*

No – 392

Article 23 Passed.

ARTICLE 24

Shall the Town of Hampton vote to amend the “Solid Waste Ordinance” adopted under Article 33 of the 2009 Annual Town Meeting as follows:

- by adding the following new subsection 4. B. 9. after subsection 4. B. 8.
4. B. 9. The Town may extend cooperative use of equipment, personnel and facilities to other municipalities or contracted solid waste firms doing business with the Town for the purpose of cooperatively marketing, handling and shipping of recycled materials at no cost the Town of Hampton. The Board of Selectmen may permit such use following a public hearing. Passage of this article will allow the Town to join cooperatively with other towns and recycling/solid waste businesses in order to more effectively dispose of collected recycled materials without additional costs to the Town.

and

- by amending subsection 4. A. 4. by deleting from the words “without charge” and substituting therefore the words “in accordance with such charges as are determined by the Board of Selectmen,” so that refuse deposited by the State of New Hampshire may be charged for as determined by the Board of Selectmen? (Majority vote required)

Moved by William Lally, seconded by Richard Bateman to open Article 24 for discussion.

Fred Welch gave an overview of Article 24.

Brian Warburton spoke against Article 24.

Arthur Moody spoke in favor of Article 24.

Nancy Stiles offered an amendment to Article 24 removing all of the language in the second bullet. Seconded by Brian Warburton.

Richard Nichols spoke to the amendment and advised it was not the intent to just start charging the state.

John Nyhan, 4 Penniman Lane, spoke in favor of the Stiles amendment.

David Goethel asked if striking the second bullet affects the first bullet. Fred Welch advised doing such does not tie the town’s hands.

William Lally and Rick Griffin spoke in favor of the Stiles amendment.

Arthur Moody advised the state should have been paying.

Art Gopalan spoke to Article 24.

A vote was taken on the Stiles Amendment. Motion passed.

No further discussion. The article will be on the ballot as amended

Peter Trainor made a motion to restrict reconsideration of Article 24. Seconded by Mary-Louise Woolsey. Motion passed.

Yes – 2489*

No – 300

Article 24 Passed.

ARTICLE 25

To see if the Town of Hampton will vote, pursuant to NH RSA 41:11-a, III, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to rent or lease municipal property for a term of up to 5 years without further vote or ratification of the Town; once adopted, this authority shall remain in effect until specifically rescinded by the Town Meeting at a duly warned meeting provided that the term of any lease entered into prior to the rescission shall remain in effect? (Majority vote required)

Note: Currently the Board of Selectmen has the authority under RSA 41:11-a, II to rent or lease real property owned by the Town during periods not needed for public use, but any rental or lease agreement for a period of more than one year is not valid unless ratified by vote of the Town at Town Meeting. Passage of this article would provide the Board of Selectmen with the added flexibility afforded by the longer period of rental authority without Town Meeting ratification that is allowed by state legislation enacted in 2009.

Moved by Rick Griffin, seconded by William Lally to open Article 25 for discussion.

Rick Griffin gave an overview of Article 25.

Mark Loopley, 7 Carlson Rd, asked if this includes Town parking lots and town land? Fred Welch advised that it does. Mark Gearreald advised it does not include highway property.

Arthur Moody spoke to Article 25.

Gerry Znoj advised that only a one year lease might discourage anyone from leasing property.

Diandra Sanphy asked for insurance responsibilities. Fred Welch stated the town requires insurance indemnifying the town depending on the structure or property.

Mark Gearreald advised we may need to clarify with insurance.

No further discussion. The article will be on the ballot as written.

Yes – 1960*

No – 766

Article 25 Passed.

ARTICLE 26

Shall the Town of Hampton vote to accept as a Class V Town road, the 30 foot wide access road to the Treatment Plant and Public Works as currently traveled that runs northeasterly for approximately 843 feet from the easterly side of Tide Mill Road to the existing steel gate, and including the shaded area of current public usage adjacent to Tide Mill Road, all as shown on a Plan of Land Access Road to the Treatment Plant Assessor's Parcel 241-012 by James Verra and Associates, Inc. dated January 6, 2010, and without any payment of damages by the Town; and to discontinue as a town road those portions of the proposed taking for right of way as deeded to the Town by deed of Charles H. Brown dated July 31, 1933 in Book 890, Page 432, that encroach upon Tax Map 241, Lot 2 and Tax Map 241 Lot 3 as shaded on the said January 6, 2010 Plan by James Verra and Associates, again without any payment of damages by the Town, and with quitclaim deeds of said encroaching portions to be executed by the Board of Selectmen to the respective owners of Tax Map 241, Lot 2 and Tax Map 241 Lot 3 at no expense to the Town? (Majority vote required)

Note: This article relates to the opening of the gates to the transfer station. This Article does not address the driveway known as Hardardt's Way.

Moved by Richard Nichols, seconded by Gerald Znoj to open Article 26 for discussion.

Richard Nichols gave an overview of Article 26.

Mary-Louise Woolsey asked about the location of the gates. What impact would the passing of this Article have? Mark Gearreald gave an explanation of the issue at hand. Fred Welch gave supporting information to Mark Gearreald's explanation.

Arthur Moody spoke in favor of Article 26.

Mike Plouffe asked why this refers to opening the gates. Richard Nichols advised it was to disclose what we are doing so that we are not playing any games.

Ann Carnaby, 54 Tide Mill Rd, spoke in favor of Article 26.

Brian Warburton spoke against Article 26 and made a motion to delete the note section. Seconded by Mary-Louise Woolsey.

A vote was taken on the Warburton amendment. Warburton Amendment passed.

Mark Loopley asked that the gate would only be opened if Hardart's Way is a class 5 road, Fred Welch advised that is correct.

Arthur Moody spoke to no through trucks for Tide Mill Road.

Mary-Louise Woolsey asked what address does the road to the treatment plant have? Richard Nichols advised he is not 100% sure, but the address to those properties is Tide Mill Road.

Norman Silberdick spoke in favor of Article 26.

Ann Carnaby made a point of clarification. She advised that originally Tide Mill Road was paved not quite to the corner, from that point to the dump was dirt.

No further discussion. The article will be on the ballot as amended.

Richard Nichols made a motion to restrict reconsideration of Articles 24-26. Seconded by Mr. Znoj. Motion passed.

Mrs. Stiles stood in for The Moderator for Article 27.

Yes – 2135*

No – 571

Article 26 Passed.

ARTICLE 27

Shall the Town of Hampton vote to discontinue parts of the two land areas that have been laid out as highways totaling approximately 11,670 square feet, and to quitclaim any interest that the Town may have in said two areas to the owners of the abutting properties, as depicted on the a Lot Line Adjustment Plan by Jones & Beach Engineers, Inc. dated January 2010 and labeled as “Land to be deeded to” the following abutting properties, either Tax Map 175 Lot 10 (the Galley Hatch Restaurant property), or Tax Map 176 Lot 15 (the Citizens Bank property), in return for the sum of \$50,000 and with no damages to be paid by the Town, said discontinuance to be in accordance with the provisions of RSA 231:43 and with any and all public utilities including drainage preserved in their current locations in accordance with RSA 231:46, and with quitclaim deeds of said two areas to be executed by the Board of Selectmen to the respective owners of Tax Map 175, Lot 10 and Tax Map 176, Lot 15 at no expense to the Town? (Majority vote required).

Moved by William Lally, seconded by Richard Bateman to open Article 27 for discussion.

William Lally gave an overview and spoke in favor of Article 27.

The Moderator asked the body if John Tinios may be allowed to speak. The body agreed he should be afforded the opportunity to speak.

John Tinios urged the voters to support Article 27.

Ann Kaiser spoke in favor of Article 27.

Mark Loopley spoke neutrally on Article 27 but advised it will greatly improve the safety of the eastbound flow of traffic on Winnacunnet Rd.

Mary-Louise Woolsey spoke against Article 27. Ms. Woolsey proposed an idea of entering into a 5-year lease with the Galley Hatch instead of selling it.

Garry Meyer offered an amendment, no second offered.

Martha Williams spoke in favor of Article 27.

William Lally advised last year it was all tied into the “T” and the traffic; there were two different issues last year. This article does not have anything to do with traffic.

Mark Gearreald advised there are two parts to the article – town land and highway land. Highway land cannot be leased.

John Nyhan spoke in favor of Article 27.

Rick Griffin spoke in favor of Article 27 and reminded voters that this will be taxable land also.

Ann Carnaby spoke in favor of Article 27.

Fred Rice spoke in favor of Article 27.

Sandy Buck, 5 Tobey St, spoke in favor of Article 27.

No further discussion. The article will be on the ballot as written.

The Moderator returned for Article 28 and subsequent Articles.

Yes – 1957*

No – 790

Article 27 Passed.

ARTICLE 28

Shall the Town of Hampton vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen on behalf of the Town to petition the New Hampshire General Court to enact the following legislation to create the position of Tree Warden for the Town of Hampton? (Majority vote required)

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF HAMPTON TO APPOINT A TREE WARDEN

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court Convened:

Section 1. Notwithstanding any general or special provisions of law to the contrary, the Hampton Town Manager with the advice and consent of the Hampton Board of Selectmen, shall appoint a Tree Warden who shall have the powers of Tree Wardens contained in New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated, Chapter 231:139, et. seq. and amendments thereto.

Section 2. The Tree Warden shall promulgate rules and regulations for the protection, preservation, maintenance and removal of trees on public property that shall become effective upon approval by the Hampton Board of Selectmen after said rules and regulations have been posted in two public places followed by a public hearing and upon being filed with the Hampton Town Clerk.

Section 3. The Tree Warden shall be removable from office for misconduct after a hearing before the Board of Selectmen who shall certify any such removal and the reasons therefore in writing to be filed with the Town Clerk, whereupon the Tree Warden shall be removed from office and the vacancy created filled by appointment in accordance with Section 1 of this Act.

Section 4. This Act shall take effective upon its passage.

Note: If such Act is enacted by the New Hampshire General Court, then the Town of Hampton Shade Tree Commission shall be abolished. The Tree Warden position will be combined with an existing position in the Town, such as Director of Public Works, and will be at no additional cost to the community.

Moved by Rick Griffin, seconded by Gerald Znoj to open Article 28 for discussion.

Skip Webb gave an overview on the Shade Tree Commission. And spoke neither in favor of nor against Article 28.

Art Gopalan asked what is propelling this article at this time? What is the incentive for us to change to a tree warden? What is the pay and benefits for this position? Fred Welch advised we need a comprehensive program for the entire community regarding town trees. We would be simply taking control from the state.

Arthur Moody advised we shouldn't be paying to prune trees that the utility companies should be pruning.

No further discussion. The article will be on the ballot as written.

Mary-Louise Woolsey moved the reading of the next three articles. Seconded by Richard Nichols. Motion passed.

Yes – 1899*

No – 921

Article 28 Passed.

ARTICLE 29

Shall the Town of Hampton enact the following Ordinance for the Regulation of Entertainment Activities? (Majority vote required)

ORDINANCE FOR THE REGULATION OF ENTERTAINMENT ACTIVITIES

Authority

In accordance with the provisions of New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated, Chapter 31, Section 39, I, (h), (k) and (n) authorizing the Town of Hampton to enact bylaws, the following Ordinance for the Regulation of Entertainment Activities is adopted by the Town of Hampton by the Annual Town Meeting assembled.

Purpose

The Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Hampton ordains that it is in the public interest to promote the general welfare of the residents and hereby establishes that it is public policy to regulate Entertainment Activities.

The necessity in the public interest for the provisions and prohibitions hereinafter contained and enacted, is declared as a matter of legislative determination and public policy, and it is further declared that the provisions and prohibitions hereinafter contained and enacted are in pursuance of and for the purpose of securing and promoting the public health, comfort, convenience, safety, welfare and prosperity and the peace and quiet of the Town of Hampton and its inhabitants.

Section 1. Definitions

- A.** Building or premise. Shall mean a structure with a position on the ground and or lot of record or a vessel on the water.
- B.** Dance Hall. Shall mean any establishment or place defined as "Dance Halls" that require an annual Dance Hall Permit from the Town under Chapter 4, Article 2 of the Hampton Town Ordinances and those defined as "Nightclub" by Chapter 7, Article I, Section 1.6 of the Town of Hampton Zoning and Building Ordinances.
- C.** Entertainment Activity. Shall include, but not be limited to, any live band, musician, performer, entertainer, disc jockey, comedian, person, concert, dance hall, jukebox, karaoke equipment, record player, sound device, and/or any type of mechanical music device that is audible outside of the building or premises.
- D.** Establishment or Place. Shall include, but not be limited to, bars, cafés, discotheques, nightclubs, performing arts centers, motion-picture theater, theaters, dance hall, music hall, lecture hall, halls, restaurants or any other establishment, or similar place of public assembly, which regularly provide entertainment for their patrons. For purposes of this definition, "establishment or place" shall include any occupied connecting rooms, space, or area on the same level or in the same story, or in a story or stories above or below, where entrance is common to the rooms, space or areas.
- E.** Entertainment License. Shall mean a license issued by the Board of Selectmen to any person to conduct an entertainment activity in an establishment or place on a regular basis for a specific licensed period.

- F.** Licensee. Shall mean any person who has been issued an entertainment license or a temporary entertainment license by the Board of Selectmen.
- G.** Person. Shall mean any person, individual, employee, business, firm, or corporation, partnership, association, owner or operator, and/or any other legal entity.
- H.** Temporary Entertainment License. Shall mean a license issued by the Board of Selectmen to any person to conduct an entertainment activity on a specific date, for a specific period of time, at a specific location.

Section 2. Regulation of Entertainment Licenses

The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Hampton shall regulate and issue Entertainment Licenses.

Section 3. License Required

It shall be unlawful for any person to conduct, operate, hold, and/or host any entertainment activity within any building or premise within the Town who does not possess an entertainment license as issued by the Board of Selectmen.

- A.** A valid entertainment license shall be posted in public view within the establishment or place.
- B.** No entertainment activity shall be held without a license specifying the time and object for which the license is issued.

Section 4. Issuance of License

No person shall engage in or provide an entertainment activity in any building or premise without first having obtained an entertainment license from the Board of Selectmen. Any person who complies with the requirements of this Ordinance shall be entitled to receive and retain such a license.

- A.** The Board shall not issue a license to any person until it has received the following:
 - 1.** A completed Entertainment License Application
 - 2.** The written recommendation from the Chief of Police, or his designee, confirming that the person has passed the criminal and motor vehicle records examination, and has given the recommendation to approve the granting of the license.
 - 3.** Written notification from the Fire Prevention Officer, or their designees, that the premises in which the entertainment activity shall be held, holds a valid Assembly Permit and a Dance Hall Permit.
 - 4.** Written notification from the Building Inspector, or their designees, that the premises in which the entertainment activity shall be held, holds a valid occupancy permit.
 - 5.** The license fee.

- B.** A license shall not be authorized to any person who is shown to have any of the following disapprovals or disqualifications:
 - 1.** Written notification of disapproval from any of the following:
 - a.** Chief of Police, or his designee;
 - b.** Fire Prevention Officer, or his designee;
 - c.** Building Inspector, or his designee.
 - 2.** The person has been convicted of a felony, in this or any other state, in the seven full years prior to the date of the application.
 - 3.** The person has been convicted of a felony involving a controlled substance or violence, in this or any other state, in the fifteen full years prior to the date of the application.
- C.** Dances. This subsection shall apply to any establishment or place which permits, or permits to occur, dancing, except the following: a public or private school licensed by the State or the Town for the purpose of conducting dancing classes or dance courses of study as its primary, regular and recurrent business activity; dances sponsored by an accredited educational institution, civic or religious organization or group which limits admission to its own members and their guests.
 - 1.** Dances shall not be permitted between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m., on any day of the week.
 - 2.** For the purposes of this section "teen dance" means any dance which permits the entry of persons under the age of 18 years of age.

Section 5. License Period.

Any person requiring a license to conduct an entertainment activity in an establishment or place may be licensed for a period of 12 months from the first day of April, of each year.

- A.** All licenses granted under this Ordinance shall continue and remain in full force and effect for a period from the first day of April each year until midnight on the 31st day of March of the following year.
- B.** All licenses issued previous to the date of the adoption of this Ordinance shall expire as of March 31, 2010.

Section 6. Hours of Operation.

The Board of Selectmen may vary the hours of the entertainment activity based upon the circumstance of the application (i.e., more restrictive hours or additional hours.)

Section 7. Hours Restricted

The using, operating, or permitting of an entertainment activity shall not be allowed between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m., on any day of the week.

Section 8. Fees.

A. Three hundred and sixty five dollars (\$365.00) for each licensed establishment or place, paid in advance of issuance of the license.

B. In addition to the fee payable pursuant to this Ordinance, the person shall reimburse the Town for any expense occasioned by the issuance of the licensing for the entertainment activity.

Section 9. Application for Renewal of Permits or Licenses

All applications for renewals of licenses shall be in accordance with Sections 4. A. & B. and must be filed with the Board of Selectmen no later than the first day of March of any year in order to keep the renewal privilege.

Section 10. Transfer of License

A. No license held by a person shall be transferred to another except in accordance with the following procedure:

1. Notice of the proposed transfer shall be delivered to the Board of Selectmen at least 45 days prior to the date of the proposed transfer.

2. All applications for such transfer shall be in accordance with Section 4.A.1. & 2 of this Ordinance.

3. The application for the transfer shall contain the names and addresses of all persons involved in the transfer.

a. A change in principals shall be deemed a transfer of License.

4. The Board shall, in accordance with the terms of this Ordinance, approve or disapprove the fitness of the person as a licensee within 30 days after receipt of notice of the proposed transfer unless prevented from doing so by conditions or circumstances not under the Board's control.

5. The Board of Selectmen has received payment of three hundred and sixty five dollars (\$365.00) prior to the transfer.

B. No license may be transferred from any licensed establishment or place except when the following actions have been performed in advance of the transfer:

1. Notice of the proposed transfer shall be delivered to the Board of Selectmen at least 45 days prior to the date of the proposed transfer.

2. All applications for transference shall be in accordance with Section 4.A.3 & 4 of this Ordinance.

3. The Board shall, in accordance with the terms of this Ordinance, approve or disapprove the transference within 30 days after receipt of notice of the proposed transfer unless prevented from doing so by conditions or circumstances not under the Board's control.

4. The Board of Selectmen has received payment of three hundred and sixty five dollars (\$365.00) prior to the transfer.

- C. Any license transferred other than in accordance with the foregoing procedures, or without the approval of the Board, shall be void and such license shall at once be surrendered to the Board.

Section 11. Application for Renewal of Licenses

All applications for renewals of licenses, in accordance with Section 4 must be filed with the Board of Selectmen no later than the first day of March of any year in order to keep the renewal privilege. The Board may issue renewal licenses at any time thereafter.

Section 12. Complaints

- A. Should the entertainment activity give rise to complaints from abutters, and from any of the following departments, the Health Department, the Building Department, the Police Department, or the Fire Department and/or their designees, as to noise, litter, and overcrowding, the Board may hold a hearing to determine whether or not it should make any orders limiting the entertainment activity in time or place or otherwise restricting such entertainment activity to accommodate the needs of public peace, order and safety.
 - 1. Complaints shall be brought by written form only and shall contain:
 - a. the location of the entertainment or place concern in the complaint;
 - b. the complaint shall be in detail and contain the date of, time of and the type or cause of the complaint and or incident.
 - c. the name(s), address(es) and phone number(s) of the person(s) filing said complaint.
 - B. As a condition of the entertainment license, and at any time during the period the license is in effect, the person may be subject to additional restrictions or conditions ordered by the Board of Selectmen upon the recommendation from following departments: the Health Department, the Building Department, the Police Department, or the Fire Department and/or their designees as may be warranted by any circumstances pertaining to the entertainment activity and/or to prevent any nuisance related to or caused by the entertainment activity. A nuisance, in addition to its common law meaning, is anything that endangers life, health or safety, gives offense to senses, violates common standards of decency or obstructs the reasonable use, enjoyment, or habitation of any property.

Section 13. Nuisance, Pertaining to Licensed Activities.

It shall be the responsibility of the person to whom a license hereunder is issued to prevent any nuisance related to or caused by the entertainment activity. Such nuisance does not necessarily have to emanate from the entertainment activity as it includes any nuisance related to or caused by patrons as well as employees. The operation of any establishment or place utilizing a license hereunder shall at all times be compliant with any applicable provisions of the State Fire Code and Life Safety Code.

Section 14. Noise Standards Applied

The using, operating, or permitting of an entertainment activity within an establishment or place in such a manner as to disturb the quiet, peace, or repose and or comfort of the neighboring inhabitants or the repose of persons in any office, or in any dwelling, hotel, or other type of residence, or of any persons in the vicinity or any time with louder volume than is necessary for convenient hearing for the person or persons who are in the premises in which the entertainment activity is situated and who are voluntary listeners thereto.

- A.** The operation of an entertainment activity within an establishment or place between the hours of 12:00 PM and 1:00 AM in such a manner as to be plainly audible at a distance of 50 feet from the building in which it is located shall be prima facie evidence of a violation of this section.
- B.** Sound devices shall be controlled to keep sound emanating from the premises within normal and tolerable limits.
- C.** The intensity and volume of noise will be regulated so as to cause as little disturbance outside the building as possible. Means of regulation will include, but not be limited to, location of the bandstand and orchestra within the building, insulation or soundproofing of the building, keeping of baffles such as doors and windows closed during hours permitted and the regulation of volume control on speakers. The Chief of Police or his designee and or the Building Inspector shall act as the enforcement authority of this provision.

Section 15. Police attendance.

When it is determined by the Chief of Police or his designee to be necessary to preserve order, protect the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the Town, or to help avoid traffic-related problems, public disturbance, or public nuisance, all establishments and places licensed under this article may be required to hire an off-duty police officer or officers during those hours the Chief of Police or his designee deems appropriate. The Chief of Police or his designee may suspend this requirement as he deems appropriate, but the requirement may be reinstated at the discretion of the Chief of Police or his designee.

- A.** Payment for services of these personnel shall be borne by the licensee at current wage rates, plus 30%.

Section 16. Power of Enforcement.

The Chief of Police or his designee(s) shall have the following power

1. to enter upon any premises as licensed under this Ordinance, at reasonable times, to ascertain the manner in which the license is exercised under this Ordinance;
2. to demand the exhibition of the license for the current year or time period by a person engaged or employed in the establishment or place. If the person fails then and there to exhibit the license, the entertainment license shall be suspended or revoked and the person shall be punishable as provided for under this ordinance;
3. to revoke licenses of a temporary character at any time without notice in their discretion; and

4. to issue citations for the violation of any of the provisions of this Ordinance.

Section 17. Revocation of License

- A.** At any time after a license has been issued under this Ordinance to any person, it may be suspended, revoked and cancelled by the Board of Selectmen if the entertainment activity violates any of the public statutes or ordinances of the Town, or is conducted in a building which does not conform to the fire statutes, ordinances or regulations of the Fire Department, Building Code and/or an unreasonable amount of complaints have been filed and/or the establishment or place is used for criminal purposes.
 1. Prior to the suspension or revocation and cancellation of any license the Board shall notify the affected licensee of the pending suspension or revocation and the reason therefore. The Board shall also provide the affected licensee with a reasonable opportunity to be heard by the Board prior to the suspension or revocation.
 2. A license shall be revoked for any violation of Federal or State or Local law.
- B.** Licenses of a temporary character may be revoked and cancelled at any time by the Board of Selectmen without notice at their discretion.
- C.** Licensed Revoked.
 1. Upon the successful appeal of a license that has been revoked, the license shall be restored with new or revised conditions or restrictions on the license, and the fee for the restoration of the license shall be calculated at one dollar per day up until the annual expiration date of license.
 2. **A license that has been revoked shall not be subject to the renewal or restoration except that an application for a new license may be submitted and acted upon after the expiration of a least one year from the date of revocation.**

Section 18. Penalties

Any person or persons violating the provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a violation and subject to fine of not less than \$250 for the first offense, \$500 for the second offense and \$1,000 for the third and any subsequent offenses to be issued in the form of a summons and notice of fine as provided in RSA 502-A:19-b. Such summons shall be issued by a Police Officer or any authorized employee or official of the State of New Hampshire. Each day such violation is committed or permitted to continue shall constitute a separate offense and shall be punishable as such hereunder, and any fines collected hereunder shall inure to such uses as the Town may direct.

Section 19. Severability

If any provision, word, clause, section, paragraph, phrase or sentence of this Ordinance is found by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional, unlawful or unenforceable such unconstitutionality, unlawfulness or unenforceability shall not affect the other provisions of this Ordinance, provided that the purposes of this Ordinance can still be achieved in the absence of the invalid provisions.

Section 20. Effective

This Ordinance shall become effective when adopted by the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Hampton and shall repeal all other Ordinances or portions of Ordinances relating to the Noise Regulation of Dance Halls.

Moved by Richard Bateman, seconded by William Lally to open Article 29 for discussion.

Dick Bateman gave an overview of Article 29.

Mark McFarlin, 3 Warner Lane, asked a question regarding Article 29 and advised he will be offering an amendment regarding Section 3.

Diandra Sanphy – Expressed concerned regarding Letter H and Section 4. She questioned a gathering of a family. Would they need the approvals? Mr. Bateman felt it would be accepted because it was a private party. Mr. Lally agreed with Mr. Bateman.

Mark McFarlin offered an amendment inserting into 1st line in Section 3 after it shall be unlawful for any person “Operating an Establishment” Seconded by Nathan Page.

McFarlin amendment passed.

No further discussion. The article will be on the ballot as amended.

Yes – 1895*

No – 877

Article 29 Passed.

ARTICLE 30

Shall the Town of Hampton enact the following Ordinance for the regulations of Taxi Businesses? (Majority vote required)

ORDINANCE FOR THE REGULATION OF TAXI BUSINESSES

Authority

In accordance with the provisions of New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated Chapter 31, Section 40 authorizing the Town of Hampton to enact bylaws, the following Ordinance for the Regulations of Taxi Businesses is adopted by the Town of Hampton by the Annual Town Meeting assembled.

Purpose

It is the declared purpose of the Town of Hampton, through the adoption of this Ordinance, to protect the public health, welfare and safety of its citizens through the proper licensing of taxi businesses, personnel and the licensing and inspection of vehicles used for the transportation of said passengers, and to require the issuance of insurance or bonds for the protection of said persons riding therein.

Section 1. Definitions. The following words shall have the meanings indicated within this Ordinance:

- A. Licensed Motor Vehicle.** Shall mean any motor vehicle licensed as a taxi or taxicab by the Town of Hampton and/or holds a valid taxi license from another Municipality.
- B. Licensee.** Shall mean any person who has been issued a license under this Ordinance by the Board of Selectmen.
- C. Owner.** Shall mean the person having the ownership or leasehold of any motor vehicle used or to be used in the taxi business.
- D. Operator.** Shall mean the person driving or having control or possession of said motor vehicle while the same is being used in the taxi business.
- E. Permit.** Shall mean the permitted taxi license granted by the Board of Selectmen to the person of any motor vehicle licensed as a taxi or taxicab, which is to be used in the taxi business, to engage in the taxi business and to use that particular motor vehicle so licensed in said taxi business.
- F. Person.** Shall mean any person, individual, employee, business, firm, or corporation, partnership, association, owner or operator, and/or any other legal entity.
- G. Taxi Operator's License.** Shall mean any person licensed by the Board of Selectmen to operate a taxi or taxicab within the Town of Hampton.
- H. Taxi Business or Taxi Business License.** Shall mean any taxi or taxicab business, operation or service licensed by the Board of Selectmen to operate within the Town of Hampton.
- I. Taxi or Taxicabs.** Shall mean any rubber-tired motor vehicle, having a manufacturer's rated capacity of not more than 7 passengers, duly licensed as a taxi or taxicab to be used in the call and demand for transportation of passengers for compensation to or from points chosen or designated by the passengers and not operated on a fixed schedule and/or between fixed termini, except that this Ordinance shall not apply to the following:
 - 1.** Limousine services, which provide designated luxury or specialty vehicles by prior appointment for discrete functions;
 - 2.** Limousine services whose operator is limited to the transport or passengers by prior appointment from locations within the Town of Hampton to destinations located outside of the Town or the reverse.
 - 3.** The vehicle is rated by its manufacturer for a capacity of more than 7 passengers.
- J. Taxi Stand.** Shall mean said portion or portions of the public street or highway as may be designated by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Hampton as a place in which taxis may stand or park.

Section 2. Board of Selectmen, Powers and Duty

The Board of Selectmen shall enforce all local and state laws affecting the ownership, licensing and operation of a taxi business in the Town of Hampton. The Board of Selectmen shall diligently see that all Ordinances, rules and regulations are enforced and shall exercise the power of license and permit suspension and/or revocation when it determines that such action is warranted by majority vote after notice and opportunity to be heard has been afforded by the Board to the affected licensee.

Section 3. Taxi Inspector – Authority

There is hereby created the office of the Taxi Inspector who shall be an officer of the Hampton Police Department as assigned to the position by the Chief of Police. Said officer, in addition to his or her regular duties, shall exercise control over taxicab operations to the extent set forth in this Ordinance. The Taxi Inspector shall investigate all taxi complaints, inspect the operations and safety of all licensed motor vehicles and enforce all local Ordinances pertaining to the taxi or taxicab business.

Section 4. Taxi Inspector Procedures

If the Taxi Inspector determines that any violation of this Ordinance has occurred, the Inspector may take one (1) or more of the following enforcement actions.

- A.** Issue a Defective Equipment notice to the person of the licensed motor vehicle requiring correction of the defect within 24 hours with proof of correction provided to the Police Department to avoid automatic suspension of the taxi permit.
- B.** Remove the permit(s) from the licensed motor vehicle in violation until the violation is corrected and proof of correction is provided to the Taxi Inspector.
- C.** Suspend any permit(s) or license(s), after providing notice and an opportunity to respond to the affected licensee, with any such suspension appealable to the Board of Selectmen.
- D.** Recommend that the Board of Selectmen suspend or revoke any license.

Section 5. Licenses Required

- A.** No person shall operate a taxicab business in the Town of Hampton without first having obtained a taxi business license from the Board of Selectmen.
- B.** No person shall operate a motor vehicle used in the taxicab business in the Town of Hampton without first having obtained a taxi operator's license from the Board of Selectmen

Section 6. Taxi Operator's License Requirements

The Board of Selectmen shall issue a taxi operator's license for any person who shall satisfy the following criteria:

- A.** On the written recommendation from the Chief of Police, or his designee, confirming that the applicant passed the criminal and motor vehicle records examination, and approving the granting of the license.
- B.** Provide evidence of possession of a valid motor vehicle operator's license.

C. Provide written notification from the owner of a permitted taxi service that the potential licensee has been offered employment as a taxi operator.

D. Provide two clear photographs of the person who is applying for a license using the following guidelines:

The photographs are identical

In color

2 x 2 inches in size

Taken within the past 6 months, showing current appearance

Full face, front view with a plain white or off-white background

Between 1 inch and 1 3/8 inches from the bottom of the chin to the top of the head

Taken in normal street attire:

Uniforms should not be worn in photographs except religious attire that is worn daily

Do not wear a hat or headgear that obscures the hair or hairline

If you normally wear prescription glasses, a hearing device, wig or similar articles, they should be worn for your picture

Dark glasses or nonprescription glasses with tinted lenses are not acceptable unless you need them for medical reasons (a medical certificate may be required)

A. When a licensee changes his or her address, he or she will, within seven (7) days of such change, notify the Board of Selectmen in writing. Failure to notify the Board of Selectmen in accordance with this section cancels the taxi licensee's issued license.

B. A license shall not be authorized for any person who is shown to have any of the following disqualifications:

1. The individual has three or more convictions for moving violations, in this or any other state, in the three full years prior to the date of application.

2. The privilege of the individual to operate a motor vehicle has been revoked and/or suspended at any time, in this or in any other state, in the three full years prior to the date of the application, for any reason related to the operation of a motor vehicle.

3. The individual has been convicted of a felony, in this or any other state, in the seven full years prior to the date of the application.

4. The individual has been convicted of a felony involving a controlled substance or violence, in this or any other state, in the fifteen full years prior to the date of the application.

Section 7. Taxicab Business License Requirements

No person shall engage in the taxicab business in the Town of Hampton without first having obtained a license for the operation of the taxi business and license for each motor vehicle to be used in the taxicab business from the Board of Selectmen. The Board shall not issue a license until it has received the following:

A. Has complied with the requirements of Section 6 under this Ordinance.

- B.** Written approval from the Chief of Police, or his designee confirming that the owner/operator of the taxicab business passed the criminal and motor vehicle records examination, and approving the granting of the license.
- C.** Written notification from the Taxi Inspector and the Building Inspector, or their designees, that the motor vehicle(s) to be permitted meets all criteria contained in this Ordinance.
- D.** Each motor vehicle to be permitted shall be inspected by the Taxi Inspector before the issuance of a license and annually in the month of June each year, or more frequently if determined necessary by the Town and its officials, for compliance with the requirements in this Ordinance.
- E.** The person of the taxicab business shall produce documentation that each of the motor vehicles to be permitted have passed the New Hampshire State Motor Vehicle Safety Inspection Test.

Section 8. Terms and Fees for Permits and Licenses

- A.** All licenses granted under this Ordinance shall continue and remain in full force and effect for a period from the first day of April each year until midnight on the 31st day of March of the following year. All licenses currently issued at the adoption of this Ordinance shall expire of April 30, 2010.
- B.** The fee for a taxi business license shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.00) each year or any part thereof plus the cost of criminal and motor vehicle checks, payable in advance for application for the taxicab business license.
- C.** In addition to the fees payable pursuant to this Ordinance, the person shall reimburse the Town for any expense occasioned by the issuance of the licensing for the taxi business license.
- D.** The fee for a taxi operator's license shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per year or any part thereof plus the cost of criminal and motor vehicle checks.
- E.** The fee for restoration of any taxi operator's license that has been revoked shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).
- F.** In addition to the fees payable pursuant to this Ordinance, the person shall reimburse the Town for any expense occasioned by the issuance of the licensing for the taxi operator's license.

Section 9. License Suspension or Revocation

The Board of Selectmen shall have the authority to suspend or revoke any license issued pursuant to this Ordinance in the event that the Board finds that said person has violated any provision of this Ordinance.

- A.** Prior to the suspension or revocation of any license the Board shall notify the affected licensee of the pending suspension or revocation and the reason therefore. The Board shall also provide the affected person with a reasonable opportunity to be heard by the Board prior to the suspension or revocation.

- B.** A taxi business or a taxi operator's license shall be revoked for any violation of Federal or State law or for three convictions of violations of local traffic ordinances.
- C.** A suspension and/or revocation of a person's right to operate a motor vehicle will automatically revoke his or her taxi operator's license.
- D.** The fee for restoration of a taxi business license that has been revoked shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.00).
 - 1.** Except that when the revocation is due to failure to meet vehicle inspection requirements, no fee shall be due if the vehicle is repaired to the satisfaction of the Taxi Inspector within a reasonable period of time following the revocation not exceeding seven (7) days after revocation.

Section 10. Application for Renewal of Licenses

All applications for renewals of licenses must be filed with the Board of Selectmen no later than the first day of March of any year in order to keep the renewal privilege. The Board may issue renewal licenses at any time thereafter.

Section 11 Transfer of License

- A.** No license may not be transferred from one licensed motor vehicle to any other unlicensed vehicle except when the following actions have been performed in advance of the transfer:
 - 1.** Notice of the proposed transfer shall be delivered to the Board of Selectmen at least 21 days prior to the date of the proposed transfer.
 - 2.** The Board of Selectmen has been presented with the identification and certificate of insurance related to the transferee motor vehicle.
 - 3.** The Board of Selectmen has been provided with written notification from the Taxi Inspector and the Building Inspector, or their designees, that the transferee motor vehicle meets all criteria contained in this Ordinance.
 - 4.** The Board of Selectmen has received payment of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per vehicle transfer fee.
 - 5.** In addition to the fees payable pursuant to this Ordinance, the person shall reimburse the Town for any expense occasioned by the transference of license.
- B.** No license held by a person, shall be transferred to another except in accordance with the following procedure:
 - 1.** Notice of the proposed transfer shall be delivered to the Board of Selectmen at least 21 days prior to the date of the proposed transfer.
 - 2.** The application for transfer shall contain the name(s) and address(es) of the proposed transferee(s). In the case of a transfer to any person, individual, business, firm, or corporation, partnership, association, owner or operator, and/or any other legal entity, the names and addresses of all the principals of said shall be given. A change in such principals shall be deemed a transfer of permits.

3. The Board shall, in accordance with the terms of this Ordinance, approve or disapprove the fitness of proposed person as a license holder within 21 days after receipt of notice of the proposed transfer unless prevented from doing so by conditions or circumstances not under the Board's control.

4. The Board of Selectmen has received payment of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per license transfer fee.

5. In addition to the fees payable pursuant to this Ordinance, the person shall reimburse the Town for any expense occasioned by the transference of license.

C. Any license transferred other than in accordance with the foregoing procedures, or without the approval of the Board, shall be void and such license shall at once be surrendered to the Board.

Section 12. Expiration of Permit

No person holding a license to operate a taxi or taxicab hereunder, which said taxi or taxicab is not in actual operation as such for a period of 30 consecutive days, shall not continue to hold the license for such taxi or taxicab and shall deliver up the same to the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Hampton and such license shall forthwith terminate and expire.

Section 13. Insurance

No license shall be issued to any taxi business until the person shall have filed with the Board of Selectmen satisfactory proof of personal injury and property damage liability insurance coverage for each licensed taxi or taxicab for the full period of the permit.

A. The personal injury coverage shall not be less than one million dollars (1,000,000) per person per accident with a total coverage of not less than two million dollars (2,000,000) per accident. The property damage coverage shall be not less than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) per accident.

B. If required insurance terminates, expires or is suspended, the license shall immediately terminate and expire and must immediately be returned to the Board of Selectmen. All required insurance policies shall contain a provision, which will provide for the automatic notification by the insurer to the Town of the cancellation or expiration of the policy. Said notice shall be mailed to the Board of Selectmen.

Section 14. Posting of Rates

Each taxi or taxicab shall keep its actual rates posted in a conspicuous place in the exterior of the vehicle.

Section 15. Vehicle Markings

A. Each taxi or taxicab may be equipped with a roof light with the firm name or the word "Taxi" inscribed thereon and operating during evening hours when the taxi is on duty.

B. Other Markings. Each taxi or taxicab shall have the licensed businesses' name and phone number permanently affixed/displayed on the sides there of, in letters not less than three (3) inches in height.

C. Other Markings Prohibited. All markings unrelated to the licensed business are prohibited on the licensed motor vehicle.

Section 16. Reciprocity with Other Municipalities

Taxis or taxicabs which are duly licensed in other municipalities may deliver passengers from outside the Town to destinations within the Town or pickup passengers by prior arrangement in the Town for delivery to destinations outside the Town.

Section 17. Taxicab Stands

The Board of Selectmen may designate taxicab stands within the community under such terms and conditions as it may determine. Such stands and their parking requirements shall be stated in the Town of Hampton's Traffic Regulations.

Section 18. Business and Operator's License to be Displayed

The taxi business shall post a copy of the taxicab business license in all licensed taxi or taxicabs in a conspicuous place therein; where the same may be seen by any passenger riding in the taxi or taxicab.

The operator of any taxi or taxicab shall keep his/her taxi operator's license, which shall contain a clear photograph of the operator, in a conspicuous place therein; where the same may be seen by any passenger riding in the taxi or taxicab.

Section 19. Taxi Condition

All licensed motor vehicles shall be maintained in a safe, clean and sanitary condition at all times.

Section 20. General Provisions

- A.** All licenses and permits remain the property of the Town of Hampton to be returned to the Town in the event of revocation or suspension.
- B.** When requested by a passenger, the operator of the taxi or taxicab shall give a written receipt for the fare paid to the said passenger.
- C.** Multiple fares are prohibited without the consent of each passenger.
- D.** No operator or occupant of any taxi or taxicab shall be permitted to utilize smoking materials of any kind within the licensed motor vehicle at any time. The owner of each taxi or taxicab shall post a notice in each taxicab, plainly visible to all occupants of the taxi or taxicab, reading, "No Smoking".

Section 21. Internal Postings Provision

- A.** All postings shall be placed in a conspicuous place therein; where the same may be seen by any passenger riding within the motor vehicle, and shall remain permanently within the licensed motor vehicle.
- B.** Fonts used in postings shall be no smaller than 24 pt.
- C.** All licenses and permits shall be posted.

- D. Posting of the “Fares” – Actual Rates and the date of effectiveness.
- E. Posting of “Operator to give requested written receipt for the fare paid to the said passenger”.
- F. Posting of “Multiple fares are prohibited without the consent of each passenger”.
- G. Posting of “No Smoking”

Section 22. Violation

- A. Any person violating the provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a violation and subject to fine of not less than \$250 for the first offense, \$500 for the second offense and \$1,000 for the third and any subsequent offenses to be issued in the form of a summons and notice of fine as provided in RSA 502-A:19-b.
- B. Such summons shall be issued by a Police Officer or authorized employee or official of the State of New Hampshire.
- C. Each day such violation is committed or permitted to continue shall constitute a separate offense and shall be punishable as such hereunder, and any fines collected hereunder shall inure to such uses as the Town may direct.

Section 23. Severability

If any provision, word, clause, section, paragraph, phrase or sentence of this Ordinance is found by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional, unlawful or unenforceable such unconstitutionality, unlawfulness or unenforceability shall not affect the other provisions of this Ordinance, provided that the purposes of this Ordinance can still be achieved in the absence of the invalid provisions.

Section 24. Effective

This Ordinance shall become effective when adopted by the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Hampton and shall repeal all other Ordinances or portions of Ordinances relating to taxis or taxicabs.

Moved by Richard Bateman, seconded by William Lally to open Article 30 for discussion.

Richard Bateman gave an overview of Article 30.

Gerry Znoj motion to amend the word Ordinance to be spelled correctly. Add the “e” to the end of Ordinance. Seconded by William Lally. Motion passed.

No further discussion and article will be on the ballot as amended.

Yes – 2217*

No – 549

Article 30 Passed.

ARTICLE 31

Shall the Town of Hampton vote to adopt the following Littering Ordinance? (Majority vote required)

LITTERING ORDINANCE

Authority

In accordance with the provisions of New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated, Chapter 31, Section 39, I, (a); Chapter 47, Section 17, VII as adopted by the Board of Selectmen pertaining to litter; Chapter 163-B authorizing the Town of Hampton to enact bylaws, the following Ordinance for the regulation of Littering is adopted by the Town of Hampton by the Annual Town Meeting assembled.

Purpose

It is the declared purpose of the Town of Hampton, through the adoption of this Ordinance, to protect human health, preserve the natural environment, conserve precious and dwindling national resources and to curb the desecration of the beauty of the Town of Hampton and the State of New Hampshire and to protect from harm the health, welfare and safety of its citizens from those who would litter.

Section 1. Definition of Litter. As used in this Ordinance, unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the word "litter" means all rubbish, refuse, garbage, trash, debris, dead animals or other discarded materials of any kind or description left, deposited or discarded on public or private property.

Section 2. Unlawful Activities. It shall be unlawful for any person to dump, deposit, throw or leave, or to cause or permit the dumping, placing, throwing or leaving of litter on any public or private property within the Town of Hampton, or in or on ice or on any waters located within the Town of Hampton or the State of New Hampshire, unless

1. Such property is designated by the State or any of its agencies or the Town of Hampton for the disposal of such litter, and such person is authorized by the proper public authority to use such property for the lawful disposal of litter as defined in this Ordinance.
2. Such litter is properly placed into a receptacle or container marked for the receipt of litter, as defined in this Ordinance, or designated for recyclable materials.

Section 3. Other Activities.

1. Businesses, hawkers, vendors and peddlers who sell products or wares of any kind, including food, that is dispensed in such a manner to be carry-out or carry-away from such businesses, hawkers, vendors or peddlers shall provide proper receptacles for the disposal of paper and other wastes generated by such sales. Such receptacles shall be emptied on a regular basis to prevent overflow and the creation of litter that shall be in violation of this Ordinance.
2. The disposal of smoking materials of any kind, unless deposited in a designated receptacle for that purpose, shall constitute littering under this Ordinance.

3. The owner or custodian of dogs or other animals who allow or permit their animal(s) to defecate on public or private property, other than their own property, shall be in violation of this Ordinance unless such defecation is removed by the owner or custodian at the time of defecation.
4. No person or persons shall deposit or leave household or business trash, garbage or other solid waste at a street litter receptacle. Such actions shall be a violation of this Ordinance.

Section 4. Penalties.

1. Any person or persons violating the provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a violation and subject to fine of not less than \$100 for the first offense, \$500 for the second offense and \$1,000 for the third and subsequent offenses to be issued in the form of a summons and notice of fine as provided in RSA 502-A:19-b. Such summons shall be issued by a Police Officer or authorized employee or official of the State of New Hampshire. The Court may also order in its discretion that the person or persons found guilty under this Ordinance of littering, in addition to such fine, to pickup and remove from any public street or highway or public right-of-way, or public beach or public park, or with prior permission of the legal owner or tenant in lawful possession of such property, any private property upon which it has been established by competent evidence that he has deposited litter, any and all litter deposited thereon by anyone prior to the date of execution of sentence in accordance with the provisions of RSA 163-B:4. Fines imposed shall be inured to the use of the Town and shall be deposited in the General Fund of the Town of Hampton.
2. In accordance with the provisions of RSA 163-B:4, II the Court is hereby directed to publish the names of persons convicted of violating the provisions of this Ordinance and RSA 163-B:3.

Section 5. Prima Facie Evidence. In accordance with the provisions of RSA 163-B:5, evidence that litter is thrown, deposited or dumped from any motor vehicle, boat, airplane or other conveyance in violation of RSA 163-B:3, shall be prima facie evidence that the operator of said conveyance shall have violated said statute and the license to operate such a conveyance issued to any person convicted hereunder may be suspended for a period not to exceed 7 days together with, or in lieu of the penalties provided in Section 4 of this Ordinance.

Section 6. Enforcement. All law enforcement agencies and officers and officials of said agencies of this State and the Town of Hampton are hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to enforce compliance with this Ordinance in accordance with the provisions of RSA 163-B.

Section 7. Severability. If any provision, word, clause, section, paragraph, phrase or sentence of this Ordinance is found by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional, unlawful or unenforceable such unconstitutionality, unlawfulness or unenforceability shall not affect the other provisions of this Ordinance, provided that the purposes of this Ordinance can still be achieved in the absence of the invalid provisions.

Section 8. Effective. This Ordinance shall become effective when adopted by the Annual Town Meeting and shall repeal all other Ordinances or portions of Ordinances that may be in conflict with the provisions herein enacted.

Moved by Richard Bateman, seconded by William Lally to open Article 31 for discussion.

Richard Bateman gave an overview of Article 31 and advised it is a housekeeping article.

Fred Rice asked what happened to the warrant article that called for the placement of recycling containers for gatherings of more than 25 people? Fred Welch advised anyone who has approached the town advising of a gathering of that size has been referred to waste management to obtain containers.

No further discussion. Article 31 will be on the ballot as written.

William Lally made a motion to waive the reading of Article 32. Seconded by Richard Nichols. Motion passed.

Yes – 2392*

No – 357

Article 31 Passed.

ARTICLE 32

Shall the Town of Hampton vote to amend the “Beaches and Parks of Hampton” Ordinance as follows:

- by deleting from Chapter 2, Article 5, Section 2:502 (e) by deleting the words in the first line “on town beaches, in the water, or” so that the reference to dogs on Town Beaches is removed from this section and then will only be governed by the Code of Ordinances relating to dogs under Chapter 1, Article 1, Section 1:111 (Regulation of Animals - Public Beaches), so that the Chapter 2, Article 5, Section 2:502 (e) shall read as follows:

“Dogs are not permitted on town parks with the exception that properly leashed dogs may be permitted on town parks as long as they are properly controlled, and do not constitute a nuisance. Provided further, however, no dogs, reptiles or exotic animals are permitted at or within one hundred feet (100’) of activities in which an excess of five hundred (500) persons are expected, or, in fact are, in attendance. Service animals as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 are exempt from this Ordinance. Attendance of such animals, at such activities where a large number of people are expected to congregate shall constitute a public nuisance. Proof of the number of persons expected or attending shall be based upon reports from either the Fire Department or the Police Department.”

Note: This section 2:502 (e) and Chapter 1, Article 1, Section 1:111 are currently in conflict with each other. The above amendment will permit dogs on Town beaches during specific periods of the year by allowing them at any time between Labor Day and Memorial Day, and from 6 PM to 8 AM during the remainder of the year, subject to immediate removal of any defecation, as per Chapter 1, Article 1, Section 1:111.

and

- by amending Chapter 2, Article 5, Section 2:502 (Beaches and Parks of Hampton - Rules and Regulations) by adding to subsection (f) the words “in parks” after the word “trash”, and by adding to the end of the subsection the words “All Town beaches in the Town of Hampton shall be designated as carry-in, carry-out requiring persons using the beaches to take all trash with them for proper disposal upon leaving the beach” so that said Chapter 2, Article 5, Section 2:502 (f) reads as follows:

“All waste and trash in parks must be placed in containers provided or removed with owner. All Town beaches in the Town of Hampton shall be designated as carry-in, carry-out requiring persons using the beaches to take all trash with them for proper disposal upon leaving the beach.”? (Majority vote required)

Moved by Richard Nichols, seconded by Rick Griffin to open Article 32 for discussion.

Richard Nichols gave an overview of Article 32.

No further discussion. The article will be on the ballot as written.

Yes – 2342*

No – 477

Article 32 Passed.

ARTICLE 33

As Petitioned

On petition of Gary J. Pole and of at least 25 additional registered voters...

We, the following, petition the town of Hampton to accept Lyons Street, Francis Street, and Williams Street as public roads and such roads to be accepted “as is” and without of any damage by the town.

These paved streets have sewer, water and have always been maintained by the town.

By accepting these streets, it will not affect the tax rate as these streets have always been maintained by the town. (Majority vote required)

Moved by Kathleen Jackson, 45 Exeter Rd, seconded by Richard Nichols, to open Article 33 for discussion.

William Lally offered an amendment to place the word “payment” after the word “without” in line 3 of the article and to strike the last paragraph of the article. Seconded by Richard Nichols . Lally Amendment passed.

John Price advised he has prepared a list of problems with the streets.

Arthur Moody advised that these roads need to go before the Planning Board before they can become Class 5 roads.

No further discussion. The article will be on the ballot as amended.

Yes - 1254

No – 1549*

Article 33 Failed.

ARTICLE 34

Disability Exemption

(As Petitioned) On petition of William E. Armstrong and of twenty-five or more other legal voters of the Town of Hampton to see if the Town will vote to modify the disability exemptions from property tax in the Town of Hampton for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$38,000 [from \$21,000], or, if married, have a combined net income of not more than \$58,000 [from \$30,000] and own net assets not in excess of \$250,000, excluding the value of the taxpayer’s residence, whether single [from \$50,000] or married [from \$75,000]. The total Exemption shall be \$125,000 [from \$41,000]. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person’s spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. (Majority vote required)

Moved by Victor DeMarco, seconded by Richard Nichols to open Article 34 for discussion.

Richard Nichols gave a history on Article 34 and asked if there is anything in this language that we might want to amend to be sure it is legal?

No further discussion. The article will be on the ballot as written.

Yes – 2199*

No – 577

Article 34 Passed.

ARTICLE 35

(As Petitioned) On petition of June M. White and of 25 or more registered voters: the town of Hampton shall vote to sell 152 square feet of the property on the south side of Boston Ave. abutting home owners property located at 8 River Ave. to homeowner

There is a strip of land, six to nine feet wide between homeowner's property line and Boston Ave.

Home owner is looking to purchase 4 feet of this strip, running 38 ft, which is the length of the lot at 8 River Ave.

The town will receive money for this strip of land and home owner will pay extra taxes every year. Home owner will maintain this area, which is currently not maintained by the town.

The land would be of no value to anyone else. (Majority vote required)

Moved by Andrew Guthrie, seconded by Mary-Louise Woolsey, to open Article 35 for discussion.

William Lally asked June White if any part of the land is involved in a suit in court. Ms. White advised it is. William Lally advised he is uncomfortable speaking on this article as the land involved is involved in a current lawsuit.

June White offered an amendment to add at the end of the first paragraph, "in return for the value of the property to be determined by the current value of abutting land and with no damages to be paid by the town. At the end insert "and at no expense to the town." Seconded by Guthrie. Ms. White showed a map of the property.

Mr. Guthrie spoke in favor of the White amendment.

Lenny Paul, 23 Whitten Ave, spoke in favor of Article 35.

Mike Scanlon spoke in favor of Article 35.

David Goethel asked the petitioner if there is a sidewalk there now? Is there a minimum width for sidewalks? Mrs. White advised there is no sidewalk there now. Fred Welch advised there is no right of way for a sidewalk.

Richard Nichols asked who determines the sale price? Mr. Nichols believes the amendment is making progress.

Mark Gearreald gave an overview of a footing certification indicating there was disturbance of town pavement without any permits. Cars were being parked on town highway, and town property is not subject to adverse possession. You can't sell highway property unless it is discontinued.

Vote on White amendment. Motion counted by personnel and 21 Yes, 22 No, White amendment Failed.

Andrew Guthrie made a motion to amend to read after “to homeowner” insert “in return for the sum of \$1000 and with no damages to be paid by the town. At the end insert “and at no expense to the town.” Seconded by Mr. Gephardt. Vote to be counted by personnel. Yes 25 No 26. Guthrie amendment failed.

Richard Nichols made a motion to amend after “to homeowner” insert “for an amount to be determined by the assessor.” Seconded by Richard Bateman

Fred Rice spoke in favor of the amendment.

Vote on Richard Nichols amendment. Amendment passed.

Andrew Guthrie made a motion to amend after “as petitioned” insert “vote to discontinue part of the land area that has been laid out as a highway totaling 152 square feet and to quitclaim any interest that the Town may have to the abutting property”

Jim Workman advised dissolving the land is unrelated.

Guthrie amendment passed.

No further discussion. The article will be on the ballot as amended.

Yes - 1253

No – 1538*

Article 35 Failed.

ARTICLE 36

(As Petitioned) On petition of June M. White and of 25 or more registered voters: the town of Hampton shall vote to return to using outside counsel on an as needed basis and eliminate the in house legal department.

The cost of the legal department and the number of lawsuits has increase greatly since we went to in house counsel 7 years ago. In the past year there have been approximately 48 lawsuits. For a town of approximately 15, 000 people this is excessive.

In 2007 the legal dept. budget was, \$268,000, in2008, \$309,572 and to the end of Nov. 2009 the budget is \$458,081, \$119,000 being judgments against the town.

With outside counsel we will get rid of many of the petty law suits generated by the legal department and save the tax payers money. (Majority vote required)

Moved by Andrew Guthrie, seconded by Mr. Gephardt to open Article 36 for discussion.

June White spoke in favor of Article 36.

Donna Bennett, Rick Griffin, and Richard Nichols spoke against Article 36.

Gerald Znoj spoke against Article 36 and offered an amendment to strike all of Article 36 after the first sentence and to insert “this article is advisory only. The cost of running the entire in-house legal department is about \$95 per hour whereas using outside counsel cost \$210 per hour on average and more specialty labor and environmental counsel. The budget for the in-house legal department component of the legal line has been fairly flat for the last four years, about \$130,000 per year whereas the town’s overall legal expenses have experienced an increase since 2005 due to the need for more hours of specialized outside labor and environmental counsel. (Majority vote required) Seconded by William Lally .

Ben Moore spoke against the Znoj amendment.

Vote taken on Znoj Amendment Yes 26 No 27. Znoj Amendment Failed.

Ellen Goethel, 23 Ridgeview Terrace – spoke against Article 36. Motion to amend to strike from “the cost of the legal department through the end. Seconded by Jim Workman.

Mike Scanlon spoke against the amendment.

Vote on Goethel amendment. Motion passed.

Mary-Louise Woolsey made a motion to restrict reconsideration of Article 36. Seconded by Sandy Buck. Motion passed.

No further discussion and article will be on the ballot as amended

Yes - 1068
No – 1738*
Article 36 Failed.

ARTICLE 37

(As Petitioned) On petition of John Sangenario and 25 or more registered voters

Petition to the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Hampton, New Hampshire

We the undersigned registered voters of Hampton, New Hampshire, hereby petition the Board of Selectmen to include as a Warrant Article at the 2010 Annual Town Meeting the following:

Article: To see if the Town will vote to approve the following resolution to be forwarded to our State Representative(s), our State Senator, the Speaker of the House, and the Senate President.

Resolved: The citizens of New Hampshire should be allowed to vote on an amendment to the New Hampshire Constitution that defines "marriage". (Majority vote required)

Moved by John Sangenario, seconded by Jim Workman to open Article 37 for discussion.

John Sangenario spoke in favor of Article 37 and gave an overview.

No further discussion. The article will be on the ballot as written.

Yes – 1637*

No – 1108

Article 37 Passed.

ARTICLE 38

PETITION TO DISCONTINUE THE BOARD OF CEMETERY TRUSTEES

(As Petitioned) On the petition of Martha C. Williams and at least 25 registered voters, shall the Town of Hampton discontinue the board of cemetery trustees by delegating their duties and responsibilities to the Town Manger, as specified in RSA 289? (Majority vote required)

Moved by Vic Lessard, seconded by Martha Williams to open Article 38 for discussion.

Martha Williams, 175 North Shore Rd, gave an overview of the background behind the petition for Article 38.

Shannon O'Brien, 417 Ocean Blvd, spoke against Article 38.

Vic Lessard, 100 Timber Swamp Rd, spoke against Article 38.

Jack Lessard, 24 Locke Rd, spoke against Article 38.

Gerry Znoj advised the budget for the Cemetery is \$104,245.

Ben Moore spoke in favor of Article 38.

Rusty Bridle, 225 Towle Farm Road, spoke against Article 38 and advised he believes the Cemetery Trustees and the Historical Society need to have better communication.

Matt Shaw spoke against Article 38 and offered an amendment at the end to state “passage of this article will result in an increase in the tax rate,” Seconded by Peter Trainor.

Arthur Moody made a point of order that under SB2 RSA 40:13 articles prescribed by law cannot be amended at this session. Mark Gearreald advised it may be illegal.

Matt Shaw asked for an explanation – The Moderator advised adding the amended language could risk the article becoming illegal.

Ben Moore spoke against the Shaw amendment.

Matt Shaw withdrew his amendment, Mr. Trainor withdrew his second.

Matt Shaw made a motion to strike all the language, Seconded by Peter Trainor .

Dan Kenney asked the Town Manager if the passing of this article will increase expenses, to which the Town Manager stated it would.

Mike Pierce, Mary-Louise Woolsey, Ben Moore, Fred Rice, and Diandra Sanphy all spoke against the Shaw amendment.

Shannon O’Brien stated the voters deserve to know that this will cost more money.

Art Gopalan spoke against the Shaw amendment.

Shaw amendment failed.

No further discussion. Article 38 will be on the ballot as written.

Yes - 1099

No – 1637*

Article 38 Failed.

ARTICLE 39

(As Petitioned) On petition of Mary-Louise Woolsey, and more than 25 other registered voters:

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Solid Waste Ordinance of 2008, which replaced “all other Ordinances or portions of Ordinances that may be in conflict with the provisions herein enacted” – by causing to be removed from this ordinance any reference, in any and all sections, to the authority currently granted to the Town to process, collect and/or dispose of commercial waste; and to direct that additional language be inserted in the current ordinance prohibit

public processing, collection and/or disposal of all commercial, industrial and condominium waste. (Majority vote required)

Moved by Mary-Louise Woolsey , seconded by Mike Plouffe to open Article 39 for discussion.

Mary-Louise Woolsey spoke in favor of Article 39.

William Lally and Rick Griffin spoke against Article 39.

Richard Nichols asked a question for the petitioner, should the article pass, how would she suggest we go about defining commercial? Mary-Louise Woolsey advised commercial is commerce, commerce is business, and business is business, big business, small business. Be fair to the public and let it go to the vote.

Russell Merrill, 24 Academy Ave, spoke in opposition of Article 39.

Nathan Page, 200 Drakeside Rd, spoke in opposition of Article 39. Advised the article is too broad.

Richard Paquin, 11 F St, spoke in opposition of Article 39.

Richard Reniere echoed William Lally's comments on what is commercial. He advised that is too vague for him to comprehend. He spoke in opposition of Article 39.

Fred Rice spoke in opposition of Article 39.

John Nyhan spoke in opposition of Article 39 on behalf of the Hampton Beach Area Commission per their vote at last Thursday's meeting.

Jake Fleming spoke in opposition of Article 39.

Jim Workman offered an amendment to strike "and condominium" Seconded by Mary-Louise Woolsey.

Vote taken on Workman amendment. Amendment passed.

Bob Preston, Tom McGuirk, and Mike Scanlon spoke in opposition of Article 39.

William Lally made a motion to amend by deleting from the current article the period at the end and adding the following words: “except that the Board of Selectmen may accept commercial wastes brought to the Transfer Station and accept, process and dispose of such waste by the Town. Receipt of such materials must conform to mandatory recycling regulations. Seconded by Nathan Page.

William Lally spoke in favor of the amendment.

Lally amendment passed.

William Lally asked for an additional amendment to add “collect” before accept. And strike out from and to direct....”through commercial and industrial waste”

Vote taken on second Lally amendment. Yes 16 No 15. Amendment passed.

No further discussion and Article 39 will be on the ballot as amended.

William Lally made a motion to restrict reconsideration of Article #39, seconded by Gerald Znoj, motion passed.

Mrs. Stiles stood in for The Moderator.

Yes – 1334*

No – 1133

Article 39 Passed.

ARTICLE 40

(As Petitioned) On petition of Sara Casassa and of twenty-five or more registered voters of the Town of Hampton, to see if the Town will waive deed restriction #4 relating to erecting a building within seven feet of a boundary line for the limited purpose of allowing the owner of a one story seasonal cottage at 7 James Street (Map 152, Lot 5) to remove an old porch roof which is failing and replace with a properly pitched code compliant porch roof. The porch will remain in the current footprint. The new porch roof will be within the Town’s height limit and just five feet higher at its peak than the existing porch roof. Further to authorize and direct the Selectmen to execute, deliver and record notice of this vote at the Rockingham County Registry of Deeds at no cost to the Town. (Majority vote required)

Moved by Jack Scaldi, seconded by Diandra Sanphy to open Article 40 for discussion.

Vote from the floor for property owner (non-resident) to speak to the article.

Bob Perreault gave an overview of Article 40.

No further discussion. The article will be on the ballot as written.

The Moderator returned.

Yes – 2266*

No – 457

Article 40 Passed.

ARTICLE 41

(As Petitioned) On petition of Sue Erwin and at least 25 registered voters shall the town of Hampton vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be used for the repair and restoration of historic cemetery markers and monuments within the Pine Grove and Ring Swamp Cemeteries? (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Fiscal Impact Note (Finance Dept.): The estimated 2010 tax rate impact is \$0.002 per \$1,000 valuation (two tenths of one cent per thousand dollars of valuation).

Moved by Fred Rice , seconded by Dennis Kilroy to open Article 41 for discussion.

Fred Rice gave an overview of Article 41.

Arthur Moody spoke to Article 41 and advised that the town never named the cemetery Pine Grove Cemetery.

Jim Workman spoke in favor of Article 41.

No further discussion. The article will be on the ballot as written.

Yes – 2228*

No - 535

Article 41 Passed.

Moved by Arthur Moody , seconded by Michael Pierce to adjourn. Motion passed.

Deliberative Session was adjourned at 8:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted this 15th day of March, 2010.

Jane M. Cypher
Hampton Town Clerk