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March 15, 2021

7:00 PM Board of Selectmen - Hybrid Meeting by teleconference

As Chairman of the Hampton Board of Selectmen, I have determined that due to the State of Emergency declared by the Governor as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with the Governor's Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, that to properly ensure the safety of the public and that of several of the Board members who are within the CDC guidelines needing to take special precautions, this public body is authorized to meet electronically.

Please note there is no physical location to observe and listen contemporaneously to this meeting, which was authorized pursuant to the Governor's Emergency Order. However, in accordance with the Emergency Order, I am confirming we are:

We are utilizing a teleconference service for this electronic Meeting. All members of the Board have the ability to communicate contemporaneously during this meeting through this platform, and the public may join this electronic meeting by calling **1-857-444-0744** and use the code **156034**. If anybody has a problem, please call **603-929-5805**.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

I. Roll Call

Chairman Waddell asked each member state their presence and location.

Sel. Rage, present, Selectmen's Meeting Room

Sel. Bridle, present, Selectmen's Meeting Room

Sel. Sawyer, present, Selectmen's Meeting Room

Sel. Barnes, present, Selectmen's Meeting Room

Chairman Waddell, present, Selectmen's Meeting Room

Town Manager Jamie Sullivan, present Selectmen's Meeting Room

II. Public Comment [Time limitation of three (3) minutes per caller]

Charlie Preston, Glade Path, congratulated Sel. Waddell and Sel. Sawyer, and thanked Mary Louise Woolsey for trying to address the state parks. He discussed the parks and the town, and encouraged them to work as a partnership. He discussed meetings, possible holding one in town to receive more local input. He asked about state park license plates and if the parks have input with the solid waste committee. He discussed feedback and constructive criticism. He noted the public hearing for input on resident parking. He listed many items the state and town should consider. He discussed possibilities are endless for residents and guests if we all work together.

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Amanda Cooper, Library Director, noted she is on the consent agenda and available on the phone for questions.

III. Oath of Office – Swearing in of Elected Officials

1. Town of Hampton Elected Officials

Hampton Town Clerk Shirley Doheny swore in the following individuals as Elected Officials of the Town of Hampton.

With the statutory oath, James Waddell and Richard Sawyer were sworn in as Selectman of the Town of Hampton.

The swearing in of the other newly elected officials will be sworn in individually by the Town Clerk in person in the Town Offices.

IV. Reorganization of the Board of Selectmen

1. Election of Chairman & Vice-chairman

Chairman

MOTIONED by Selectman Rage to nominate Selectman Bridle as the Chairman
SECONDED by Selectman Sawyer.

Roll call vote: Sel. Rage: yes, Sel. Bridle: abstain, Sel. Sawyer: yes, Sel. Barnes: yes, Sel. Waddell: yes. VOTE: 4-0-1

Vice-chairman

MOTIONED by Selectman Waddell to nominate Selectman Rage as the Vice-chairman
SECONDED by Chairman Bridle.

Roll call vote: Sel. Rage: yes, Sel. Bridle: yes, Sel. Sawyer: yes, Sel. Barnes: yes, Sel. Waddell: yes. VOTE: 5-0-0

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

Selectmen's Representative

MOTIONED by Selectman Waddell to nominate Selectman Sawyer as the Selectmen's Representative
SECONDED by Selectman Rage.

Roll call vote: Sel. Rage: yes, Sel. Bridle: yes, Sel. Sawyer: yes, Sel. Barnes: yes, Sel. Waddell: yes. VOTE: 5-0-0

Alternate Representative

MOTIONED by Chairman Bridle to nominate Selectman Waddell as the Selectmen's Alternate Representative
SECONDED by Selectman Sawyer.

Roll call vote: Sel. Rage: yes, Sel. Bridle: yes, Sel. Sawyer: yes, Sel. Barnes: yes, Sel. Waddell: yes. VOTE: 5-0-0

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

Selectmen's Representative

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MOTIONED by Selectman Sawyer to nominate Selectman Waddell as the Selectmen's Representative SECONDED by Chairman Bridle.

Roll call vote: Sel. Rage: yes, Sel. Bridle: yes, Sel. Sawyer: yes, Sel. Barnes: yes, Sel. Waddell: yes. VOTE: 5-0-0

Alternate Representative

MOTIONED by Chairman Waddell to nominate Selectman Sawyer as the Selectmen's Alternate Representative SECONDED by Selectman Waddell.

Roll call vote: Sel. Rage: yes, Sel. Bridle: yes, Sel. Sawyer: yes, Sel. Barnes: yes, Sel. Waddell: yes. VOTE: 5-0-0

4. Appointment of Member and Alternate Member to the Cable TV Advisory Board

Selectmen's Representative

MOTIONED by Chairman Bridle to nominate Selectman Waddell as the Selectmen's Representative SECONDED by Selectman Rage.

Roll call vote: Sel. Rage: yes, Sel. Bridle: yes, Sel. Sawyer: yes, Sel. Barnes: yes, Sel. Waddell: yes. VOTE: 5-0-0

Alternate Representative

MOTIONED by Selectman Sawyer to nominate Selectman Barnes as the Selectmen's Alternate Representative SECONDED by Selectman Rage.

Roll call vote: Sel. Rage: yes, Sel. Bridle: yes, Sel. Sawyer: yes, Sel. Barnes: yes, Sel. Waddell: yes. VOTE: 5-0-0

5. Appointment of Member and Alternate Member to the Hampton Beach Village District

Selectmen's Representative

MOTIONED by Chairman Bridle to nominate Selectman Sawyer as the Selectmen's Representative SECONDED by Selectman Waddell.

Roll call vote: Sel. Rage: yes, Sel. Bridle: yes, Sel. Sawyer: yes, Sel. Barnes: yes, Sel. Waddell: yes. VOTE: 5-0-0

Alternate Representative

MOTIONED by Selectman Sawyer to nominate Selectman Barnes as the Selectmen's Alternate Representative SECONDED by Selectman Rage.

Roll call vote: Sel. Rage: yes, Sel. Bridle: yes, Sel. Sawyer: yes, Sel. Barnes: yes, Sel. Waddell: yes. VOTE: 5-0-0

6. Appointment of Member and Alternate Member to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Council

Selectmen's Representative

MOTIONED by Chairman Bridle to nominate Selectman Waddell as the Selectmen's Representative SECONDED by Selectman Sawyer.

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Roll call vote: Sel. Rage: yes, Sel. Bridle: yes, Sel. Sawyer: yes, Sel. Barnes: yes, Sel. Waddell: yes. VOTE: 5-0-0

Alternate Representative

Sel. Barnes noted she has not been nominated for a committee.

MOTIONED by Selectman Sawyer to nominate Selectman Barnes as the Selectmen's Alternate Representative SECONDED by Selectman Rage.

Roll call vote: Sel. Rage: yes, Sel. Bridle: yes, Sel. Sawyer: yes, Sel. Barnes: yes, Sel. Waddell: yes. VOTE: 5-0-0

7. Appointment of Member and Alternate Member to the Heritage Committee.

Selectmen's Representative

MOTIONED by Selectman Sawyer to nominate Selectman Barnes as the Selectmen's Representative SECONDED by Selectman Rage.

Roll call vote: Sel. Rage: yes, Sel. Bridle: yes, Sel. Sawyer: yes, Sel. Barnes: yes, Sel. Waddell: yes. VOTE: 5-0-0

Alternate Representative

MOTIONED by Chairman Bridle to nominate Selectman Rage as the Selectmen's Alternate Representative SECONDED by Selectman Sawyer.

Roll call vote: Sel. Rage: yes, Sel. Bridle: yes, Sel. Sawyer: yes, Sel. Barnes: yes, Sel. Waddell: yes. VOTE: 5-0-0

V. Announcements and Community Calendar

Sel. Waddell noted a good election, the town clerk's office did a super job and the moderator.

Sel. Rage dittoed and asked if there will be an egg hunt and TM Sullivan noted he will get an answer on that.

Sel. Sawyer announced the passing of longtime resident Patrick Gillick.

Sel. Barnes noted she was glad the contracts passed and disappointed in the roads. She discussed an idea regarding the roads she would like the board to put on the agenda.

Chairman Bridle noted good election and disappointment in the roads not passing and we will move forward. He thanked Mary Louise for her years on the board.

VI. Approval of Minutes

1. March 1, 2021

Selectman Waddell MOTIONED to APPROVE the Minutes of March 1, 2021, SECONDED by Selectman Rage.

Roll call vote: Sel. Rage: yes, Sel. Bridle: yes, Sel. Sawyer: Abstain, Sel. Barnes: yes, Sel. Waddell: yes. VOTE: 4-0-1

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VII. Consent Agenda

1. 2021 Veterans Renewals: Bechard, Henry; Bennett, Richard & Roberta; Blair, Family Rev Living Trust; Bodi, Dale & Jacqueline; Bray, James; Brennan, Leland; Broderick, Family Rev Trust; Buckley, William & Maureen; Buddenhagen, William & Mary; Burrus, Shawn & Stacy; Calhoun, Family Trust; Cameron, Kay; Cassidy, Karen M Revoc Trust; Cilluffo, Family Trust; Clark, Paul F Rev Trust; Clews, Family Rev Trust; Cliche, Richard & Leslie; Collins, Joseph M Revoc Trust; Cuddy, Family Trust; England, Steven & Kathleen; Eresian, Edward; Fitzgerald, Family Revoc Trust; Gagnon, James; Hobbs, Family Rev Trust; Hoffman Farrah, Family Rev Trust; Hughes, John & Valerie; Kachenmeister, Carl & Eileen; Landry, James & Katherine; Lishman, Richard, Messner, Laurence & Dolores; Mooers, John & Jamie; Ocean Blvd Realty Trust; O'Neil, Family Rev Trust; Pestana, Family Rev Trust; Pierce, Family Revoc Trust; Remick, Paul & Joann Revoc Trust of 2020; Rybak, Michael & Patricia; Sangenario, John Living Trust; Scott, Stephen; Second Hill Realty Trust; Smallwood, Thomas; Stiers, Michael; St. Martin, Leo & Claire; Sullivan, William; Titus, Joseph; Wojcik, Stanley & Brenda
2. 2021 Veterans New: Bernarducci, Jam M Trust; Foreman, Michael & Maria; Leckfor, Michael; MacPherson, John & Dianne; Martin, Christopher & Debra; Peters, Family Irrevocable Trust; Sepris, Gregory & Nancy Revoc Trusts; Vanasse, Jason; Wing, Daniel & Mary; Woodward, Burleigh J
3. 2021 Total Veterans Disabled Renewal: Allen, Stephen; Paquette, Paul & Pong; Stone, Lawrence & Catherine
4. 2021 Veterans Spouse Renewal: Ball, Bargaret; Binette, Joyce; Boothby-Bixler, Living Trust; Bousquin, Dorothy C; Brock, Priscilla J Trust; Broderick, Doris J Revoc Trust; Clark, Bunny; Collins, Florence K; Crow, Raymond; Crowley, Catherine; Drew, Donna; Foss, Pauline (Total Vet); Lamie, Marion; MacDonald, David & Barbara Family Revoc Trust; MacFarlane, Cynthia O Revoc Trust; Russell, Anne S Revoc Trust; Stover, Hildegard A Revoc Trust; Wilt, Family Trust
5. 2021 Veterans Spouse New: Barnes, Thomas A Rev Trust
6. 2021 Elderly Exemptions Renewals: Lamie, Marion; Shultz, Mary; Truchon, Richard & Lorrain
7. 2021 Elderly Exemptions New: Erosa, Shirley & Robert
8. Lane Memorial Library permission to use the lawn of the former Courthouse for seven weeks

Sel. Barnes asked for #5 to be removed as she will abstain and #8 for discussion.

Selectman Barnes MOTIONED to APPROVE the REMOVAL of #5 & #8 from the Consent Agenda, SECONDED by Selectman Rage.

Roll call vote: Sel. Rage: yes, Sel. Bridle: yes, Sel. Sawyer: yes, Sel. Barnes: yes, Sel. Waddell: yes. VOTE: 5-0-0

Selectman Waddell MOTIONED to APPROVE the Consent Agenda as Amended, SECONDED by Selectman Barnes.

Roll call vote: Sel. Rage: yes, Sel. Bridle: yes, Sel. Sawyer: yes, Sel. Barnes: yes, Sel. Waddell: yes. VOTE: 5-0-0

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#5

Selectman Waddell MOTIONED to APPROVE the Consent Agenda Item #5, SECONDED by Selectman Rage.

Roll call vote: Sel. Rage: yes, Sel. Bridle: yes, Sel. Sawyer: yes, Sel. Barnes: abstain, Sel. Waddell: yes. VOTE: 4-0-1

#8

Sel. Barnes asked Ms. Cooper what she is trying to accomplish with the request. Ms. Cooper discussed that with everyone still social distancing, they would like to put a tent on the property of the old courthouse to use like they would the Lane room, noting a 40x60 tent. She discussed a possible insurance rider, and the Library would assume all costs for the tent.

Sel. Barnes asked that if a senior group wanted to use the tent, could they apply to the Library and the answer was they certainly could, with the possibility of breaking down and setting up of tables and chairs. Sel. Rage clarified the tent wouldn't be broken down, just the tables and chairs.

Selectman Waddell MOTIONED to APPROVE the Consent Agenda Item #8, SECONDED by Selectman Barnes.

Roll call vote: Sel. Rage: yes, Sel. Bridle: yes, Sel. Sawyer: yes, Sel. Barnes: yes, Sel. Waddell: yes. VOTE: 5-0-0

VIII. Appointments

1. Phil Brice, Dept. Cultural & Natural Resources
 - a. NH State Parks

Mr. Brice noted that also on the phone was Mike Housman, and Meredith Collins. He congratulated Sel. Sawyer and Sel. Waddell on their election and noted they have his cell number for contact and he thanked the town for the support during the pandemic and noted the difference it made for the season working as well as it did. He noted a plan to operate as close to normal this season and working on a plan for the governor. He discussed the plan including social distancing and masks and cleaning. He noted hoping to have events on the stage. He discussed the operating plan, an amendment, and ready to move forward.

TM Sullivan discussed the contract as to who will do what to best serve everyone and he noted benefits to the town, and operational details. He noted the amendment being language regarding emphasizing the non-binding portion.

Sel. Waddell asked if there are plans for an early season good weather day and crowd. Mr. Brice discussed aggressively working on hiring. Ms. Collins noted already putting additional trash barrels out, looking into purchasing larger trash cans, and employees to be available if needed. He asked if they are able to do all trash pick up in the morning with the truck and the answer was yes.

Sel. Rage noted having a great meeting with Phil, Mike, and Meredith. He asked about the time of metered parking. Mr. Brice noted the proposal is to go back to what was done pre-Covid.

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Sel. Sawyer noted a pre-Covid discussion regarding parking at North Shore, 6th to 19th streets, noting head in parking only, no idling vehicles, and a restriction on loud music, and asked if they are still committed to that. Mr. Brice noted they are committed to making that work and noted rules of behavior and if not followed you can be removed from the park. He discussed working with the town manager and police chief to make a plan for all of that. He discussed people using the park and hours. Sel. Sawyer noted the street performers and busking and what you can curtail or not and mentioned the first amendment and working on an ordinance. Mr. Brice noted they have been working on it, and noted their AG's office spoke with the town attorney today, and discussed solicitation and free speech. He discussed permits for stage use, and specific times for performances, and discussions with the chief on enforcement. TM Sullivan noted that next week the town attorney will be before the board with his opinion on this issue. Sel. Sawyer thanked them and their team for making last year survivable and tolerable.

Sel. Barnes noted appreciating the comments on North beach and no curfew. She clarified that for trash operations they are going back to pre-Covid with the trash truck making it easier, and the answer was hopefully so, keeping the truck running and hiring more staff and contractors. Mr. Brice noted the town was wonderful and DPW was fantastic last year, and discussed the plan for this year and noted the amounts of people and trash, the larger barrels and not seeing the trash this year. She asked about offsite parking, possibly using school lots. Mr. Brice noted DOT for that, but noted certainly working with a shuttle similar to the Seafood Festival, and noted they are not looking into purchasing a lot at this time. She noted listening to the last reopening task force meeting, and noted the major disturbances last year, and reminded people of Chief Hobbs comments to be back to the way things were designed. She highlighted that it is our police chief this all falls on every summer. She commented the boulevard being open will help a lot, and liked the idea of using the stage. She noted residents at the beach and reiterated the chief's comments.

Chairman Bridle asked about recycling of plastic and aluminum and promotion of them. Mr. Brice noted most parks are carry in, carry out, and campgrounds have dumpsters. He noted he will look into recycling there and discussed appreciating the glass issue, and noted anything they can do to reduce trash is good, but not much success in the past. Chairman Bridle noted the town manager will look at the JOP and get it back to the board, and referenced our recycling committee for information.

Sel. Barnes asked for clarification on contracting with the town for trash. Mr. Brice and Ms. Collins noted contracting with a private contractor for trash and bathroom cleaning. TM Sullivan noted we would be the absolute last resort.

2. Chris Jacobs, DPW Director and Jen Hale, DPW Deputy Director
 - a. WWTP Update

Dep. Dir. Hale congratulated Sel. Sawyer and Sel. Waddell. She noted there is a new permit in place, and noted the consultant has put together a status update. She referenced the 2017 study and the list of priorities for phases. She discussed the board has a priorities report (on the website also), noting the items in progress and discussed them. She discussed the project bid coming in higher and the items removed. She noted they also have a financial ledger of spending, and noted change orders. She discussed the construction contingency, and construction costing and bid process and highlighted funds that have not yet been allocated.

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She noted they are about 30% into the project, noting no major setbacks and an amazing team.

Sel. Waddell asked how they feel about the project in general, and the answer was 100% going well, even ahead of schedule. Dir. Jacobs noted everyone working cooperatively.

Sel. Rage noted all the confidence the directors will make it work.

Sel. Barnes noted out of the \$11.7 million, everything but the \$578 thousand is appropriated and in process and Dep. Hale noted correct. Sel. Barnes commented that the work is getting done at Public Works. Dep. Hale noted the project completion will be 2022.

Chairman Bridle noted they stated we have a great crew and he highlighted that we here have a great crew, great management and all the workers.

b. WWTP Equipment Purchase

Dep. Hale discussed a request for the purchase of a screenings wash press out of the waste water development charge account, noting the current one is being band aided together, and discussing we do not want to spend the contingency right now. She noted funds available in the charge account with more funds coming in. She asked for a motion to approve the cost of \$100,194.24 which includes all equipment and work, and noted this piece was part of original bid and awarded.

Selectman Barnes MOTIONED to APPROVE the Use of Funds from the WWTP Development Charge Account of \$100,194.24 and Waiving consideration of the bidding process because of prior bid and in the best interest of the town, SECONDED by Selectman Waddell.

Roll call vote: Sel. Rage: yes, Sel. Bridle: yes, Sel. Sawyer: yes, Sel. Barnes: yes, Sel. Waddell: yes. VOTE:5-0-0

Dep. Jacobs commented on the equipment purchase and noted at the end of phase 1, it will be seven years since needs were established and will need to be looked at again for phase 2.

TM Sullivan noted the lengthy lead time to get this piece of equipment.

Sel. Waddell asked about the flooding report and Dep. Hale noted March 30th, a virtual call. He asked how it has been publicized and the answer was social media and website and an email blast. He asked about posters and Dep. Hale discussed groups getting the info to neighbors and Channel 22.

IX. Town Manager's Report

1. The most recent Covid numbers for the state and town were announced.
2. There was a community spread event that took place in Hampton, on March 6th, with several cases reported. If you attended, you should get a test.
3. The vaccine program continues with 10% of the state vaccinated, with Phase 2a starting. The town is holding an event this weekend. Phase 2b will begin registration on March 22nd.
4. The town of Hampton will be receiving approximately \$1.25 million dollars from the American Rescue Plan.

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Sel. Rage noted a new registration system, VINI, for vaccinations. TM Sullivan noted the 211 number can also schedule, and he will look into VINI.

5. The Coalition of Communities has started, regarding the school funding and we are officially a member with a financial commitment of \$6600.00. The lobbying firm will be hired to advocate and there are several pieces of legislation.
6. The governor has modified several Covid19 guidelines.
7. Congressman Pappas's office has been in contact with regard to possible project funding.
8. The public hearing for resident parking at the beach needs to be scheduled and what night would the board like.

Sel. Waddell noted a call at UNH regarding school funding, noting links on the commission, and TM Sullivan noted we will put a link on our website.

Sel. Rage asked about the west side sewer hookups. TM Sullivan noted the ability to hook up if within 200 feet, and that being a choice, noting if you choose not to, you no longer receive the abatement. Sel. Rage discussed the wetlands.

Sel. Sawyer asked about the funding Congressman Pappas's office and if there was a total for NH. TM Sullivan noted no, but discussed the suggestion of ten projects in the 1 to 2-million-dollar range. They discussed the Winnacunnet and High Street road project.

Sel. Barnes noted the \$60 million to Rockingham County from the \$1.9 trillion bill. She mentioned an issue at North Beach on Thursday night. There was general discussion on the crowd incident. She asked if we could invite the president of the senior group to the Rec. dept. quarterly report meeting. They discussed the reasoning and TM Sullivan stated sure if the board chooses. Chairman Bridle discussed the appointment process, and they discussed the seniors looking for answers.

Chairman Bridle discussed the vaccination clinic noting schools and bus drivers and that Kate Meehan has done an excellent job, here and at Loudon. He noted a senior getting help with the process by the town manager, noting thanks. TM Sullivan noted thanks to Jen Harper.

X. Old Business

Sel. Waddell noted we should take a look at contracts that need to be addressed.

Sel. Rage asked about the date for the public hearing. There was general discussion with consensus for March 22nd.

Sel. Barnes noted some people do not do social media but will be interested. There was general discussion we will use all platforms.

Sel. Barnes noted a state employee and a 91a request for the governor's office. She highlighted some items asked for regarding the virus, noting 28 of them in total and discussed the attorney's response. She discussed wanting evidence of Covid19.

Sel. Waddell asked if this is Hampton and Sel. Barnes noted it is and they discussed. She noted issues with calling in to the meeting. She discussed there is no evidence for the state of emergency, and we should go back to representing who we are here to, not special interests or non-profits. She noted if it were up to her, meetings would be open.

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XI. New Business

Sel. Waddell asked for the town manager to start an organizational plan for the next 3 to 5 years. TM Sullivan noted departments have been directed. Consensus was to give any board input to the town manager.

Sel. Rage discussed a basketball court down the beach area, noting the Village District would pay for it, and is there any land for that. TM Sullivan noted Mr. Preston discussing state land areas, and noted he will discuss with Mr. Brice, as well as looking into town land.

Sel. Barnes noted meeting new Executive Councilor Janet Stevens, and she would like to come and meet with the board. There was general discussion about her coming in to a meeting in April, and Chairman Bridle noted today is her birthday.

1. Town Meeting Voted Budget

TM Sullivan discussed the amended town budget and how would the board like to proceed with those funds. He noted a memo of his recommendation using the motion on the floor and listed those, and asked the board for a vote to approve.

Selectman Waddell MOTIONED to APPROVE the Town Meeting Voted Budget as Recommended by the Town Manager, SECONDED by Selectman Barnes.

Sel. Barnes noted the first item and addressing the contracts in the near future. Chairman Bridle agreed.

Roll call vote: Sel. Rage: yes, Sel. Bridle: yes, Sel. Sawyer: yes, Sel. Barnes: yes, Sel. Waddell: yes. VOTE 5-0-0

XII. Closing Comments

None

XIII. Adjournment

At 20:34 PM, Selectman Waddell MOTIONED to adjourn, SECONDED by Selectman Rage, which was passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Roll call vote: Sel. Rage: yes, Sel. Bridle: yes, Sel. Sawyer: yes, Sel. Barnes: yes, Sel. Waddell: yes. VOTE: 5-0-0

Rusty Bridle, Chairman