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February 22, 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. Woolsey, present, home in my den

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]

Deb Harley, 27 L Street, called to discuss the renewal of entertainment licenses. She noted the deadline to get renewals in and reminded everyone of the issues they have had. She discussed the 75 decibels limit, noting how to enforce, and discussed not being in violation for even a second means they are in compliance. She discussed the type of entertainment at the beach, and noted the entertainment license is a privilege. She discussed police staffing last season, and that not being viable. She advocated for a police detail nightly.

III. Announcements and Community Calendar

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TM Sullivan noted congratulations to Al Jones on his retirement from Hampton Public Works. Al has set his retirement date for February 28th, and his last day with DPW

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was Tuesday the 16th. Al was hired January 21, 1987 and worked for the DPW for just over 34 years. Over the years he has received numerous letters of appreciation from Town residents and Supervisors, many noting him going above and beyond to get the job done. Al is a Master Road Scholar and leaves some big shoes to fill when it comes to the knowledge and experience of what it means to be part of DPW. We wish him the best of luck and hope finds the time to relax, maybe travel and begin new adventures. We offer much thanks to Al for all he did for the town, congratulations and we wish you the best of luck.

Sel. Bridle announced receiving a letter from DOT, noting a combined officials public informational meeting to discuss Rt 1A, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 6pm, and will be a Zoom meeting, and requires signing up, the link will be posted on the Town's website, and the DOT website, project 40797.

Sel. Barnes noted the DOT meeting, and referenced the Al Jones retirement, his hard work, and his wife Cindy who works at Citizen's Bank, and wished them the best of luck.

Sel. Bridle noted growing up with Al Jones, also noting his hard work, and the appreciation of the town.

Chairman Waddell noted the DOT meeting will have break out rooms so you will have a chance for input.

#### IV. RSA 41:14-a Second Hearing

##### 1. 4 14<sup>th</sup> Street Map 183, Lot 26

Petitioner's request: The petitioner seeks to modify Deed Restriction #4 in order to allow for a minimum of a 4' setback on the western boundary of the property, as measured from the boundary line to the drip edge and 3.9' from the eastern boundary of the property, as measured from the boundary line to the drip edge. The petitioner seeks the modification in order to bring the existing structure and future construction into compliance.

Public Hearing opened at 19:09.

Atty. Mark Gearreald discussed the setbacks in more description, with one spot being 5.2 and 5.5 in another spot, has been given a variance by the Zoning Board. He discussed how they change setback restrictions in a deed modification.

Public Hearing closed at 19:11.

#### V. Approval of Minutes

1. January 25, 2021
2. February 3, 2021
3. February 8, 2021

Selectman Barnes MOTIONED to APPROVE the Minutes of January 25, February 3, and February 8, 2021, SECONDED by Selectman Woolsey.

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

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## VI. Consent Agenda

1. 2020 Veterans Tax Credits: Beaulieu, Ronald & Barbara, Blatchford, Richard, Botto, Family Revocable Trust, Boyle, Gary & Debra, Brandt Craig, Family Trust, Buckley, Brian & Ellen, Cade Family Trust, Campbell, Karen L Trust, Chamberlin, Francis J., Chapman, Mary R Rev Trust, Edgar, Family Revoc Trust, Fanning, Stuart & Priscilla respective Revoc Trusts, Frigulietti, Daniel, Gies Family Trust, Gunville, Mark, Haddad, Alan & Mary, Hatch, John, Jones, Steven M., Labonte, Robert & Nancy, Loiselle, Peter & Maryanne, Maher, Raymond J & Lee F., Saunders, Russell, Travnicsek, Andrew & Sandy, Thornton, Family Trust
2. Donation to Camp Waban in memory of Suzanne Jacobs for \$100.00

Selectman Bridle MOTIONED to APPROVE the Consent Agenda, SECONDED by Selectman Barnes.

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

## VII. Appointments

1. Marinucci and Stone Productions, LLC (Consultant)

TM Sullivan introduced and read a bio of Chief Marinucci, noting his many achievements and accolades. He noted for the public, them being under contract to lead the study of the fire department.

Chief Marinucci noted two individuals with him, and introduced Lisa Jones and another acting fire chief that works with him. He discussed their plan, noting already having received much information, which they are reviewing. He discussed time frame and a site visit the second week of April, a draft in May, and final presentation in June. He discussed methodology and looking at all aspects of the department, and noted comparing with nationally recognized standards. He discussed that ultimately, they will have actionable recommendations.

Sel. Woolsey noted how important the fire department is and asked if they feel they will have sufficient time for the review. The Chief noted the schedule they have laid out should not be too much of a challenge to meet.

Sel. Barnes noted it looks great, the timeline looks great, and she is looking forward to the site visit and the hopefully in person final report in June.

Sel. Rage noted looking forward to the results and thanked them for all they do.

Sel. Bridle thanked the Chief, noting we made the right decision, and looking forward to the report.

Chairman Waddell thanked them and welcomed them to Hampton and offered any assistance they might need.

2. Carl McMorran, Aquarion Water Company
  - a. Quarterly Update

Mr. McMorran noted he has a slide presentation. He highlighted some of the major projects and began with PFAS monitoring, noting Mill Road Well Field, discussing implementing

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treatment. He noted treatment at Well #6, the renovation of the existing building, and discussed approval of a 25% grant. He discussed applying to the State PFAS remediation loan fund. He thanked the town for their letter of support. He commented if all comes together, it could be operational by mid-summer.

Sel. Barnes asked that if without any treatment we are still below maximum contaminant levels and the answer was right. They further discussed Well #6. She noted anything not covered by grants or loans would go on the rate case and Mr. McMorran noted not the current one, rates in the future.

Chairman Waddell asked about the PFAS and where it is coming from. Mr. McMorran noted a couple of hot spots along Rt, 1, background levels, but do not know of a specific party.

TM Sullivan asked that while backing off Well #6 for PFAS, do they anticipate any issue with meeting maximum flows as the season begins. Mr. McMorran noted difficult to say, but if the drought continues it could mean a water restriction.

Mr. McMorran continued with the slides and discussed the High Street Main Replacement, noting Locke Rd. to Pine St. He noted replacing 3000 feet of pipe and it being a busy road, and will go to one lane of traffic. He noted their senior operator Glenn Eaton receiving the highest of honors from the NH Water Works Association and highlighted his many achievements.

Sel. Rage noted having taken the tour to see the Aquarion system, noting it very impressive. He asked about High Street and the bond article work if approved. Mr. McMorran discussed coordinating very closely with Public Works. They both discussed checking on Winnacunnet Rd. if it is to be done.

Sel. Bridle noted it will be interesting to see how the summer goes. He and Mr. McMorran discussed drought conditions and seeing what happens in the next months.

Sel. Barnes asked about Well #22, if it is up and running completely and the answer was yes. She asked with #22, they will still look at #6 going back up and the answer was yes. She noted it would be good to get it all done at one time if the road is approved. She asked about the increase in bills and Mr. McMorran noted no increases in WICA rates since two years ago. They discussed it would be more consumption, especially being at home more.

Sel. Bridle asked about the new water tower on Exeter Road, and the answer was it is on hold while weighing all options and the tower there is ok for now.

Sel. Woolsey noted seeing a presentation on flooding on CH 22. TM Sullivan noted it was a replay of the HBAC symposium on planning issues for the master plan. Mr. McMorran noted not seeing that but they are evaluating and there is little or no risk of salt water intrusion.

Chairman Waddell asked what our emergency plan is if our water system were to go down. Mr. McMorran noted the biggest risk is weather, noting power outages mean no pumping water. He discussed back up generators, and TM Sullivan asked what percentage. They discussed a report on emergency preparedness. Chairman Waddell asked about bringing water in if water should ever become contaminated. Mr. McMorran noted it would be more about clearing up the situation, and discussed their controls and security. Chairman Waddell

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reiterated a report on emergency preparedness. There was general discussion on reverse 911, State and Aquarion's.

Sel. Barnes noted that Mr. McMorran is the chief operator and also a Hampton resident, noted hoping for his support on Winnacunnet and High Street. Mr. McMorran noted the cost savings when all is done together.

3. Chief Ayotte, Fire Department
  - a. Departmental Quarterly Update

Chief Ayotte noted with him is Acting Deputy Chief Michael McMahon, discussing his career experience. He gave a brief overview of 2020, discussed the impact of COVID-19 and its effects on all, including the fire department. He discussed trying to acquire PPE, and the governor's emergency orders. He discussed the adjustments to staffing for the increase volume of calls, and noted the ambulance at the beach for the summer. He discussed new hires, and the retirement of Dep. Cutting, wishing him all the best. He discussed the numbers of calls for service, patients calls and fires, noting the fire locations and results. He discussed numbers for emergency medical services, and describe the types of calls and incidents. He discussed overdoses and addressed the fentanyl issue, and gave updates and comparisons. He noted two firefighters in paramedic school, and noted COVID-19 restrictions made it not possible to have the CPR classes. He discussed mutual aid statistics, and fire prevention statistics, noting outdoor dining permits due to COVID-19. He discussed the difference in the Fire Prevention Week open house due to COVID-19. He discussed communications and instances of calls. He noted Cassie Leavitt earning her Public Safety Leader status, one of two in the State and noted Brian Chevalier recertified for infant car seats.

Acting Deputy Chief McMahon discussed a new communications program called Mutualink. He discussed it being brought from 911, noting others across the region also installing it. He described it as a cross communicating platform, noting portable radio use as well as cell phone, and highlighted its advantages. He noted training to take place before the full roll out. Chief Ayotte noted the State of NH provided all the hardware and software and give us the first three years, and noted after that a nominal annual fee for the service.

Chief Ayotte discussed receiving the firefighters grant for portables radios, getting 26 of them.

Sel. Rage asked about EMTs and if everyone in Hampton is trained in that. The Chief noted all the levels of the training and time involved and the levels that recent hires have. Sel. Rage commended him and the whole department that whenever they arrive at a scene, everyone knows what they are doing, and it is greatly appreciated, noting a great job at the fire on Ocean Blvd.

Sel. Barnes thanked both gentleman and noted being in the same position as last year with the fentanyl and they discussed a little bit of a decline. She asked about the Mutualink and if something happened to the internet would it still be able to be used. Acting Deputy Chief McMahon noted it is connected to the internet, but there is line of site with the radios as well. She asked about the fire prevention vehicle and that it is currently an old cruiser and the answer was correct. She asked the status and TM Sullivan noted that if the operating budget passes they will purchase the new vehicle. They discussed the current vehicle and the Chief noted the situation of getting it painted.

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Sel. Woolsey noted congratulations to the dispatchers as she always gets emails about dispatches. She asked if anyone in planning is communicating with them regarding the height of buildings and multi-unit buildings. The Chief noted the town ordinance that regulates height, he noted anything higher would require a variance and he discussed their ladder size and the building in town that is six floors. He discussed the Silvergrass project and its particulars, noting the hydrants. TM Sullivan noted the Chief's involvement in planning aspects, as did Chairman Waddell noting the involvement in PRC meetings. Sel. Woolsey ask about new roads and hydrants and asked about him being involved in that and he answered it is all part of the planning process.

Sel. Bridle thanked him for the report and bringing Acting Deputy Chief McMahon.

Chairman Waddell offered thanks and congratulated Acting Deputy Chief McMahon.

Sel. Barnes discussed ambulance calls and noted revenue being down for 2020 and asked if there are times they don't get the money back. The Chief noted the insurance aspect and how it varies, and he noted how calls were down when people were staying home. She asked about a percentage and he noted rates of return good, 94 and 96 percent.

Sel. Woolsey asked what percentage of firefighters live in Hampton, and Acting Deputy Chief McMahon noted under 50%. There was general discussion on the cost to live in town, especially for young families.

#### VIII. Town Manager's Report

1. COVID-19-19 OVERVIEW: Total in the State: 73413 / Recovered 69319 / Current Cases 2940/Deaths 1154/ Hospital Total 109. Current in Hampton: 23 Active cases, Total Hampton 952
2. VACCINATION UPDATE: Currently Perry Plummer, is the "Vaccine Czar" for the State and has been brought in to lead the State's vaccination efforts. As of Friday, 2/19/21 approximately 235,000 people in NH have received vaccinations and they were expecting to do 5,000 shots on Friday. There are approximately 20 sites in the State currently (11 fixed and 9 open pods). The issues with the registration process appear to be worked out at this time. If you are qualified in phase 1A or 1B people and are having difficulty getting an appointment, please call 211, if that doesn't work call my office and we will help you connect.
3. SCAMS: There are a number of phone scams out there. Please know you will never be asked to PAY to MOVE up in line. DO not give out banking information, buy gift cards or anything of the like. When you are not sure, call 211.

Sel. Woolsey asked about our firefighters helping with shots. TM Sullivan noted we are not currently involved in that program, and if we did get involved, it would have to be 100% cost recovered and on an overtime basis only so it does not affect staff levels.

Sel. Rage asked about the 23 Hampton cases, noting if someone is a student, are they counted for Hampton or where they go to school, and the answer was it is where their residence is.

4. DPW: On another positive note, Rob Coates and Bill Lawny received their Master Roads Scholar Certificates this month. For those that aren't familiar with the prestige of this accomplishment, to earn this certificate you need over 100 contact hours in various

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education and training programs including topics related to the Environment, Safety, Supervising, Technical Skills and others. Congrats to both Rob and Bill

5. School Funding bills: Will discuss under old business
6. DOT Meeting March 2, 2021 6:00pm Re: Rt 1A Improvements. See Link on our website and DOT Website to the Zoom Meeting.
7. I've Been in touch with PRIMEX about training material for the recording issue.
8. Will work on getting numbers for privacy screens in the offices.

Sel. Woolsey commented on expecting the police department to email the Board whenever there is an incident.

Sel. Barnes discussed the Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> incident, noting agreeing with Sel. Woolsey and looking forward to training for the staff. She asked about the blinds being installed in the town hall. TM Sullivan noted that is being priced out at this time. She noted receiving from Dir. Jacobs a NH Seacoast Greenway update, and questioned the section about pursuing water and sewer for a potential restroom. TM Sullivan noted that is a dream type scenario, no commitment for anything.

#### IX. Old Business

TM Sullivan discussed the previous vote to get involved with the Coalition of Communities, once knowing the financial commitment, and noted the possibility of 31 towns, with 17 committed. He discussed a financial maximum, not to exceed \$17,000.00, possible school financial help. He asked for the Board's direction, noting they could reaffirm their vote.

Selectman Rage MOTIONED to APPROVE the Signing on to the Coalition of Communities, with a Financial Commitment not to exceed \$17000.00, and to Authorize the Town Manager to sign on and accept, SECONDED by Selectman Bridle.

Sel. Woolsey noted being opposed.

Sel. Barnes noted some house bills that seem to be in committee right now. TM Sullivan noted attending hearings. Of note HB608 the one most concerning to SWEPT redirection was amended (and this bill was retained). SB 158 and HB 504 remain as concerns. These continue to be work sessions this week. SB158 appears to be a property tax relief bill and is getting legs, but is funded by the education. He discussed how quickly these can all change, and noted the importance of the lobbyist who can follow closely.

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

Sel. Barnes discussed the housing bills coming up in Concord, noting the bills would take control away from locally elected boards and municipalities, and noted another bill that would eliminate the Housing Appeals Board that she would be in favor of. She asked if the Board would consider working with Sen. Sherman on this.

Selectman Barnes MOTIONED for the Board to reach out to Sen. Sherman, to work with him for whatever he needs for support, SECONDED by Selectman Rage. (also Sel. Woolsey)

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

Chairman Waddell clarified our planning and zoning do an excellent job.

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TM Sullivan asked for direction. They discussed drafting a letter to Sen. Sherman, with the bills discussed listed in the letter.

Chairman Waddell noted the vote was to work with Sen. Sherman, not to oppose bills.

TM Sullivan discussed that if there are bills that there are concerns with, the legislators are looking to hear from them, and possible written or oral testimony.

## X. New Business

### 1. Red's Good Vibes

#### a. §628-11 Waiver of prohibited areas

TM Sullivan discussed the non-profit, who provide food and goods to people in need in the Portsmouth area, noting them providing meals, no questions asked. He discussed they have a food truck, and discussed locations per the town ordinances. He asked the Board to endorse and waive restrictions on areas to serve, for them as a non-profit. He noted meeting and talking with them and their fire inspections and health rating.

Selectman Bridle MOTIONED to APPROVE the §628-11 Waiver of prohibited areas for Red's Good Vibes, SECONDED by Selectman Rage.

Sel. Rage asked about summer months and TM Sullivan noted we will work with them.

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

There was general discussion about Red's good works.

TM Sullivan discussed summer leases on behalf of the Finance Dept., noting to do what we did last year. He discussed it is summer parking leases.

Sel. Rage asked about staffing. TM Sullivan noted that is included and how well it worked last year. Sel. Rage noted the numbers were really good. Consensus was to move forward.

Sel. Bridle asked about parking on side streets and possibly keeping it Hampton only. TM Sullivan noted his recommendation would be a public hearing for feedback. There was general discussion. TM Sullivan offered to discuss with Chief Hobbs, come up with a plan, and then have the public hearing.

Sel. Woolsey asked about meeting with the State park people. Chairman Waddell noted there is an appointment scheduled, March 15<sup>th</sup>. She asked if we can require the State to put barricades up if there is too much incoming traffic. TM Sullivan discussed the situation, there being no more room, and it is a number of issues, and he does not think you can just put up a gate and say we are closed. She noted the number of complaints last summer.

Sel. Barnes noted last year the number of complaints was due to the road being closed. She discussed being in the beach area over 40 years and traffic is not as much as six or so years ago. She discussed hoping the road will not be closed this year and if it is done in the future, a better plan is needed. She asked about North Beach, the surfers there and plowing not done. TM Sullivan noted they have a sidewalk plow, and he will inquire. There was general discussion of that being DNCR, who does plowing.

Sel. Barnes noted the new president of the senior group, asked about getting seniors informed, noting most only have a phone and maybe Channel 22. TM Sullivan offered she

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should get in touch with the Rec. Director. Chairman Waddell reiterated and TM Sullivan noted if there is difficulty to contact him.

TM Sullivan discussed Earth and Stone, doing work on the Seawall asking for an extension due to weather delays till the end of March, using Plaice Cove for storage of materials. TM Sullivan suggested the extension with the condition that items will be moved at the discretion of DPW, and he noted there is not much storage, mostly the access.

Selectman Bridle MOTIONED to APPROVE the EXTENSION for Earth and Stone, till the End of March, with the condition that items will be moved at the discretion of DPW, SECONDED by Selectman Barnes.

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

TM Sullivan discussed a parttime employee looking to be a part of our health insurance at 100% of their own cost. He noted that it has happened in the past and HealthTrust has no issue.

Chairman Waddell MOTIONED to APPROVE the PARTTIME EMPLOYEE to joining the Health plan at 100% their own cost, SECONDED by Selectman Rage.

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

#### XI. Closing Comments

Sel. Barnes noted she will be on teleconference next week.

Sel. Bridle reminded for the public that voting is coming up, at the High School, on March 9<sup>th</sup>, and encouraged voters to drive Winnacunnet and High Street to see what is being voted on for those roads. Sel. Barnes noted the infrastructure on those roads as well.

Sel. Woolsey discussed the absentee ballot procedure.

#### XII. Adjournment

At 20:47 PM, Selectman Bridle MOTIONED to adjourn, SECONDED by Selectman Barnes, which was passed unanimously by roll call vote.

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

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James Waddell, Chairman