

TOWN OF HAMPTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
January 11, 2010 Minutes

PRESENT: Richard Nichols, Vice Chairman
William Lally
Richard Bateman
Gerald Znoj
Frederick Welch, Town Manager
Mark Gearreald, Town Attorney

ABSENT: Richard Griffin, Chairman

7:00 PM

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

I. Presentation of Holiday Lights Spectacular Contest Winners

Mrs. Martin explained that the contest has been going on for a few years now. The reason the contest was started was to help make the Town look more festive. She thanked all the participants in the contest and encouraged everyone to enter again next year. The winners are listed below.

Best Overall: Kirby Marchi

Best Business: 401 Tavern

Biggest Display: The Ships Inn

Best Homemade Design: Victoria Silver

Best Neighborhood: Belmont Circle

II. Public Comment Period

Mary-Loiuse Woolsey, 148 Little River Road, spoke about some preliminary information she received on the Fire Station. Chief Silver has done an excellent job. She is sure that the bond hearing will be set for the Winnacunnet Station at tonight's meeting which allows for the Warrant Article to go forward to the Town Meeting. She would also like to address the engines for the Fire Department. She would strongly suggest that both the 1988 engines be replaced at the same time. Her last suggestion would be a one page information sheet on the Winnacunnet Station available to the public. This must be sold to the public by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee.

III. Announcements and Community Calendar - None

IV. Appointments

1. Michael Schwotzer – Financial Statements; Signage of MSDT – 2009 Default Budget (NHDRA).

Mr. Schwotzer provided the Board with the December 31, 2009 Financial Statements.

Income for the December totaled \$1,042k which puts the YTD income at \$6.21M or 99.8%. The month's major component was motor vehicles at \$192k, which is below budget. The 2009 motor vehicles income is 9.8% behind the '09 budget target but is slightly better than last year. Other major income items for December were: interest on taxes @ \$27; Rooms & Meals Tax @ \$672k; departmental income @ \$71k; and Real Estate Trust Income @ \$76k.

The expense summary at the end of December the operating departments were at 93.1% of budget after removing the spike. If the 2009 PO's had been completed by December the total would then be 96.5%. The total for the 2009 operating budget monies available is \$1,976k. From this should be subtracted the \$650k "spike" and the \$450k "hold" since both were removed from the tax rate calculation. The adjusted total is then \$876k which when added to last year's Undesignated Fund Balance (\$2,918k) results in a preliminary UFB of \$3,794k. For comparison purposes, the minimum the DRA recommends (5%) is \$2,774k resulting in \$1M that could be used to fund warrant articles/lower the 2010 tax rate.

The December edition of the YE Savings shows that the operating departments did not spend \$917k. The big number still out there is the PO's which currently total around \$1M. He will be asking the Board to vote to encumber these monies tonight. When you remove the money being encumbered from warrant articles and the \$195,000 for the re-valuation you now have \$675,000. He compared this amount to last years and the year before.

The departments that impacted the under spending are listed in his report and can be found on the website. He pointed out that the Public Works Department under spent by \$600,000.

Discussion

Mr. Bateman questioned how the Room and Meals compares from 2008 to 2009. Mr. Schwotzer does not have the numbers but believes it is slightly higher. He also explained that the amount does not reflect the money spent in Hampton but instead the whole State. The rate was raised.

Mr. Lally pointed out that the Other Safety Services was under by \$100k which is due to the fact that we did not hire lifeguards this year. He also wonders why the hydrant expense is under by \$54k. Mr. Schwotzer explained that the rate increases did not go up as expected so this was just over budgeted last year. However there is a predicted 10% increase this year.

Mr. Znoj questioned some of the encumbrances. One is for highway paving, vehicle repairs and replacement. Mr. Schwotzer explained there are 2 pickup trucks totaling \$52k, there is \$101k for paving and reconstruction which is for an uncompleted project and sewer and drainage construction totaling \$183k. Mr. Schwotzer explained that he is still in the process of going through the list of encumbrances and is asking for the \$1.41M to be the most that can be encumbered. There was an additional discussion as to whether or not this number can be reduced.

Mr. Nichols thinks it's great that we came in \$917k under the expense budget. He believes that the controls that have been put in place over the last 2 or 3 years have contributed the expense savings at year end. He agrees with Mr. Schwotzer's explanation on the encumbrances. Mr. Nichols questioned under the wastewater treatment plant there is an encumbrance of \$57,515 for chemicals. If this amount is combined with the 2009 actual the amount comes to roughly \$200,000. When you compare this to 2008 actual of \$119,000 the number is almost doubled. He would like Mr. Welch to get back to the Board on why this is so from Mr. Price. He would like Mr. Schwotzer to elaborate on the Real Estate Trust Fund proposal to change their accounting policy from accrual to cash. He wonders how much of a factor is that going to be on the roughly \$34,000 short fall in the Trust Funds contribution to the revenues in relation to the MS4 forecast. Mr. Schwotzer thinks that is basically the difference in the two methods. It will make the accounting a little more obvious and it is a onetime deal coming across. He does not think the impact is significant. Mr. Nichols recapped that Mr. Schwotzer is forecasting \$3.8M in the Undesignated Fund Balance plus there will be some movement from the Reserve for Contingency into this fund.

Mr. Lally MOTIONED to encumber the \$1,041,511 for the year 2009. Mr. Bateman SECONDED.

VOTE: 4-0-0

There was an additional discussion of the Legal Reserve and how the Legal Department has to review all the cases. This will be decided during the Audit.

Mr. Bateman would also like to point out that Michelle in the Welfare Department deserves a thank you for the wonderful job she has done.

2. Police Chief Sullivan – Departmental Update

Chief Sullivan would like to go over the year end stats. He would first like to mention that there will be an H1N1 clinic on Thursday from 4 to 7pm at Winnacunnet High School. In December there were a number of major events. Significant assault resulting in the death of a citizen this remains under investigation. An officer involved shooting situation also remains under investigation. Also Alex Reno has deployed to the Middle East he will be replaced as the SRO by Rachael Mead. There are two officers out on workers comp currently. One of these officers is the SRO from the High School who was injured while breaking up a fight.

The 2009 stats are as follows: calls for service 25,344 which is down by about 1,000, dispatch calls were up by 1 ½% and the officer generated calls were down by about 6 ½%, total offenses down by about 7 ½%, felony offenses up by 19%, group A crimes against person were down 51 reports, crimes against property up 14%, crimes against society slightly down and group B crimes down 15%.

In regards to the budget ended the year in the positive. He mentioned the flooding during the last storm mostly on Ashworth Ave and Brown Ave. They were in touch with Emergency Management at the State level. The part time hiring process is complete and they will be entering the training program shortly.

Discussion

Mr. Lally wondered if anyone is attending the public hearing in Concord on the sale of martial arts weapons. He thinks that someone from Hampton should attend this hearing. Mr. Bateman will be going and speaking on behalf of the Board.

Mr. Znoj questioned the several warrant articles dealing with trash, dog waste and taxi licenses and they will need to be enforced. He wonders if there will be someone who is focusing on enforcing these warrant articles. Chief Sullivan agrees but there will need to be staff available to do this. Currently the staffing levels do not allow for this enforcement during the peak season. In most cases it does need to be a sworn officer to enforce these. There are some grants available which they do intend to try and get to cover these types of quality of life issues.

3. Penguin Plunge – Deputy Chief Rich Sawyer and Bridgit Conroy, Special Events Manager

Ms. Conroy pointed out that last year they had 670 plungers raising \$527,000. Last year they added the High School plunge and there were 163 plungers raising \$43,000. This year they hope to double the size of the High School Plunge. The goal is 704 plungers raising \$567,000. Chief Sawyer added that thus far this year there numbers are up compared to last year.

Deputy Chief Sawyer continued to inform the residents and Board of some of the logistics. The traffic plan will be to shut down Ocean Blvd between H Street and D Street running traffic down these streets and around the event. He does need the Boards approval to change the traffic pattern for this event.

Discussion

Mr. Znoj asked what the dates are. They are February 6th and 7th.

Mr. Nichols clarified that the Town does not cover any of the costs involved for this event.

Mr. Lally MOTIONED to allow for the traffic pattern change for the Penguin Plunge. Mr. Znoj SECONDED.

VOTE: 3-0-1(Bateman)

4. Kevin Brown, Sea Ketch Restaurant – Permission for Outdoor Seating

Mr. Brown explained that they would like to request on their street level to put some tables out there for people in the take-out area. They would also like to include an area for outdoor dining.

Discussion

Mr. Znoj questioned the number of tables. In the dining area there will probably be three tables. In the take-out area there will probably be seating for 12.

Mr. Bateman commented that things have always been done by the book.

Mr. Nichols wonders if there should be any input from other departments. Mr. Bateman commented that they are not doing anything really different. Mr. Brown added that they will be doing everything requested by the Building Department. It will also be looked at by the Liquor Commission and the Fire Department.

Mr. Bateman MOTIONED to grant permission for Outdoor Seating for the Sea Ketch Restaurant. Mr. Lally SECONDED.

VOTE: 4-0-0

V. Minutes of December 28, 2009 and January 04, 2010

Minutes of December 28, 2009

Page 4: 2nd paragraph, insert at the end of the paragraph the following “Mr. Znoj will attend this meeting”.

Page 4: 6th paragraph, change the amount of \$120,000 to \$225,000.

Mr. Znoj MOTIONED to approve the minutes of December 28, 2009. Mr. Bateman SECONDED.

VOTE: 4-0-0

Minutes of January 04, 2010

Page 1: Change the name “Nichols” to “Nickerson”.

Page 4: 4th paragraph change the word “and” to “or” in the last sentence.

Mr. Znoj MOTIONED to approve the minutes of January 04, 2010. Mr. Bateman SECONDED.

VOTE: 4-0-0

VI. Town Manager’s Report

The underground diesel storage tank located behind Fire Station 1 will be removed starting January 14th as previously instructed by the Board.

The removal of the Drakeside Bridge superstructure has been completed by the State Department of Transportation. In the spring we will petition to remove the abutments slope the elevated area and level and pave the roadway.

House Bill 1676-FN should be amended to indicated that the Town does not need to have each of its Town Employees who operate salt spreaders in the winter be certified and licensed to accomplish those tasks. While the bill does not now require licensing, it also does not exclude those requirements and the resulting expenses for the Town.

The bill to allow local regulation by Ordinance of the sale of martial arts weapons will be heard on Thursday, January 14th at 11 AM in the Legislative Office Building.

The Winnacunnet High School will be holding there open meeting on drugs, alcohol, bullying, and harassment tomorrow night from 6 PM to 8:30 PM in the Dining Hall.

The bond hearing has been posted for next Monday for the Fire Station.

The meeting schedule for 2010 needs to be reviewed and approved.

The Assessing Department has been doing some cleaning and have come across many clear plastic sheet covers. Somewhere in the area of 10,000 although some can be reused the remainder will be donated to the elementary school with the Boards approval.

There was a memorandum that circulated that involved the flooding down on Ashworth Ave and Brown Ave. He has done some investigating and there are a number of culverts that need barriers installed. These were all scraped during the infrastructure project. The cost to have this

done is around \$70,000 and he would recommend that the Board seriously consider encumbering the funds to have this done.

Have received request for collective bargaining from the Teamsters and Police Association.

A list of the new officers for Fire Supervisory Association has been provided to the Board.

The Office of Energy and Planning for the State of NH has issued a grant program request. He has contacted the Energy Committee who is one of the agencies who can in fact file those with the State. They will ask the State for the funds and file a letter of intent for the project for this building for the windows and weatherization of the building.

He did have an inquiry from Selectman Znoj that he had received from a resident for clearing the sidewalks along the Sea Wall at the beach. These sidewalks are State property. Mr. Welch has made a request of the State for the Town to remove the snow once we have finished the Town sidewalks at the expense of the State. He has not heard back from the State yet. Mr. Znoj would like the Town Manager to follow up on this again. Mr. Lally pointed out that there was a warrant article a couple of years ago. Mr. Bateman mentioned the problem with the rocks and the sidewalk plow and that a blade does not fit. Mr. Welch mentioned the possibility of doing this with a bucket. There was an additional discussion about the rocks and how they can be removed. Mr. Nichols mentioned that someone does plow from Boars Head down to the main beach.

We have received a correspondence from Waste Management who is willing to do single stream recycling and pick up the recycling on the same day that trash is picked up. There will be no additional cost to do this until the current contract expires. The caveat to this is that they currently have a provision under section 3 of their agreement that was amended by the Town for them to provide us with payment when the cost of paper goes over a certain amount of money. This will not happen before the current contract expires. They would also request that we give them consideration to extend the contract after June. The Board agreed to make this change until the current contract expires. Residents can also use barrels as long as they are marked recycling.

There is a legislative bulletin in regards to HB1579 which would put an amendment to the statutes that would prohibit any public employee from testifying against proposed constitutional amendments in front of the Legislature. This would include the Municipal Association.

We did actually look up the material related to memorandum of agreement with the State Department of Economic Development. There was an attempt made by the Town and he does have the agreement but it fell on death ears. The State would not do it in the end. So there is no agreement about what we do for the State and how we do it. Mr. Welch knows the Board has raised this issue and he will pursue it further with the State. He will attempt to get an agreement with the State.

Discussion

Mr. Lally wonders if there is anything new on the MOU with the Precinct and there is not. He also wonders about the Sewer Contract on the west side streets. Mr. Welch has filed a preliminary letter with Senator Gregg's staff today. Once he hears back from them the letter will be filed through John Nyhan.

Mr. Nichols would like to wait until next week to set the dates for the 2010 meetings. Mr. Nichols wonders how the money can be encumbered for the \$70,000 to have the necessary

barriers placed in the culverts at the beach. Mr. Welch explained that since this was part of the \$470,000 that was set aside for the infrastructure at the beach the money can therefore be encumbered. Atty. Gearreald added that in terms of the obligation being preexisting that has been established. Mr. Nichols is fine with this.

Mr. Lally MOTIONED to encumber the additional \$70,000 from 2009 to install the flood gates at the beach at Tuttle, Mooring, south side of the Police Department and the north side of the Police Department. Mr. Bateman SECONDED.

VOTE: 4-0-0

Mr. Znoj verified that by adding these flood gates we will not create any further problems. Mr. Welch did point out that there will always be problems but this will help. Mr. Nichols pointed out that Mr. Price's engineer Mr. Tilton is involved so we are not just running out there blindly.

VII. Old Business

1. 2010 Warrant Articles

Fire Station

Mr. Nichols first brought everyone up to date on the cost coming in just over \$8M which is roughly \$2M more than he expected. We have also not received any feedback from the Precinct of the proposed Memorandum of Understanding. When this was discussed at the Advisory Mr. Nichols advocating holding off on a warrant article for this based on the cost and the lack of response from the Precinct. Some of the factors that drove the cost higher than expected are: minimal cost benefit from upgrading the Winnacunnet Station, so called soft cost higher, cost of construction on a square foot basis higher and it appears that the cost estimates are on the liberal side but it is not clear just how liberal they might be. The current design does not include a combined dispatch in the future.

Chief Silver commented that starting out on this project he had an expectation of what needed to be accomplished. At this point he is very pleased with what they have been able to obtain for information. The four initial goals have been accomplished along with obtaining additional useful information. The one issue that was unforeseen for the reuse of the Winnacunnet Station bays and that relates to the building codes requirements for systematic resistance in other words it has to be able to withstand earthquake forces. Both sites have been surveyed and the electronic file should be sent in the next day or so. Now that we have this information we will be able to evaluate the parking issues better. This is the first time that we have had schematic designs to this level. There will be a copy of the documents available at the Town Office and with Chief Silver. The cost estimates did come in a little higher than expected.

Discussion

Mr. Lally would like to take some time to read over the information.

Mr. Znoj would like to see the documents. At this time he thinks it will need to be deferred until we can understand the cost better. He appreciates the work done by the Chief.

Mr. Nichols thinks that we finally have the necessary information. He thinks that we need to understand the cost better and see if there are any alternative strategies.

Mr. Nichols asked how the Board feels about deferring this at this time. Mr. Lally would agree to defer this. Mr. Bateman is hesitant since it has been put off so many times and each time you do this it becomes easier to do it again. Mr. Lally and Mr. Nichols both pointed out that the vote needs to double from the 2008 vote in order for it to pass. There was a consensus among the Board to defer this for another year.

Pumper Truck

Mr. Nichols would suggest that since we are not going to go forward with the Fire Station this year that we might want to put an article together for the pumper truck. Chief Silver provided the Board with information on the pumper truck. For the past few years we have been evaluating the need to replace equipment. There are 2 1988 pumpers that need to be replaced. E1 which is stored at the Winnacunnet Station will not pass its capacity test. In 2009 there was an article to enter into a lease to purchase a pumper and that article did not pass. Chief Silver has done some research and the average cost of a pumper in 2009 was around \$490,000 and when checking with the manufacturer he was told the average cost was around \$505,000. Some things that will affect the average cost in 2010 are the Diesel Emission Reduction Act which will add about \$16,000 to \$18,000 to the cost and it is also likely that there will be some material costs in the neighborhood of \$10,000 to \$12,000. We do have an opportunity to purchase a brand new 2010 piece of fire apparatus from one manufacturer that purchased 9 or 10 2009 engines/motors so that they could keep the cost down for the next year. If we pursue this option it is likely that the acquisition cost will be just under \$535,000 which is an increase of about \$12,000 over last year. The amount needed to fund this if we want to proceed with a lease purchase is \$586,000. He spoke about the different options for payments that are available.

Discussion

Mr. Bateman commented that the Chief has been juggling a lot of balls to go from presenting a Fire Station to presenting a Pumper Truck and that is why he does not have a question for him.

Mr. Lally mentioned that after hearing from the Budget Committee Chair this evening Mrs. Woolsey mentioned the need to replace 2 pumper trucks. He wonders if it might be wise to talk about 2 pumper trucks in one year. Mr. Nichols thinks that you have a much greater chance of getting one passed as opposed to the two. Chief Silver added that the other 1988 pumper truck will be able to pass the capacity test. There also does not appear to be any discount for buying two at a time.

Mr. Znoj wonders if E1 will be taken out of service. Chief Silver stated that it will be run as the 4th pumper. There is little to no trade-in value on these vehicles. Chief Silver also spoke about the engine hours as opposed to miles and that this engine has gone close to ½ million miles which exceeds the life of this type of an engine. Mr. Znoj questioned why we need 4 engines. Chief Silver explained how the ISO determines how many engines are needed.

Mr. Nichols thinks with the information shared we are justified in going forward with a warrant article. If he takes the \$530,000 as an example and he adds that to the tax effect spending in other words in the context of an outright acquisition as opposed to a 4 year lease he comes up with about a 2.1% increase in tax effect spending. Speaking for himself from the start he has said he wants to keep it below 2% so 2.1% is fine and he would prefer not to incur the interest expense and put it on the ballot as an outright acquisition. He would like to hear Mr. Schwotzer's thoughts on this. Mr. Schwotzer commented that Mr. Nichols is absolutely correct

a lease would cost more in interest. However he would comment that his footnote on a lease could show a 3 cent increase in the tax rate and for the outright acquisition it could show a 12 cent increase in the tax rate. He understands that the 12 cents would only be for one year and the 3 cents would be for several years. Personally the impact of the interest is minimal compared to what it would be as a selling point to the people saying that we are only talking 3 cents on your tax rate. Mr. Nichols mentioned that his selling point for all of this including the Salt Shed is that the decline in the budget overall is less. He believes that we have established a little creditability in 2009.

There was a consensus amongst the Board to put the article forward. There will need to be additional discussion as to whether or not it should be put forward as a lease or one year at the acquisition cost. Mr. Lally thinks it should be put forward as a 4 year lease. Mr. Znoj does not have an opinion on how it should be put forward. Both Mr. Nichols and Mr. Bateman agree that it should go forward with the cost be absorbed all in one year and not as a lease. Mr. Nichols would be hopeful that the public sees the bottom line. Mr. Znoj is indecisive as how it should be presented. Chief Silver just mentioned that if it is going to be put on the warrant that the amount should be the \$546,000.

Mr. Bateman MOTIONED that we request that the Town Manager, the Town Attorney and the Fire Chief put together a warrant article for the pumper truck in the amount of \$546,708 as an outright purchase. Mr. Nichols SECONDED.

VOTE: 3-0-1(Znoj)

Mr. Nichols thinks that there are two options we can go around the table and anyone who wants to comment on any one article can. The other option is to go through each article. Mr. Lally and Mr. Bateman feel that we have gone through all these articles. The Board agreed to go around the table and make comments on any of the articles that they felt needed to be made.

Mr. Znoj is in favor of the Salt Shed and that it should come out of the Undesignated Fund Balance so there is no impact to the taxpayer. Mr. Nichols commented on the design provided by Mr. Tilton the engineer. The cost being around \$150,000 and Mr. Nichols supports this proposal. He wonders if anyone has any thoughts on whether this should be funded from the Undesignated Fund Balance. Mr. Znoj pointed out that even if it is funded out of the Undesignated Fund Balance we are not going to violate any of the State requirements. Mr. Welch does not see a problem but he does not want to see it go below under the \$3M mark. He thinks that the \$150,000 is well spent. The Board agreed to go forward and have this \$150,000 for the Salt Shed come out of the Undesignated Fund Balance.

Mr. Znoj is ok with the mosquito control and he questioned the public works capital reserve and why there is a question mark on the last sentence. It was pointed out that the warrant articles always end in a question.

Mr. Znoj clarified that the streets listed in the Road Improvements will be completed.

Mr. Znoj questioned the petitioned warrant article that came in for the disability exemption. There was a discussion as to whether the Selectmen should put forward the article they have drafted. Atty. Gearreald commented that the petitioned warrant article can be amended at the Town Meeting. This will need to be squared away at the Town Meeting. Mr. Welch suggested that the Selectmen can leave their article on and the petitioned article can be amended at the Town Meeting to only read the first word "on". Mr. Nichols feels that this would still be

confusing to the voters. Mr. Bateman thinks that there needs to be a way to amend the petitioned article and the Selectmen article needs to be removed. The Board agreed to pull their article.

Mr. Znoj wonders if we are going to go out of the way to point out that there is no dollar figure associated with the Solid Waste Article.

Mr. Znoj clarified that the Administrative Enforcement Ordinance for violations of Town Ordinance applies to all the ordinances.

Mr. Znoj pointed out that the suggestions he sent to Atty. Gearreald for the Authority to Lease or Rent Municipal Property are not reflected in the article submitted to the Board. Mr. Znoj expressed the importance of making sure that the voter understands the articles when they go into vote without having to study for an hour before hand. Mr. Nichols agrees that it is important for the voters to understand what they are reading.

Mr. Znoj feels that the Access Roads article is also not clear. Mr. Nichols would like to clarify that if in fact this article is approved than at that point any subsequent approvals would be strictly be at the level of Selectmen. Mr. Nichols thinks that there needs to be something in there to the effect of approval of this article is necessary in order for Selectmen to be able to make a decision on opening the existing steel gate.

Mr. Nichols clarified that all the money articles will have a financial impact statement on them.

Mr. Nichols questioned the whole Galley Hatch issue and this article is in need of square feet, an amount and why the Selectmen are proposing it. Atty. Gearreald is working on this right now. Mr. Nichols wonders how this is going to be approved since this is not done yet. Mr. Welch stated that there is a shut off date to submit articles and then there is the date in which the warrant must be signed. By the time the warrant must be signed by the Board this article will have been completed and have the necessary dollar figure.

Mr. Nichols would also like to discuss the order of the articles. He would suggest that money articles go first, the lengthy articles like taxi and entertainment at the end and the remainder in the middle. The petitioned articles will appear in the order in which they come in.

Mr. Nichols pointed out that there will be 25 Selectmen sponsored warrant articles.

Mr. Nichols brought up the Operating Budget article and he wonders if the \$450,000 needs to be commented on in this article. Atty. Gearreald stated that it does not since it is covered under the part that reads under the law.

Atty. Gearreald would like to add that the Budget Committee is meeting on Thursday to discuss special warrant articles. Mr. Welch stated that the Budget Committee will have copies of all the money articles tomorrow.

The Board agreed to come in on the morning of January 22nd to vote to recommend or not recommend the articles so that Mr. Welch can have the warrant ready to be signed on the night of the 22nd.

VIII. New Business

1. Approval and Authorization of Release of Sewer Installation Plans – Mr. Welch stated that this is just a formal item. There is no cost to the Town.

Discussion

Mr. Znoj wonders who they are being released to.

Atty. Gearreald would ask that this be held until he has a chance to look it over. He believes that it might be connected to a lawsuit.

2. Approval of 2010 Transfer Station Holiday Schedule

Discussion

Mr. Nichols wonders if this is essentially the same as past years.

Mr. Welch stated that it is not since we have restricted overtime. This schedule reflects that the Transfer Station will be closed on holidays to avoid paying double time and a half. However if a holiday falls on Monday the Transfer Station will be open on Tuesday.

Mr. Nichols wonders if this will have an impact during the summer on businesses. The Board agreed to remain open on Memorial Day, 4th of July and Labor Day.

3. Approval of the Disposal of Scrap Metal and Material

Discussion

Mr. Bateman clarified that this is just Mr. Price's request to take this metal and dispose of it for cash.

The Board agreed to have this done.

4. No Parking Request on Ocean Boulevard – Mr. Welch explained that this came in from June White. She wants to prohibit parking from the bridge to Haverhill Street on the east side of Ocean Blvd.

Discussion

Mr. Lally commented that this affects people who live in this area.

Mr. Bateman believes that the State's position is that they would respond only to the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Welch confirmed that if the Board approves it than the State will.

Mr. Nichols questioned that people who live in this area use it for parking. Mr. Lally believes that the people who live there do use it for parking. Mr. Lally is under the assumption that the beach needs more parking.

Mr. Nichols does not think that we want to be eliminating parking.

The Board agreed that this is not something they want to do.

Other New Business

Mr. Lally shared a letter received from Ann Russell in reference to the property located at 150 High Street. This building is located across from the Junior High. This building is for sale and he thinks that it might be worthwhile for the Town to keep this in the back of their minds. Mr. Welch has taken a tour and it is a fantastic facility. They are willing to lease with opportunity to buy. This is a great location.

IX. Consent Agenda

1. Kevin Brown, Sea Ketch Restaurant – Permission for Outdoor Seating – Discussed under Appointments

X. Closing Comments

Richard Reniere, 29 Highland Ave, pointed out that they will be having their Precinct meeting on Wednesday night and the discussion on the Fire Station will start at 7pm. There are a lot of issues that need to be straightened out.

Mr. Nichols would like to comment on Mr. Bateman's comment last week about putting things in the Selectmen's boxes that are not signed. At the time Mr. Bateman had commented that if something is not signed it will not get the Boards attention. Mr. Nichols would like to offer a different twist and that he believes there are people out there that may be intimidated on issues and having their name associated with it. Mr. Nichols would rather hear from these individuals even if the note is unsigned then not hear from them at all. The Board agreed that the note from last week did not make sense to them.

XI. Adjournment

Mr. Znoj MOTIONED to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Bateman SECONDED.

VOTE: 4-0-0

Meeting Adjourned at 10:38

Vice - Chairman