

TOWN OF HAMPTON
Draft MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, MARCH 15, 2010

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

6:30 PM Non-meeting with Legal Counsel - RSA 91-A:2., I., (b)

7:00 PM

Chairman Griffin called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and introduced the members of the Board.

I. Election of the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen

Mr. Znoj MOTIONED to nominate Mr. Richard Nichols as Chairman of the Board. Mr. Lally SECONDED

VOTE 4-0-1 (Mr. Nichols Abstained)

II. Oath of Office

Mr. William Lally, Hampton Selectmen swore in the following newly elected individual.

With the statutory oath, Miss Jane Cypher, became Town Clerk for the Town of Hampton.

Miss Jane Cypher, the Hampton Town Clerk swore in the following newly elected individuals.

With the statutory oath, Richard Griffin became Selectmen for the Town of Hampton

With the statutory oath, Robert Casassa became Town Moderator for the Town of Hampton

With the statutory oath, William Hartley became a member of the Trustees of the Trust Fund for the Town of Hampton

With the statutory oath, Linda Sadlock and Sunny Kravitz became members of the Library Trustees for the Town of Hampton

With the statutory oath, Fran McMahon became a member of the Planning Board for the Town of Hampton

With the statutory oath, Mark McFarlin, Mary Louise Woolsey, Michael Pierce and Ellen Latimer became members of the Budget Committee for the Town of Hampton

With the statutory oath, Bryan Provincial became a member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment for the Town of Hampton

Miss Tammy Deland, the Hampton School District Clerk swore in the following newly elected individuals.

With the statutory oath, Maureen O'Leary and Ginny Bridle became Hampton School District Board Members for the Town of Hampton

III. Reorganization of the Board of Selectmen

Election of Vice Chairman

Mr. Lally MOTIONED to nominate Mr. Bateman as Vice Chairman of the Board. Mr. Griffin SECONDED

VOTE 4-0-1 (Mr. Bateman Abstained)

IV. Selectmen appointees to Boards and Committees

Representative to the Budget Committee

Mr. Griffin MOTIONED to nominate Mr. Bateman as representative to the Budget Committee. Mr. Znoj SECONDED

VOTE 4-0-1 (Mr. Bateman Abstained)

Alternate Representative to the Budget Committee

Mr. Griffin MOTIONED to nominate Mr. Lally as the alternate representative to the Budget Committee. Chairman Nichols SECONDED

VOTE 4-0-1 (Mr. Lally Abstained)

Representative to the Planning Board

Mr. Znoj MOTIONED to nominate Mr. Griffin as the representative to the Planning Board. Mr. Lally SECONDED

VOTE 4-0-1 (Mr. Griffin Abstained)

Alternate Representative to the Planning Board

Mr. Lally MOTIONED to nominate Mr. Bateman as the representative to the Planning Board. Chairman Nichols SECONDED

VOTE 4-0-1 (Mr. Bateman Abstained)

Representative to the Recreation Committee

Chairman Nichols MOTIONED to nominate Mr. Bateman as the representative to the Recreation Committee. Mr. Lally SECONDED

VOTE 4-0-1 (Mr. Bateman Abstained)

Alternate Representative to the Recreation Committee

Chairman Nichols MOTIONED to nominate Mr. Lally as the alternate representative to the Recreation Committee. Mr. Znoj SECONDED

VOTE 4-0-1 (Mr. Lally Abstained)

Representative to CATV

Mr. Lally MOTIONED to nominate Chairman Nichols as the representative to the CATV. Mr. Znoj SECONDED

VOTE 4-0-1 (Chairman Nichols Abstained)

Alternate Representative to CATV

Mr. Griffin MOTIONED to nominate Mr. Lally as the alternate representative to the CATV. Mr. Bateman SECONDED

VOTE 4-0-1 (Mr. Lally Abstained)

Representative and alternate to the Insurance Advisory Committee is being held for discussion at a later date.

Representative and alternate representative to the CIP are being held for discussion at a later date.

Representative to the Hampton Beach Village District

Mr. Griffin MOTIONED to nominate Mr. Znoj as the representative to the Hampton Beach Village District. Chairman Nichols SECONDED

VOTE 4-0-1 (Mr. Znoj Abstained)

Alternate Representative to the Hampton Beach Village District

Mr. Znoj MOTIONED to nominate Chairman Nichols as the alternate representative to the Hampton Beach Village District. Mr. Bateman SECONDED

VOTE 4-0-1 (Chairman Nichols Abstained)

Representative to the Records Advisory Committee

Mr. Griffin MOTIONED to nominate Mr. Bateman as the representative to the Records Advisory Committee. Chairman Nichols SECONDED

VOTE 4-0-1 (Mr. Bateman Abstained)

Alternate Representative to the Records Advisory Committee

Mr. Griffin MOTIONED to nominate Mr. Lally as the alternate representative to the Records Advisory Committee. Chairman Nichols SECONDED

VOTE 4-0-1 (Mr. Lally Abstained)

Representative to the Chamber of Commerce

Mr. Griffin MOTIONED to nominate Mr. Lally as the representative to the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Znoj SECONDED

VOTE 4-0-1 (Mr. Lally Abstained)

Alternate Representative to the Chamber of Commerce

Mr. Lally MOTIONED to nominate Mr. Griffin as the alternate representative to the Chamber of Commerce. Chairman Nichols SECONDED

VOTE 4-0-1 (Mr. Griffin Abstained)

Representative to the Heritage Commission

Chairman Nichols MOTIONED to nominate Mr. Griffin as the representative to the Heritage Commission. Mr. Znoj SECONDED

VOTE 4-0-1 (Mr. Griffin Abstained)

Alternate Representative to the Heritage Commission

Mr. Griffin MOTIONED to nominate Mr. Znoj as the alternate representative to the Heritage Commission. Mr. Bateman SECONDED

VOTE 4-0-1 (Mr. Znoj Abstained)

Representative to the Energy Committee

Mr. Griffin MOTIONED to nominate Mr. Znoj as the representative to the Energy Committee. Chairman Nichols SECONDED

VOTE 4-0-1 (Mr. Znoj Abstained)

Alternate Representative to the Energy Committee

Mr. Lally MOTIONED to nominate Mr. Griffin as the alternate representative to the Energy Committee. Mr. Nichols SECONDED

VOTE 4-0-1 (Mr. Griffin Abstained)

Representative to the Recycling Education Committee

Chairman Nichols MOTIONED to nominate Mr. Lally as the representative to the Recycling Education Committee. Mr. Bateman SECONDED

VOTE 4-0-1 (Mr. Lally Abstained)

Alternate Representative to the Recycling Education Committee

Mr. Griffin MOTIONED to nominate Mr. Bateman as the alternate representative to the Recycling Education Committee. Chairman Nichols SECONDED

VOTE 4-0-1 (Mr. Bateman Abstained)

V. Public Comment Period

John Gebhart, 4 Bailey Ave, here to see what is being done to fix the generator and the door at the firehouse. He stated that they were told repeatedly on Wednesday night that the Town was not going to put another dime into that building. Chairman Nichols stated that the generator has been serviced and is running. Chairman Nichols added that the Chief is also looking into what needs to be done to the door and is on the agenda and can provide further information. Mr.

Gebhart would suggest to save money they should keep the call center at the beach. He would also like to see some plans put up on the website.

Art Gopalan, 20 Windmill Lane, would like to make some comments about the fire department. They did a wonderful job of maintaining and controlling the fire. Mr. Gopalan pointed out the reasons that the Chief gave for the cause of the fire and also shared the problems the department faced at the beach station. Mr. Gopalan wonders if the problems faced at the beach station were from lack of maintenance or age of equipment. He would like to know who and how the station is maintained. He feels that it is important for the voters to know that the equipment and buildings are maintained. Mr. Gopalan raised a concern for lack of bidding for the pumper truck.

Linda Gebhart, 4 Bailey Ave, she is here out of deep concern out of some comments that were made at the Precinct Meeting. She hopes that some members of the Board have had a chance to watch the meeting. It was stated several times that another dime would not be spent on the beach fire station. She brought up the lease and that it states that the building must be maintained by the Lessee.

Chairman Nichols would like to comment that the Chief is on the agenda later to help answer some of these questions and he also added that the repairs have begun. Chairman Nichols commented that there is no need to get into a he said she said that anyone interested can watch the video.

Mrs. Gebhart would like to add that when Mr. Griffin attends the meeting as the Chairman of the Board he is taken seriously and what he says is believed to be true. Mrs. Gebhart shared other comments that raised concern at the meeting. The members of the Precinct feel that they are not being kept informed about alternate plans.

Chairman Nichols stated that there are not any other plans or alternative strategies in place. Mr. Griffin commented that he never stated that there were other plans in place.

Mrs. Gebhart made some further comments on the study done on the location. She does not feel that there is enough information out and available to the voters. She spoke about flooding problems and how some of the other suggested locations are dry. She feels that the members of the Precinct are being forced by the Town to accept their plan.

Mr. Griffin stated that the members of the Precinct have been invited many times to attend a Selectmen's meeting and they have not attended. Chairman Nichols stated that the Precinct Commissioners will be invited once again to attend a meeting.

Richard Reniere, 29 Highland Ave, when he saw that Chief Silver was on the agenda he decided to come down. He spoke about the fire at the beach and how fast the fire went up. He complimented the department and Chief for protecting the remainder of the beach. He expressed concern with the generator failing and the doors. He would like the Board to discuss the solutions that will be brought forward to correct these problems.

Vic Lessard shared with the Board some history on his time served on the Board and how many Town Managers and Department Heads he has worked with. He commented on a letter in the Hampton Union that mentioned the Veterans Administration. He does not think that this person had the right to make the comments that he did about the station and the Chief. He thinks that Chief Silver is one of the best Chiefs we have had in this Town. Mr. Lessard gave some more information about generators and servicing these products. Mr. Lessard would suggest that the

Beach and Town stop squabbling and work together. He cannot believe the hatred he has seen over the past 5 years.

Maury Freidman, 30 Hampton Meadows, he spoke about the need to provide the adequate resources to the Fire Department. He looks forward to a public forum to discuss this.

Geannina Guzman – Scanlon she also spoke about the article and the negative attitude toward the Chief. She spoke about the dedication that she has seen from the Fire Department. She thinks it was very inappropriate for this individual to come out and say “Fire the Chief.” She would like to recognize all the departments for the job that they did the night of the fire and the experience that they all showed. She also spoke about the meeting on Wednesday and encouraged anyone interested to watch the video. She has been following this closely and she thinks it is important for the Board to keep the public informed. She also mentioned that there was talk of holding a special meeting if the Precinct vote was to give the land to the Town.

Chairman Nichols stated that this was discussed and that Mr. Welch was looking into the legalities of this. At this point there is no firm plan or date.

Mr. Welch stated that this would require permission from the Secretary of State. She also has concerns about the generator and the comment that the Town will not be spending any more money on this building. There is a need for the Selectmen to work with the Precinct Commissioners to provide fire protection at the beach.

Mr. Znoj pointed out that it is not the Boards intention to allow the building to deteriorate. She shared concerns with how the dialogue has been going and brought up the Code of Ethics in place with the Town.

Mr. Gebhart commented that on March 26th the Precinct will be holding its Annual Meeting. They are going to ask that there be a special meeting held in June to make a decision about whether or not the Precinct will give up the parking lot to the Town. He would ask that we are given the time to cool ourselves off, give Chief Silver time to better fix what design this place is going to be and that the Town give them information about exactly what they are asking for.

Chief Silver addressed the concerns raised tonight by the Public:

Chief Silver would like to present some information tonight which will help to clear some of the concerns and questions brought up tonight. It should not be of any surprise since these issues in regards to vehicles, facilities, staffing and department operations have been discussed many times over the past 12 months and few years. A few of these do involve the 90 year old Fire Station at the beach, he thinks that we all realize that the importance of having a station at the beach and that is what we are all advocating for. He explained that the reason for moving the administrative offices and dispatch to the uptown station is because the cost to provide adequate space for this at the beach is far greater than the cost uptown.

Chief Silver pointed out that the plans have and will continue to be on the homepage of the Hampton Fire Department website with two links one for each of the stations. There is also a note on the website informing you that you can obtain printed copies from the Town Manager’s Office, from the Chief and at the Library. There was a discussion on the modifications that were made so that the Precinct will still have their garage and the existing Fire Station available to them once the new Station is complete. The staff parking was relocated so as to not interfere with the Precinct Parking.

In regards to the comments made about the current station and the storm.

Chief Silver thanked Mr. Lessard for his comments. He also added that Mr. Lessard is the only one who has actually contacted him about any of these issues brought up tonight. Chief Silver gave some history about the generator and that at one time the generator that was connected to the old Police Station could be used to help power the Fire Station. He went on to give the details of what occurred the night of the storm including how the power failed many times and the generator was running in the beginning. He also explained that they do have battery backups but they are not able to work for any length of time once the power is out or the generator fails. When the generator stopped running many attempts were made to restart the generator the night of the storm. When they could not restart the generator they made the decision to relocate to the Winnacunnet Road Station. Later it was determined that the most likely cause of the failure was one of the fuel lines.

As you might recall in January we had removed the old diesel underground tank. It was timely that we removed it; it was very near the point of becoming a source of pollution and very likely would have cost significantly more money. What they determined was that one of the old fuel lines was somehow affected during that removal and it caused an over pressure of the diesel pumps injection pump and it was causing the injectors to over pressurize and the engine would run for a few minutes and then stall. Once this problem was corrected the generator has run fine. On numerous occasions over the past weekend the station at the beach was run on generator power. The generator has been serviced by the Public Works Department every year with an occasion with a little over a year lapsing between services. The failure of the generator during the storm was not related to maintenance but an unforeseen failure of a mechanical device.

There was a discussion on the routine maintenance, testing of the generator and the repair that was needed to get it back up and running. Chief Silver expressed that sure they need a new generator and that it is underpowered for the building. However they have had failure of other equipment and vehicles that have been of a higher priority and they have to prioritize with the funds they have available.

As for the overhead doors at the beach they were installed in 1980 or 1982. One particular company has been servicing these doors. Due to the limited height they are unable to install conventional type overhead doors and it required that exterior mounted doors drum type rolling doors be installed. The doors that are installed are intended for interior use in an industrial facility not in an environment such as our coastal environment where they are exposed to harsh coastal environments. They do service the doors and occasional failures require additional service calls. The failure on the evening of the storm was an unforeseen event. The doors do not operate like our doors at home they must be electrically operated or manually cranked. There is \$12,000 in the Fire budget for building maintenance for both stations. Therefore they have to prioritize what maintenance and repairs will be made. There is a focus in the budget to work on preventive maintenance. Chief Silver added that it is going to take them working together to come up with some long term solutions and it is not going to be a quick fix.

The Chief will leave his notes from tonight for the Board. He will also provide them with notes he made today while walking through the building. There was an additional discussion about the budget and the need to sit down and go through the budget and see what issues can be addressed. Chief Silver commented that he is more of a proponent for a new station as opposed to a renovation of the existing station.

Discussion from the Board

Mr. Znoj asked if the new pumper will fit in the beach station. Chief Silver commented that it will not and that is another reason he pushes for a new station at the beach because replacement vehicles will not fit in the current station.

Mr. Griffin would also like to comment on the article in the paper in which he was also quoted. What he said was not accurately reported what he said about the fire employees and the Chief was what a wonderful job that they did. The Chief has always done a great job and has Mr. Griffin's support. Mr. Griffin expressed that the Board has always found the money when it was needed. He cannot say enough about how lucky they are that the fire did not spread and how wonderfully mutual aid worked.

Mr. Lally clarified that the generator is up and running. Mr. Lally wonders what it will cost to get the doors working if the generator was to fail. Chief Silver explained how the doors must be switched from electrical to manual and that is the switch what failed. Chief Silver explained to replace the door opening mechanism is \$1,200 to \$1,300 per door.

Chairman Nichols agrees with Mr. Lally that the money will need to be found to correct this problem with the doors. Chief Silver explained that he must advocate for all aspects of the department and since the Board will be looking at the budget he hopes that they will consider allowing the department enough funding to get ahead of where they are at now so that they are not taking vehicles out of service, don't have stations that are failing and so that they can at least maintain a minimal level of staffing.

Mr. Griffin would like to know if it is true that only 25% of the value of the building can be spent on upgrades to the building and if anything over that is spent on upgrades the building would be basically condemned. Chief Silver cannot comment directly on this since he is not the Building Inspector. He is not sure if it is a dollar value or percentage of size that is taken into consideration for renovations. What he can tell him about the building is that it does not comply with fire code and life safety code that they know.

Chief Silver does not want the people at home to think that they do not have a plan because they do have a plan. He is currently working with a construction manager to get another cost estimate. They are evaluating some other things and do need some answers from the Precinct.

There was an additional discussion if there is enough space for the construction of the new station. There is also a frequently asked question section on the website for the plans.

Mr. Znoj would also like to clarify that the Chief still feels that this site is the best location for the new station.

Chairman Nichols would just like to comment that the paper stated that there was approximately \$6M lost in assessment value based on the fire. This has been looked into by the Assessor and it is actually about \$3M.

VI. Announcements and Community Calendar

Mr. Znoj complimented the job done by the workers at the polls last week. He would also like to thank the voters for their support especially on the money articles. All the key articles that the Board fought for were passed.

Mr. Lally agrees with what Mr. Znoj said and he thinks that voting at the High School went much better than last year.

Mr. Lally would also like to congratulate the Winnacunnet Girls Basketball team 4 years in a row State Champions.

Mr. Griffin commented that he saw people who could not vote due to the length that they had to walk. People were very confused and he is not so sure that this is the best location to vote. There needs to be more signs directing the voters.

VII. Appointments

1. Rockingham Planning Commissioners – Cliff Sinnot, Executive Director; Hampton Planning Board Members Mark Olson, Fran McMahon, Representatives to the Commission from the Hampton Planning Board and Barbara Kravitz and Maury Freidman, Alternates Representatives from the Planning Board

The Director of the Rockingham Planning Commission provided the members of the Board with a packet and explained its contents including the work that they do. He would like to quickly go through three things. The first is what they have been working on specific to Hampton over the last few years. Secondly is the work that they do generally that is a benefit to all the communities in the region. Lastly is an explanation of what the dues are and what they pay for.

The Hampton specific work is broken into three categories Brownfield, work done in regards to transportation planning and work done related to the Planning Board. He went into details on each of these categories. One item under Brownfield's was a study done on the Waste Water Treatment Plant. On transportation planning one of the biggest is working with the Hampton Beach Commission on a parking study. Also under transportation he spoke about a light at the intersection of Winnacunnet and Route 1 and senior transportation. Under planning assistance finished the community facilities and service master plan chapter, finished a natural resource master plan chapter and helped Town develop a list of properties effected by the new comprehensive shore line protection area. Two ongoing pieces are help do a workforce housing compliance audit and help develop amendments for the multifamily housing ordinance down at the beach.

The Rockingham Planning Commission is not part of the county they are established for the purpose of helping Towns work together on regional planning issues. There are about nine of these commissions throughout the State. Primarily their time is spent helping Towns individually doing their own planning especially Towns who do not have their own dedicated planning staff. They have no regulatory authority. They basically exist to help communities plan together and individually.

They went on to explain that in order to receive Federal Funds for transportation we must have a MPO – Metropolitan Planning Organization in place. Regional Land Use Plan has a number of different components part of it is training for local land use boards, part of it is reviewing developments for regional impact, and regional housing needs and develop strategies to deal with local flooding issues. Under the Local Technical Assistance they have a circuit riding program for Towns without a Planning staff (Hampton used this for many years); GIS mapping and if the Town needs additional help that is not covered under dues they have contractual assistance they can provide.

Lastly on the dues their dues are calculated at a per capita rate of .93 cents for smaller Towns and for larger Towns the rate drops for the amount over 10,000. So in the case of Hampton it works out to be about \$11,600. About half of the dues they have to use to match the Federal Funds to maintain the transportation planning function. The rest is divided between two things one is keeping the lights on and to provide some amount of free technical assistance. They are very good at taking the dues and leveraging it with grant funds.

Discussion

Mr. Bateman would like to acknowledge that while sitting on the Planning Board he has been able to see how they work.

Mr. Griffin thanked them for coming and explaining what they do.

Mr. Znoj wonders about the Route 1 scenario and two roads running parallel. There is not a move toward this at this time. There was an additional discussion about the interchange and widening of Route 1 but these are all visions at this time.

Chairman Nichols explained the budget process and the \$11,600 in the budget. When he asked the question is this necessary he did not get much feedback. Chairman Nichols after hearing this tonight his tendency would be to leave this money in the budget.

The Commissioners explained that if there is something they can help with they urge the Board to come to them for help.

1. John W. Price, Public Works Department

A. 2010 Wind Storm Debris Removal Activity under FEMA

Mr. Price explained that they need a signature from the Chairman of the Board to fax back tomorrow morning. They will begin pickup next week and it will be posted on the website. They will be picking up brush and tree limbs. A truck was sent out last week and picked up many shingles down at the beach. These items can be disposed of at the Transfer Station. There was a discussion about the items that may have been destroyed by flooded basement and the items can be disposed of at the Transfer Station.

Mr. Bateman MOTIONED to approve 2010 Wind Storm Debris Removal Activity under FEMA for the reimbursement of expenditures. Mr. Lally SECONDED

VOTE: 5-0-0

B. Operations Assessments at Wastewater Treatment Plant

Investigation of the privatization of the Wastewater Treatment Plant under an engineering services contract by Camp, Dresser and McGee. During the budget process it was discussed if it would be feasible to look into the privatizing of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Mr. Price has brought to the Board tonight a proposal that he received. What this proposal would do would be to allow this firm to come in and look at the operations of the Plant. He would ask the Board to give their blessing to allow this company to come in and do this.

Discussion

Mr. Lally questioned the staffing review and performance reviews. Mr. Price explained that they would come in and decide how things are handled by the staff and if maybe a second shift would help.

Mr. Welch thinks that this could help the Board get a wider understanding if the Board decides to privatize or go forward in the same manner as it does now.

Chairman Nichols thinks that the \$50,000 is a lot of money but when you compare it to the cost of the Plant it is reasonable.

Mr. Griffin thinks that this should be discussed when they discuss the budget.

Chairman Nichols asked if other firms were looked at and they were and Mr. Price will get them a list of the companies looked at.

Mr. Price would like to give an update on the Plant tonight also. They are pumping anywhere between 13 and 14 million gallons. He explained some problems that Rye is having with its wet wells and the pumping that has to take place and dumped in Hampton. This will be paid for by Rye. There was a discussion on the water usage during the fire.

Mr. Griffin believes that there are individuals who want to be on the agenda for the high water problems especially on Kings Highway. Mr. Price explained that he has met with the State and they are trying to correct this problem. They discussed many other areas that have suffered some major damage. Mr. Price has sent some crews down to work on the removal of sand and debris.

Mr. Price explained that he had a phone call today from DRED on the beach. They need permission from the Board to go into Haverhill Street for sewer for the new bathhouse. It was clarified that they would go in and do this with all the necessary bonds in place.

Mr. Bateman MOTIONED to allow the street opening at Haverhill Street. Mr. Griffin SECONDED

VOTE: 5-0-0

VIII. Minutes of March 01, 2010

Page 11, first sentence change the word “commenced” to “condensed”.

Mr. Bateman MOTIONED to accept the minutes of March 01, 2010. Mr. Griffin SECONDED.

VOTE: 5-0-0

IX. Town Manager’s Report

The State Department of Fish & Game will be erecting symbolic fencing on Town and State Beaches to mark the breeding grounds of the piping plovers on or before April 1, 2010.

The Governor and the Council have formally approved the construction contracts for the Hampton Beach improvements and the construction is expected to begin shortly and continue during the summer.

The Town together with the schools had filed for three grants under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Stimulus Funding). All three were rejected by the State.

The Local Government Center has announced its Regional Dinners. Please advise the office if you would like us to make reservations for you at any of the 9 locations between April 8th and May 12th.

Letters to all of the individuals who received quantity discounts have been mailed advising them that the discount will be discontinued effective April 1, 2010.

The Southeast Regional Refuse District will be holding their traditional spring household hazardous waste collection day on Saturday, May 22, 2010 behind the old town hall from 9 AM to 12 Noon.

Would the Board care to schedule the pending grievance hearing with the Teamsters for 6 PM on March 29, 2010?

Discussion

The Board discussed the rain and the number of inches we have received so far.

Mr. Griffin asked about the dinners scheduled through LGC. Mr. Welch stated that they are free and are asking Selectmen to attend.

Mr. Lally pointed out that latex paint is not allowed at the Hazard Waste drop off. It was also mentioned that a list will come out with the information.

There was a consensus amongst the Board that the household hazard waste collection should take place on May 22nd and the Board is available to meet on March 29th for the Teamster grievance hearing.

X. Old Business

Mr. Znoj asked about the exempt and non exempt information from the Precinct. Mr. Welch explained that this is still being looked into and that we are working with the Precinct on this.

Mr. Griffin brought up that one thing that came up at the Precinct meeting was that they let their attorney go and have gone back to previous legal representation.

Mr. Lally thinks everything has been said about the election but he would like to thank the voters. They also discussed the support that was shown on the Selectmen supported articles. Mr. Lally does agree that they still need to work on how they can inform people on how to get out of there. Mr. Griffin thanks a wheelchair should be available and see about getting some help from a Boy Scout troop to help the elderly and disabled. There was also a discussion that they can do an absentee ballot.

XI. New Business

1. Acceptance of Donations of up to \$5000.00 Annually for Hampton Beach Area Commission

Mr. Welch explained that this is a requirement and periodically throughout the year people come in and do make donations. This money funnels through the Town to pay bills given to us by the Commission.

Chairman Nichols explained that we are essentially providing the accounting for the Commission.

Mr. Bateman MOTIONED to authorize the acceptance of donations of up to \$5000.00, annually for the Hampton Beach Area Commission. Mr. Znoj SECONDED.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Other New Business

Mr. Znoj commented that if the Board agrees he is willing to work with the Coalition. The Board agrees that this is a good idea and that the Town does not want to be a "Donor Town." Mr. Welch pointed out that this brings up the issue if the Town wants to make a contribution to the Coalition this year. The Board will address this next week.

Chairman Nichols would like to bring up the budget. He thinks the first step is to figure out the process and Mr. Schwotzer should be present at next week's meeting to discuss this. He thinks that the issue needs to be addressed that we came in under budget last year. We need to come up with a mechanism to see where there might be additional savings. In April we need to look at motor vehicle revenue again.

Mr. Lally thinks that the doors at the Fire Department need to be looked at first.

Chairman Nichols thinks that this process should be complete by sometime in April. He would also suggest that the agenda not be too heavy next week so that the Board has time to discuss this with Mr. Schwotzer.

Mr. Lally would like to see the Board make out a list of goals again this year as they did last year. He thinks that the Board should definitely meet again with Chief Silver to discuss his department needs. Chairman Nichols commented that one thing he mentioned to Chief Silver is the EMS fund and the balance to see what might be paid out of this fund.

Mr. Lally also commented on the need to get the dialogue going between the Board and the Precinct Commissioners.

Mr. Griffin agrees with Mr. Lally and its time to let things go and work together.

XII. Closing Comments - None

XIII. Adjournment

Mr. Bateman MOTIONED to adjourn. Mr. Znoj SECONDED.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Meeting adjourned at 10:33 PM

Chairman