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January 12, 2015

PRESENT: Philip Bean, Chairman  
Mary-Louise Woolsey, Vice-Chairman  
Rick Griffin, Selectman  
Rusty Bridle, Selectman  
Jim Waddell, Selectman  
Frederick Welch, Town Manager

## SALUTE TO THE FLAG

### I. Holiday Lighting Contest Awards (6:04)

Dyana Martin, Recreation & Parks Director, presented the Holiday Lighting Spectacular awards to the following recipients:

The Ships Inn for Best of the Beach  
The Ross Colony for Best Neighborhood Display  
401 Tavern for Most Decorative and Inspirational Display  
Chris & Sheryl Silver for Most Creative Design  
Chris Larivee for People's Choice Award.

### II. Public Comment Period (08:14)

Mr. John Nyhan, representing Experience Hampton, asked the Selectmen to support the Experience Hampton warrant article to continue the Hampton Christmas Parade.

Timothy "Citizen" Jones, 16 Duston Avenue, spoke upon the Town Manager's contract and warrant articles.

Ms. Ute Pineo, 15 Tuttle Avenue, asked the Selectmen for their support with her warrant article to bring the Vietnam Wall to Hampton.

Mr. Norman Hurley, 472 High Street, asked the Selectmen for their support the Grist Mill Dam warrant article.

Mr. Matthew Shaw, 11 Emery Lane, spoke upon the Cemetery truck warrant article and asked for the Selectmen's approval; it will have no cost to the taxpayers as it will be coming out of the Cemetery Trust.

### III. Announcements and Community Calendar (14:32)

Selectman Woolsey shared a letter of recognition from the State of New Hampshire Department of Safety directed to the Town Manager.

Selectman Waddell offered his condolences of the citizens across the world facing the atrocities from terrorists and offered condolences from the Town of Hampton.

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#### IV. Consent Agenda (18:52)

1. Veteran's Requalification: Hard 576 Exeter Rd 24/5; Lacroix 18 Holly Lane 192/28; Malone 156 Little River Rd 164/8; Manix 8 Hutchinson Dr 167/12; McCoole 190 Exeter Rd 69/64; McQuade 12 Kings Hwy 235/5; Molis 9 Hedman Ave 180/13; Morgenstern 45 Hampton Meadows 172/6/45; O'Brien 36 Drakes Landing 124/6/36; O'Donnell 13 Downer Dr 97/2/D5; Orzechowski 56 Schooner Landing 90/32/H56; Ouellette 4 Presidential Cr 208/26; Paarlberg 264 Winnacunnet Rd 205/22; Paletsky 74 Hampton Meadows 172/6/74; Palleschi 42 Hampton Meadows 172/6/42; Paquin 38 Dearborn Ave 144/33; Perry 190 Kings Hwy #A5 168/2/A5; Pouliot 935 Ocean Blvd 151/6; Powell 128 Ashworth Ave 290/150; Preston 63 Ocean Blvd 293/105; Quinlan 19 Dumas Ave #4 256/13/4; Remick 66 Carolan Ave 89/13; Rice 15 Heather Lane 54/15; Roaf 25 Sanborn Rd 207/23; Roaf-Favara 28 Shirley Ter 222/1
2. Intent to Cut: Gabrielli 95 Drakeside Road Map/Lot 188-3
3. Limousine License Permit: Seacoast Executive Transportation, LLC
4. Energy Committee Appointment – Irina Calante

Selectman Woolsey MOVED the Consent Agenda SECONDED by Selectman Waddell.

VOTE: 5-0-0

#### V. Approval of Minutes – No minutes were present for approval. (19:19)

#### VI. Appointments (19:43)

1. Dyana Martin, Director, Parks and Recreation
  - a. Departmental Update

Ms. Martin stated: Park's maintenance staff is scheduled to return fulltime at the end of March/early April; the tree and Santa will be down on Wednesday; will schedule the time with the Fire Fighters to get the snowflakes down; Urban Tree has been sidelined due to weather to remove the trees; final touches to the new Kid's Kingdom sign and it will be put up once in the Spring; parking lot process for employees will start in a few weeks with training in May; summarized all the trips that happened at the end of the year; set up a number of summer camps and programs that will be on the website soon and be in the summer brochure; will be sending out advertisements for summer staff within the next month; Easter Egg Dig will be March 28, 2015 at 11:00am for children ages 12 and under; looking for volunteers to help bury eggs that morning; Fishing Derby will be May 9, 2015 from 8:00-10:00am for grades K-8; it's a free event but must get a fishing license from the Recreation Department; looking for a fitness instructor to run classes; read upcoming trips; travel show scheduled for trip to Ireland for April 7, 2015 at 6:00pm in the Selectmen's Room; read classes currently running; Strawberry Festival for the Seniors will be July 14, 2015; advertisements for lifeguards will be sent out in the next few weeks.

Selectman Bridle asked: has there ever been any thought on doing a winter ice skating thing at Bachelor's Pond? Ms. Martin answered: what I wanted to do was do an ice skating rink at Eaton under the new lights; would have to ask the school permission for Bachelor's Pond.

Selectman Bridle stated: cleaned off some ice at Taylor River as well; maybe schedule a community day to go skating.

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Ms. Martin stated: used to do that down on Hardart's Way where they had the retention pond; it would melt at certain ends and became a nightmare.

Selectman Bridle stated: we have good ice this year; maybe something we can't do every year; think about doing something during school vacation.

Selectman Waddell stated: agree with Rusty too; think under the lights there would be super.

Selectman Bridle stated: there are lights at Bachelor's Pond; could skate at night there.

b. Acceptance of Donation to Parks and Recreation Department (28:11)

a. Gamecraft Indoor Tabletop & Scoreboard - Value of \$499.99

Ms. Martin stated: attended a conference up north and won a scoreboard; would like approval to accept it now.

Selectman Woolsey MOVED to accept the donation to Parks and Recreation Department of the Gamecraft Indoor Tabletop & Scoreboard - Value of \$499.99 Selectman Griffin.

VOTE: 5-0-0

2. Chief Sawyer, Police Department (29:03)

a. Departmental Update

Chief Sawyer spoke about the personnel changes throughout the year; presented data for the year running January 1-December 31; calls for service were down .5%, arrests were down 3%, DWI arrests were up 14%, drug offenses were down 15%, incidents reported were up 2.3%, offenses as a whole were down 1.4%, felonies were down 13%, accidents were down 7%, motor vehicle stops were down 18%, and parking tickets were down 12%; overall group a crimes against persons were up 7%, group a against crimes against property were down 3%, group a crimes against society were down 11%, and group b, the minor crimes, were down 5%; biggest challenge is the issue dealing with personnel; Rockingham County has recently been designated a high intensity drug trafficking area by US Justice Department; exploring to what extent we are going to participate in the HIDTA Group.

Selectman Woolsey stated: concerned about the lack of both fulltime and part-time officers; need to find a way to resolve the needs for the department and special officers.

Selectman Griffin stated: you do a superlative job both in town and at the beach.

Selectman Bridle asked: noticed parking tickets were down; used to have specific parking enforcement? Chief Sawyer answered: because of the default had to look at things to cut that we didn't have to bring on; would love to bring that back on; would love to say the officers could pick up the slack but we're already short on the number of officers we have; it's a lower priority compared to the other issues we are dealing with.

Selectman Waddell asked: you said DWIs are up? Chief Sawyer answered: it's a trend we are seeing in the state.

Selectman Waddell asked: big concern with the drugs; is that mostly something that is coming into Hampton or Hampton residents? Chief Sawyer answered: there is a hub where these things come out of; it's not just a city problem or a beach problem; it's everywhere; heroin is so cheap and more potent than it was years ago; people will travel to go get it and bring it back; it's a regional problem and a local problem.

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Selectman Waddell asked: I'm sure we are doing a good job with the schools and keeping it out of the schools? Chief Sawyer answered: schools in town do an outstanding job to educate.

b. Penguin Plunge – Traffic Pattern

Chief Sawyer stated: nothing has changed; used the traffic pattern the last three years; diverting the northbound traffic on Saturday, January 31, 2015 and on Sunday, February 1, 2015 from 9:00am to approximately 2:00pm or 3:00pm; will divert down H Street and Ashworth Avenue will become two-way; looking for permission from the Selectmen to reroute the traffic.

Selectman Woolsey MOVED to accept rerouting of traffic as in the past for the Penguin Plunge SECONDED by Selectman Waddell.

VOTE: 5-0-0

3. Kristi Pulliam, Finance Director (46:00)

a. Budget

Ms. Pulliam stated: warrant article does represent what was put forward by the Budget Committee; budget amount being put forward is \$26,379,040 which is about \$1.1 million less than the budget put forward by the Board of Selectmen; about \$128,000 less than the default budget; Budget Committee public hearing will be this Wednesday night.

Selectman Woolsey asked: Conservation Commission Land Acquisition Fund looks like it was showing year end at \$32,755? Ms. Pulliam answered: that account is held by the Treasurer; would have to talk to Ellen.

Selectman Woolsey stated: if we could have that current for Wednesday night.

Chairman Bean stated: thank you for your tremendous professionalism in supporting the Budget Committee, Department Heads, this Board, and the Town Manager during this budget process in addition to all your other functions; it's your fist cycle and you did a marvelous job; the data was there and it was accurate; you really were a Godsend; you've done a tremendous job; commend the Department Heads for their preparations of their budgets and bringing forth their needs and that process that they brought to the Town Manager and then of course the Board of Selectmen; we have our budget that we have voted on; respect the work that the Budget Committee has done this year and their due diligence; although there is a disagreement in the bottom line between the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee that's the way this Town is structured; do appreciate their efforts; Mr. Welch is going to discuss for the public's knowledge the concept of the default, what that really means, what that threshold is going forward, how that contrasts to last year's budget, the Board's budget, and what the process is going forward.

Town Manager Welch stated: Thursday night the Budget Committee voted to adopt their budget to take to the public hearing Wednesday at 7:00pm at the cafeteria at the Middle School; the Budget Committee adopted the default budget which was put forward by the Board of Selectmen which contains the appropriations from last year plus all legal obligations encumbered on the Town for this upcoming year that were approved last year and carried forward by statute; they then subtracted \$128,000 from the default budget which makes the default they adopted actually less than the default budget; article 12, the budget as

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proposed by the Budget Committee is \$26,379,040 and the default budget is \$26,507,097 which is, in round figures, \$128,000 more than the actual budget established by the Budget Committee; in round figures, that's \$1,000,000 difference than what was proposed by the Board of Selectmen; the cuts are going to be widespread throughout the budget; Budget Committee has established their budget for the year; it's in the warrant article.

Chairman Bean stated: thank you Selectman Waddell on behalf of the Board for your liaison and membership in working with that Committee this year.

Selectman Woolsey stated: after the public hearing, the Budget Committee has an opportunity to revisit their figure as long as someone from the audience has brought up that particular topic in whatever area of the budget it might be; in regards to the comments on multi-year contracts; only the relevant year, 2015, is addressed to raise and appropriate this year; there are no raise and appropriate figures for subsequent years for any employment contracts other than collective bargaining which is a separate entity.

Selectman Bridle asked: this will be our third year of defaults; the fire stations came on last year? Ms. Pulliam answered: on the debt service, yes; along with Church Street Pump Station.

Selectman Bridle stated: the heating for that building is a lot more than it was a couple years ago; these are the things we need to look at; we are working on money that is two or three years old.

Selectman Woolsey stated: one quick correction; if the operating budget proposed is lower than the default budget figure, you will not have the default budget; you will have a lesser figure but it will be an operating budget.

b. Year End

Ms. Pulliam stated: all of prior year purchase orders have been completed; they are off the books; only referring to 2014 purchase orders; have \$300,331 of open purchase orders; \$100,000 of that is from the EMS Fund; looking at a little over \$200,000 in 2014 open purchase orders to be carried into 2015; prior year warrant articles there is only one going back to 2013 and that's for the Waste Water Facility Study for \$90,000; four warrant articles from 2014; they are all non-lapsing so they can be carried forward; one is for the Grist Mill Dam for \$400,000; one is for the High Street Culvert for \$235,000; one is for the Recreation Infrastructure for \$530; there has also been an encumbrance for \$5,460 because they have already ordered a sign and tree cutting; one is for Grist Mill Restoration for \$28,678; total of \$754,208; comes out to \$1.78 million just for general fund warrant articles and purchase orders; this would be the maximum figure we would be encumbering.

c. John Nyhan, Experience Hampton (1:00:31)

a. Downtown Improvement Project Support Letter

Mr. Nyhan stated: Board of Directors this year decided they wanted to do more for the community; want to be a participant in helping to grow Hampton; Experience Hampton is trying to raise \$200,000 over the next five years to give back to the community on small initiatives especially in downtown; one of the biggest ones is pedestrian friendliness; want to look at the alley that runs from town parking lot to Lafayette Road; through the memory of Kay Tinios we have started the 20/20 fund; currently have \$5,000; want to make sure anything we suggest or do we get the support from the Board of Selectmen; looking for

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support from the Board that we are headed in the right direction; asking the Selectmen for a general letter of support; would like to add it to the application with Kennebunk Bank.

Selectman Griffin stated: applaud you for all the work; fully support it.

Selectman Bridle stated: great program and great start; trying to make Town better; in support of it.

Selectman Waddell stated: think anyone would agree that making the downtown more pedestrian friendly is going to enhance the look of the Town and business opportunities; plan for the alley way is beautiful; totally in support.

Selectman Griffin MOVED to support the Downtown Improvement Project and send a letter SECONDED by Selectman Bridle.

VOTE: 5-0-0

## VII. Town Manager's Report (1:10:00)

1. Please be aware that the warrant for the Annual Town Meeting closes at 5 PM tomorrow, January 13, 2015. Petitioned warrant articles must be filed before the closing time at the Selectmen's Office in Town Hall.
2. The public hearing on the budget and warrant articles will be held at the Hampton Middle School at 7:00 on Wednesday, January 14, 2015.
3. The Deliberative Session of Town Meeting will be held at 8:30 AM at the Winnacunnet High School.
4. For those who have vehicle registrations due for renewal during the month of January should plan on re-registering early as the Town Clerks Office closes on Friday's at 11:30 AM. Please do not wait until the last business day of the month (January 30<sup>th</sup>) as lines are long.
5. For those residents who wish to file for exemptions for elderly, veterans, and other exemptions or deferrals from property taxes are encouraged to contact the Assessing Office at this time for information and forms.
6. Likewise property owners who qualify for tax deferrals from the Beach Precinct should contact the Assessor's Office or the Beach Precinct for the necessary forms.

Town Manager Welch added: had a call from Environmental Services, the State is now in ownership of the vessel, The Guest; State is preparing to remove the vessel; believe they are breaking it up and hauling it away in dumpsters; have requested the assistance from our Highway Department and the Port Authority and the Harbormaster in accomplishing that.

Selectman Woolsey asked: do you remember when the filing period is for office? Town Manager Welch answered: starts the 21<sup>st</sup> of January and ends the 30<sup>th</sup>.

Selectman Bridle stated: concerned with budgetary concerns with helping the State haul off the boat; they have a DOT too.

Selectman Waddell stated: agree with Rusty but for the people that live down there want to get it out of there; stuck between a rock and a hard place.

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Chairman Bean stated: hope the boat sails away; the State is in dire financial condition and their budget cutting; costs money; it's our relationship with the State; doesn't seem like there is much we can do; can't get money out of a dry stone.

VIII. New Business (1:16:53)

1. Waiver from Purchasing Policy Section 718-4 (B) (1)
  - a. 2014-017 Cationic Polymer – 2-year bid price of \$70,200

Selectman Woolsey MOVED to approve the waiver from Purchasing Policy Section 718-4 (B) (1) for the bid 2014-017 Cationic Polymer – 2-year bid price of \$70,200 SECONDED by Selectman Bridle.

VOTE: 5-0-0

- b. Request of NH DOT, DRED to allow R.S. Audley the use of the access road at Ruth Stimson Park and access from Bicentennial Parking Lot for Seawall repairs

Selectman Woolsey MOVED to allow R.S. Audley the use of the access road at Ruth Stimson Park and access from Bicentennial Parking Lot for Seawall repairs SECONDED by Selectman Bridle.

VOTE: 5-0-0

IX. Old Business (1:17:40)

1. Tally Votes on 2015 Warrant Articles

Chairman Bean stated: there are forty-six warrant articles as it stands now; first eleven are zoning articles.

Town Manager Welch stated: Board of Selectmen does not make a recommendation on zoning articles or on the election of officers; they are made by the Planning Board; have ability to vote on every article from twelve on; need to vote by statute on the appropriation articles; in the past the Board has voted on all of the articles.

Chairman Bean stated: Article 12 Town Budget.

Selectman Bridle asked: can this wait until next week to see if there are any changes Wednesday night? Selectman Woolsey answered: we need to get through them; we will adapt; need to give a recommendation to the public.

Town Manager Welch stated: if the Budget Committee changes this, you have the right to go back and modify it.

Selectman Woolsey MOVED to not recommend Article 12 SECONDED by Selectman Bridle.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Selectman Bridle MOVED to recommend Articles 13, 14, and 15 SECONDED by Selectman Waddell.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Selectman Woolsey MOVED to delete Article 16 SECONDED by Selectman Bridle.

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VOTE: 5-0-0

Selectman Woolsey MOVED to recommend Article 17 SECONDED by Selectman Bridle.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Town Manager Welch stated: Article 18 was redrafted in order to take into consideration different factors.

Selectman Woolsey MOVED to recommend Article 18 SECONDED by Selectman Waddell.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Selectman Woolsey MOVED to recommend Articles 19-39 SECONDED by Selectman Waddell.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Selectman Woolsey MOVED to remove Article 29 SECONDED by Selectman Bridle.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Selectman Woolsey asked: they took the Trustees money out? Town Manager Welch answered: no; it's not in the default budget and that's what they adopted.

Selectman Waddell MOVED to recommend Article 40 SECONDED by Selectman Griffin.

VOTE: 4-1 (Woolsey)-0

Selectman Woolsey MOVED to recommend Article 41 SECONDED by Selectman Griffin.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Selectman Bridle MOVED to recommend Article 42 SECONDED by Selectman Griffin.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Town Manager Welch stated: it's a petition warrant article; no cost to the Town.

Selectman Waddell MOVED to recommend Article 43 SECONDED by Selectman Griffin.

VOTE: 4-0-1 (Woolsey)

Selectman Woolsey MOVED to recommend Article 44 SECONDED by Selectman Waddell.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Selectman Woolsey MOVED to recommend Article 45 SECONDED by Selectman Griffin.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Selectman Bridle MOVED to recommend Article 46 SECONDED by Selectman Griffin.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Selectman Waddell read petition warrant article 47 about the Town Clerk raise.

Town Manager Welch stated: it's not in the budget; think when the petition was done it was anticipated the Budget Committee would amend the budget submitted by the Selectmen; they didn't do that.



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Selectman Bridle stated: the person that has petitioned it could take it back and correct it before tomorrow night; suggest to hold off on this one and advise the petitioner.

Selectman Bridle read petition warrant article 48 about the deed restriction removal.

Town Manager Welch stated: requires you to take an action; it removes a current protective restriction on a piece of property placed by the Board of Selectmen; think you should take some action to recommend or not recommend.

Selectman Woolsey stated: can't tell from this that deed number four pertains to only this property.

Chairman Bean stated: could we get a better synopsis and address this tomorrow evening.

Town Manager Welch stated: the Board has received a petition to lay out a particular roadway; we've received three petitions; one is to layout, one is not to layout, and one is to resolve the encumbrance on the roadway; they all deal with Lot B at the end of Stowecroft; suggestion from Town Counsel and myself is we prepare a hearing for these matters sometime in the month of February after we give proper and due notice.

Selectman Woolsey MOVED to prepare a hearing on the matters with Lot B at the end of Stowecroft sometime in the month of February SECONDED by Selectman Bridle.

VOTE: 5-0-0

X. Closing Comments. No Closing Comments.

XI. Adjournment (01:31:43)

Selectman Waddell MOVED to adjourn at 8:25PM SECONDED by Selectman Bridle.

VOTE: 5-0-0

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Chairman