

February 27, 2017

PRESENT: Rusty Bridle, Chairman
Jim Waddell, Vice-Chairman
Rick Griffin, Selectman
Phil Bean, Selectman
Regina Barnes, Selectman
Frederick Welch, Town Manager
Mark Gearreald, Attorney

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

A moment of silence for Jerry McConnell a long time Hampton resident who passed away.

I. Swearing in Ceremony (5:50)

Full-Time Police Officer Jay M. Pappalardo

Chief Sawyer: Jay M. Pappalardo comes from a long history of law enforcement

Ms. Cypher administered oath to Jay M. Pappalardo

Officer Pappalardo thanked Chief Sawyer and Deputy Chief Hobbs for the opportunity, the Selectmen and his parents for being supportive

II. Public Hearing RSA 40:14, IV and RSA 40:14-b, II (b) (10:30)

On the question proposed in Warrant Article 43, of delegating the determination of the default budget to the municipal budget committee instead of the Board of Selectmen

Mary-Louise Woolsey: said should announce time for public hearing just in case something should come up in court

Chairman Bridle: 7:06

Mary-Louise Woolsey: Mr. Pierce and I submitted private petition article after experience with Budget Committee; let Budget Committee prepare default budget; save time for Finance office.

Jerry Znoj: endorsed the article; everyone scrutinizes operating budget, but default budget blows through quick reviews by the Board of Selectmen; not enough time to go through line by line; 420 line items in operating budget; when operating budget fails last year's budget should be picked up including contractual line items. We have given sizeable raises in mid-year; hired Assistant Town Manager in September 2014 and all money goes into next year's default budget. The default budget should be scrutinized just as closely as the operating budget; lost definition of prudence and fiscal conservatism.

Michael Pierce: 3 week delay in getting budget; scrutinized budget more closely; found several discrepancies; Finance Director corrected almost all of it; the Selectmen did not scrutinize the default budget, no discussions, no questions; not following state statutes. Leave the Selectmen to administer the affairs of the town and let the Budget Committee do the budget.

Timothy Jones: the warrant article would take the creation of the default and place it rightfully where default budgets belong in our Budget Committee; two budgets in warrant article, one is the proposed operating budget, which is produced by the Budget Committee; the other is the default budget, which is not produced by the Budget Committee. In SB2, it created the ability to have all warrant articles be placed on the ballot. It produces an unnecessary degree of friction between the governing body and the Budget Committee; there are no clear bounds of authority or responsibility. The Budget Committee has far more members and has ability to have more eyes on the default budget; the Budget Committee ought to define budgets; will spend far more time scrutinizing the default budget as we do the operating budget then the governing body does, because frankly the governing body is busy doing governing body stuff.

Selectman Waddell: If someone thinks something has been done incorrectly with the default budget they can report to DRA and go from there, has that been done; no, there has not been a problem with the default budget. Why switch something that is working; people have a problem with other things, but not the default budget and they want to control it by the default budget; so leave it as it is.

Selectman Barnes: this should have been discussed at the Budget Committee, not now; this should have been presented when the Budget Committee received the budget in November; do not agree with this being brought up right now.

Selectman Bean: I served as liaison with the Budget Committee; they came in at the 11th hour and cut hundreds of thousands from the budget on the very night they had the budget hearing; department heads came in throughout the budget process; the department heads were never asked about it, the Board of Selectmen and Town Manager were not informed; I did not approve. Transparency issues with the Budget Committee this year; budget is up less than 1%; do not think it is fiscal mismanagement. Jerry talks about hiring someone mid-stream, but Jerry neglects that we lost somebody God Bless Wanda Robertson; this expenditure, it actually saved town money, not cost us money, he assumed all of Wanda's duties on a part-time basis. I do not support this; Mary-Louise started the issue tonight by saying we should have the time in case this goes to court; I have been recipient of Mary-Louise's court intentions just as the whole board has been; town voted last year to reduce the Budget Committee; there is a warrant to eliminate it.

Chairman Bridle: closed public hearing at 7:23

III. Public Comment Period (28:15)

Mary-Louise Woolsey: you note the time when you close the public hearing before the board makes comments after they have heard the public hearing, so you know because you can never tell what might end up in court. At the Budget Committee's meeting on January 31, 2017, Selectman Barnes made a very impassioned peroration regarding her notes, apparently that were not shared with the rest of you, relating to a conversation with Attorney Gearreald regarding the 91A dispute. At the meeting, members of the Budget Committee asked for a copy and I have not seen a copy yet, I did send a reminder email to Selectman Barnes, but

received no response. I am asking once again, in behalf of the Budget Committee if she would please fulfill their request this week and get a copy of the six odd pages of hand written notes that were read to the Budget Committee. Regarding the 91A mess, I think it was insulting to the Municipal Budget Committee that you or Attorney Gearreald could not have picked up the phone and called me. You have scared and upset all the members of the Budget Committee, I am the one that did all the emails, and Selectman Barnes had all the emails in her computer. I think what was done was directed at me and the Budget Committee took the fall out, which was not acceptable. Ask that the Town Counsel release a statement clearing the members of the Budget Committee of any problem; Hampton Union has copies of my emails. If you want to go after me, man up, and do it in public.

Jerry Znoj: Jim if we did not give mid-year raises or hire mid-year people that money would not be in the following year's default budget. As far as Bean's comments, we did have an open billing and a decision was to place it with Chief Sullivan, making him the Assistant Town Manager; there was a significant difference in the cost and had to change them twice to get them accurate. Over interpretation on what is contractual and what is not, mid-year moves with significant wages and additions really affect the following years default budget.

Michael Pierce: there were 40-50 items in the default budget that were corrected by the Finance Director

Timothy Jones: the Chairman stated that everyone on the Budget Committee were upset and scared, but I was not. I knew what was happening 9-months ago; I was informed there would be a warrant article put out there eliminating the Budget Committee. I knew all the attacks Mary-Louise likes to think were personal, were not personal; they were all part of preparing the public mind to engender hatred for the Budget Committee, so they could vote yes on getting rid of the Budget Committee. This warrant article was conceived 12 months ago and was written up 9 months ago.

Selectman Bean: point of order.

Chairman Bridle: make your point.

Timothy Jones: not everyone on the Budget Committee was scared or afraid of the actions you took, because some of actually us saw the game as you were playing it. That is why, not all of us, did not respond to that garbage that was coming out of these kangaroo courtrooms you have been holding for the last few months.

IV. Announcements and Community Calendar (36:40)

Selectman Barnes: remind everyone two weeks from tomorrow is poll day and a good resource for people is the town website and In The Know Hampton that explains all the warrant articles, good way to research.

Selectman Waddell: please drive safely as this is vacation week; March 7, 2017 is candidate night, which is televised; election on March 14, 2017.

Selectman Bean: Jerry McConnell was a Marine who was at Guadalcanal; in two or three decades no one will remember, it was a bloody battle and they were left on that island for months; he was a tremendous American, tremendous Marine and tremendous public servant of Hampton; God Bless him.

Selectman Griffin: it was reported in the Hampton Union that all five members of the board supported the end of the Budget Committee; it is a private warrant article, and I abstained from voting on it and all the private warrant articles. I personally do not feel we should weigh in on private warrant articles, as we do not have anything to do with them.

Chairman Bridle: Hampton Lions Club will be holding their winter auction on March 4, 2017 at the Ashworth will be a number of things to bid on; doors open at six and admission is \$15.00. Voting is at WHS and we have 44 warrant articles, they are all important; make an educated vote; town reports are in.

V. Consent Agenda (41:18)

1. Veteran's Credits, Blind, Disable, and Elderly Exemptions: Bennett, George Requalifying Veteran \$500 295/64/16; Daley, David New Disabled Exemption \$125,000 218/10/76; Grey, Richard Requalifying Veteran \$500 34/4/7; Henley, Edward New Veteran \$500 124/6/12; Kruschwitz, Albert New Veteran \$500 222/21; Law, David & Ellen Requalifying Veteran \$500 110/11; Law, David & Ellen Requalifying Elderly Exemption \$120,000 110/11; Marouthis, Carol Requalifying Spouse \$500 151/8/3A; Merola, Gloria Requalifying Spouse \$500 138/1/83; Merola, Gloria Requalifying Blind Exemption \$25,000 138/1/83; Monette, Edward Existing Veteran Different Home \$500 176/19/16; Nelson, Ruth Requalifying Disabled Exemption \$125,000 138/1/79; Paul, Frances Requalifying Spouse \$500 169/7; Silva, Pauline Requalifying Spouse \$500 292/8; Stone, Kenneth Requalifying Veteran \$500 265/63/3; Stone, Kenneth Requalifying Elderly Exemption \$120,000 265/63/3; Trayers, David New Veteran \$500 69/21; Walsh, William Requalifying Veteran \$500 266/8/1; Walsh, William Requalifying Blind Exemption \$25,000 266/8/1; Walsh, William Requalifying Elderly Exemption \$120,000 266/8/1
2. RPC Transportation Advisory Committee Appointment: Chris Jacobs; Alternate Jen Hale
3. Raffle Permit: Raffle Permit Community Oven Mary Janeks April 3rd
4. Entertainment License and Posted Permit: 401 Tavern 401 Lafayette Road
5. Use of the Selectmen's Room for the PTA's Candidates Night on March 7th
6. 2017 Sewer Abatement Rate

Selectman Griffin MOTIONED to APPROVE the Consent Agenda SECONDED by Selectman Barnes.

VOTE: 5-0-0

VI. Approval of Minutes (41:53)

1. February 6, 2017

Selectman Bean MOTIONED to MOVE the APPROVE the Minutes of February 6, 2017 as submitted SECONDED by Selectman Barnes.

VOTE: 5-0-0

2. February 13, 2017

Selectman Waddell MOTIONED to MOVE the APPROVE the Minutes of February 13, 2017 as submitted SECONDED by Selectman Griffin.

VOTE: 5-0-0

VII. Appointments (42:17)

1. One Sky Community Services, Chris Muns

a. Presentation of Services Offered

Mr. Muns: One Sky Community Services is a private non-profit NH Corp. that has been part of the seacoast community since 1983; we help our friends, family members and neighbors with developmental disabilities and acquired brain disorders live a fulfilling and successful life within their community. We are the area agency designated to provide state and federally funded Medicaid services to eligible individuals and families living in 24 cities and town in Rockingham County that we cover; Hampton is one of the towns; we provide services to about 70 individuals that live in our community. We serve about 1,000 individuals across the 24 towns in our service area; receive \$23,000,000 from the state; grateful for that support; autism or Down syndrome; assist to live independently; find meaningful employment. We are trying to fill the gap that exists between what the people we serve need and what is available to them through state and federally funded programs; address needs which are currently not funded. Anyone looking for help contact us at 603-436-6111 and we are hoping to be added to the list of human service agencies that are receiving funding from the residents of Hampton through the town warrant. Go to our website www.oneskyservices.org to learn more about us; donations welcome.

Selectman Barnes: thank you for the presentation, as I was not familiar with this; very noble work you do.

Selectman Waddell: great organization; great work you do; hopefully people will help out.

Selectman Bean: great organization; do you work with our welfare department. Mr. Muns: we have some interaction.

Selectman Griffin: sounds like a wonderful organization; I have a sister, who is mentally handicapped, and she does not receive dental; families do need help; things have changed since she was a little child; today people have so many more opportunities. Mr. Muns: NH was the first state in the country to close their institutions and adopt a program of allowing people to live in the community; one of the leading states in the country.

Selectman Griffin: many people in Hampton that have adult children living with them and they all need help.

Chairman Bridle: thank you for coming in, it is important for people go to your website and see the important work you do; looking forward to see a warrant article next fall to assist you.

VIII. Town Manager's Report (52:26)

1. March 1st is the last day that property tax payers may file an appeal on their property assessments with the Town Assessors Office or the Board of Selectmen.
2. April 15 is the last day that property owners may file for elderly, veterans, blind, solar and other exemptions allowed by law.
3. April 15 is the last day for charitable organizations to file their property inventory forms.
4. April 15 is the last day to file for current use property tax exemption.
5. April 15 is the last day to file for the Hampton Beach Precinct tax exemption.

6. For those who wish to file for any of the items listed above, please come in to the Assessor's office early, as the forms need to be filed with your request along with the necessary backup documents to verify your eligibility for the exemption.
7. The Supervisors of the Checklist will be in session at the Hampton Town Office on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM to register new voters and to make corrections/changes to the voter checklist. When registering to vote, residents must provide a Photo ID and Proof of age, domicile and citizenship. For naturalized citizens, naturalization papers are required. Residents may also register to vote and make corrections/changes to their voter information at the Town Clerk's office during normal business hours until that time. No new registrations will be accepted between March 7 and March 14 (Election Day).
8. We received a notice from Rockingham County Commissioners and considering changing the fiscal year for the county taxes, receive three tax bills in a year; not affect our tax rate, but will change amount of cash we collect; could increase amount of money we have to borrow in lieu of taxes.
9. I signed a letter for the Harbor, which is badly silted in; Pease International Authority-Portsmouth Harbor Division has requested that the Corp of Engineers dredge the Harbor again; signed letter to Senator Shaheen to assist us in getting funds to help dredge the harbor. Financial impact and losses would be \$91,000,000 per year; damage to our fire, police, Coast Guard and state vessels that frequent that area. Sun Valley shoreline is eroding quickly; the low tide Getty is State property.
10. We have a woman that will be going on maternity leave and with the board's permission have arranged to hire two temporary people to come in and fill the position. Need permission to exceed the 28 hours per week, but not exceed 30 hours per week.

Selectman Waddell: why are we hiring two? Town Manager Welch: cannot work someone over 28 hours per week, it is a 40-hour position; in order to fill the position we need two people; will not exceed federal limit of 30 hours

Selectman Griffin MOTIONED to hire two part-time people temporarily replacing the employee during FMLA absence and not to exceed 29 hours per week SECONDED by Selectman Waddell.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Selectman Barnes: regarding the Harbor dredging, you just sent a letter to Senator Shaheen to see if she is able to get funds in order to have that done. Town Manager Welch: sent a letter in conjunction with the Pease Portsmouth Harbor Authority, the Eastman docks, the Yankee Fishermen's Cooperative, the Hampton Marina and the Town of Seabrook; all users of the harbor.

Selectman Griffin: when people get the discount or abatement for falling within certain guidelines; do they have to provide that every year. Town Manager Welch: no, but every five years we send a letter to verify their eligibility.

Selectman Griffin: when their age changes. Town Manager Welch: they have to be 80 after April 1, if they are 80 before then it is automatic.

Selectman Griffin: you would know if someone were 79 last year, they would go into another category. Town Manager Welch: yes; we keep track and check them every year; track by age and birthdate.

Chairman Bridle: looked at the harbor yesterday and you can really notice both sides of the road. Town Manager Welch: one of the things we are worried about is we have a submerged forced sewer main that runs on the west side of the bridge through the harbor base, to dune area and then underneath the highway and down into Sun Valley; being cautious and keeping close eye on where the line is.

IX. Old Business (1:06:50)

1. 815 Ocean Blvd Frene/Schuler Sewer Line Relocation

Tim Phoenix: approximately a year ago got a variance to build addition on house; learned existing town sewer line that services three properties; addition would be 6' from sewer line; asked for permission to leave where it was, DPW did not like that as they thought it was too close and board denied request. Our engineers worked to design a newly located line, which pushes to center of 20' easement; submitted letter February 3, 2017 to the board with copy of plan and have been informed that Chris Jacobs approved. On February 9, 2017, Chris Jacobs issued letter that accepts new location and plan, subject to a number of conditions. We are here to ask for your permission to permit the sewer line to be placed, as outlined in the plan; we are fine with all, but one condition; the issue we have is Item C. We request the board not enforce Item C; once line in place and part of regular sewer; do not think it is fair and reasonable for the owners of the property to be releasing the town from liability any time it comes out to maintain or work on the line in the future. The rights and responsibilities of the parties once the line is in should be as they are today; and to release from future liability of the town on any and all occasions no matter what the town does, if they are negligent, etc. does not seem to be a fair and reasonable request.

Attorney Gearreald: I am not sure we need another access easement on their property, as we do have access already under the existing terms of their deed.

Deputy Director Hale: we left the liability in; under existing agreement we have, just as we have access to it; we have an indemnity agreement that says the lessee conveyance agrees that it will hold the lessor harmless for any claims of demand of any kind including but not limited to claims of property damage, personal injury, wrongful death arising out of any accident of the premise, or occasion by any nuisance made or suffered on the premise, or fire or other casualty.

Attorney Gearreald: this language is in the lease for the abutting property, by virtue of the line being moved over, if the 10' is exercised on the westerly side that would put the town into the property of the abutter, and therefore, we were looking at the abutters lease, as they are under a leased land situation with the town. There was a rationale of why Chris wanted the hold harmless liability language.

Deputy Director Hale: there are pavers through there; we may need to be able to go back there and do access and maintenance; we generally do ask for a release when we are on another person's property trying to maintain our sewer system; it is not uncommon.

Chairman Bridle: we you already have that in the present easement. Attorney Gearreald: for the adjacent property.

Mr. Phoenix: there is nothing in our easement about liability; not concerned about the town being released from liability while this is installed, but once installed in 10-15 years from now; if the town did something wrong and it created damage to our property, we would have whatever rights we have. I do not understand why that should change as a result of moving a line so that it is more centered in the easement, where it should be in the first place.

Attorney Gearreald: the work to be done and moving the line will be done at the expense of the owners of 815 Ocean Boulevard; the recommendation is that the board allow this work at the expense of the property owners of 815 Ocean Boulevard, subject to the conditions set forth in the memorandum by Chris Jacobs.

Selectman Barnes: the way the current easement stands now, is there is no waiver of liability for these property owners. Attorney Gearreald: correct, in the deed.

Selectman Waddell: in moving the sewer line, it makes it easier to get at it or more difficult. Deputy Director Hale: it is the same.

Selectman Waddell: so with the addition it is giving the same as we have today and it is the town sewer line. Attorney Gearreald: correct.

Selectman Bean: I support the residents; they have been very complaint and patient, they pay a lot of money on taxes; in support of the taxpayer's intent.

Selectman Griffin: I support the residents also.

Selectman Barnes MOTIONED to grant permission moving of sewer line at expense of owners at 815 Ocean Boulevard, subject to conditions set forth in Chris Jacobs memo dated February 27, 2017, with exception of Paragraph C SECONDED by Selectman Waddell.

VOTE: 5-0-0

2. Liberty Lane Crossroads Sewer (1:19:45) Ovid Lamontagne, Cory Caldwell, and Steve Paquette

Ovid Lamontagne, Attorney: represents the owners of property on Liberty Lane; here because of conditions that were imposed on the Cornerstone Development on February 10, 2016 by the Hampton Planning Board, Items 6-9; requiring a creation of a Liberty Lane Sewer Associations; private sewer owned by private interests and accessed by abutters on Liberty Lane. There was a conservation easement on part of the property; reach resolution by releasing conservation easement with an exchange of property; approved by Rockingham County Probate Court. Impasse was who owned sewer connection pipe; town's position was private; were unable to find conclusive resolution. Proposal has been made to have the sewer connection replaced, improved and enhanced at the cost of the developers and at the cost of the Liberty Lane Sewer Association; once meets specifications, the town take over and accept that sewer connection as its responsibility. Certain positions were taken by the owners on Liberty Lane West, which are Unitil and Farley White; in 1995, they created the Liberty Lane West Owner's Association and under their conveyance for 20 years they took the position that title to the private sewer system was conveyed to them, and therefore, they own the sewer system. We entered into negotiations with them; Liberty Lane Sewer Association would take control and responsibility for the private sewer system with certain participation by Liberty

Lane West Owners Association. Liberty Lane Sewer Association would be the entity that would be responsive to the town. Easement rights would need to be granted; would construct pipe to west side of Hampton; will convey easement on condition that in the event the town chooses to construct pipe, the town would enter into a taking procedure to determine the value of the easement and the diminution of my clients property at that time as a condition for proceeding.

Attorney Gearreald: the sewer pipe itself under Route 101; examination of pipe was made and is significantly clogged; current users to clean it; agreement at expense of association to replace the pipe. Association remove existing pipe and remove water pipe; water pipe will be relocated; evaluation will be done of metal sleeve to determine whether it is suitable for continued use as a conduit for a sewer pipe. All documents have been examined very closely.

Attorney Lamontagne: alternate route of water main.

Selectman Barnes: you are looking for us to approve the documents so that the documents so the Liberty Lane Association can be formed and the work can begin. Attorney Gearreald: correct.

Selectman Waddell: make sure when this is finalized that we know exactly who is responsible for what, and who owns what; make sure everything is done properly. Attorney Gearreald: the five documents very specifically call for this new Liberty Lane Association to be responsible for the entire private system; the town will not be responsible until the sewer pipe has been replaced.

Selectman Bean: very impressed with all that have been patient; important to get project done right; commend all of you and fully support motion.

Selectman Griffin: thank you for bringing it to conclusion.

Chairman Bridle: I will read the motion: I hereby approve in concept the five documents associated with forming Liberty Lane Sewer Association to be responsible for the entire private sewer program shown on the sewer and pumping stations schematic contingent upon the following:

1. Finalization of the five documents and forms agreeable to the Town Manager, Public Works Director, Town Attorney that will result in the creation of Liberty Lane Sewer Association and agreement related to the sewer services, and a hold harmless indemnification agreement, by which the association will be responsible.
2. Returning to the Probate Court to ask for the implementation of the Conservation Easement swap previously approved.
3. Payment of Attorney's fees by Cornerstone incurred by the Town for review of the aforementioned documents.
4. Memorialization of the agreements between the Town and the new association related to the remediation of the sleeve and the sewer pipe under Route 101 as outlined.
5. Memorialization of the agreement for the easements as outlined and retained to the access for maintenance of the sleeve. The sewer pipe under Route 101 and related future connection to the sewer system by the Town of Hampton, utilizing the new sewer pipe and authorize the Town Manager to execute any documents requiring the signatures of the Selectmen as the Sewer Commissioners to effectuate the above.

Selectman Bridle MOTIONED to APPROVE the five above-mentioned contingencies SECONDED by Selectman Waddell.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Selectman Barnes: a couple people have questioned our appeal to the Administrative Order, it is confusing people because they are saying under Paragraph F; some people are thinking why do we have the warrant article; can this be explained why this is worded the way it was.

Town Manager Welch: if this is going to happen, it is going to be replaced; the position is that it should be the town doing this work, not the state. The taxpayers are the one that should have the jurisdiction to approve and regulate. The reason the appeal has been filed because the law says without filing an appeal we have no voice in what happens in this entire system, it is completely out of our control, and we do not want that to be out of control of the taxpayers and residents. There are four pipes running through the marsh, 2 were discontinued before, and the 2 we are currently relying on; we have no way of maintaining those pipes, cleaning or inspecting; they need to be cleaned on a regular basis. Should we have another failure, we will be assessed penalties and fees, which will have to be paid for out of the taxes raised by the taxpayers. We have 50 year old pipes running through the marsh that could fail at any time; no way of cleaning pipes; account for growth at the beach, need to have bigger pipes.

Selectman Griffin: do you have an example that you can give us when the state has fined communities; Hampton has a long history of working with the State. Town Manager Welch: two towns have been fined; unusual event; money should be going to fix not fine; Newmarket was fined; breach into water body is significant.

X. New Business (1:50:45)

1. 436-438 Lafayette Road Driveway Permit

Deputy Director Hale: the reason for the permit is due to the location of the driveway; the location is between Bai Cha Thai Restaurant, model airplane place and the Attorney building; looking for driveway permit between the two buildings. They meet the dimensional requirements; the obstacles are the utility poles and two parking spaces would be removed.

Attorney Gearreald: when the Odd Fellows Building was replaced, it showed spaces partially owned by town and partially owned privately, not sure any spaces are affected by this; spaces are diagonal.

Town Manager Welch: they would be on the old Odd Fellows property; Odd Fellows property steps out into the roadway; get down to driveway the property line steps back; spaces are on town property in front of this property; eliminate two spaces, remark the street.

Selectman Waddell: what is this driveway servicing? Deputy Director Hale: there are disagreements within Depot Square area as far as to have what rights; one of the other owners has put up a restriction to get into the side area from the back.

Selectman Waddell: does that person use it as parking, or just blocked off access. Deputy Director Hale: one person has blocked off access; this applicant has used it for parking in the past; he cannot get to it now as it has been blocked. His option is can I just get a driveway permit so I can use the spaces next to my building and have access right onto Lafayette Road versus going through Depot Square.

Selectman Griffin: when the building was approved, it was all worked out about the parking.
Town Manager Welch: the plan dated January 20, 2006 shows the property that comes in besides the building and a walkway beside it; the old Odd Fellows lot is next door.

Selectman Bean: that was approved. Town Manager Welch: this was filed with the registry.

Selectman Griffin: tried to come to an agreement that everyone was agreeable to at that time.

Selectman Waddell: so these people have no place to park. Deputy Director Hale: that is what I am being told; parking is very difficult; they are down two spaces and becomes first come and first served.

Town Manager Welch: every property owner is entitled to have access to their property; he is saying he no longer because he used to have access behind and that has now been blocked off and cannot be used; they put bollards into block it off; law says you have to have access to your property

Selectman Bean: why can't we approve this tonight?

Selectman Waddell: the driveway permit is given by DPW.

Deputy Director Hale: we are given the authority by the Planning Board to issue the driveway permit; provided that they meet the RSA, etc. He is entitled to a driveway; do not want to create a safety hazard.

Chairman Bridle: will have to head in or back in; backing out onto Route 1.

Selectman Waddell: person should have the right to use their property.

Deputy Director Hale: would be happy to look into this more, I do want something from Unutil.

Selectman Waddell MOTIONED to APPROVE on condition that Jen does the subject driveway cuts SECONDED by Selectman Bean.

VOTE: 4-1(Bridle)-0

XI. Closing Comments (2:04:15)

Selectman Waddell: statements were made in public today were not correct; kangaroo court held meetings is 100% incorrect; nobody has gone after the Budget Committee or Budget Committee Chair; absolutely incorrect false statements.

Chairman Bridle: what also was incorrect when they said they were held up with the budget, they actually were not held up; going back over the past five years it was right into line of when they got the budget; there was no holding up; everything got to them in a timely manner.

Selectman Bean: these are the same people, that just a few short years ago at the 11th hour came in on a \$26,000,000 budget without any notice came in after a year of preparation and stepped into the operational facets, after listening to department heads cut \$700,000 and it passed by that committee. Talking about a professional organization, they do not operate that way; governments do not operate that way. Especially puzzling given the communication that came out this year that was in violation of NH law with private meetings going on on-line, no matter what Mrs. Woolsey says. We hear the same thing from the same people, the accusations and we heard from Mr. Silberdick, the same thing; assassinating the schools, Mr. Welch's management, the board, the operations of directors just are no good; we do no good, our

directors do no good, our leadership does no good, school is too expensive. I do not know what planet they live on but things are going pretty good; we have invited Mr. Silberdick to come in and speak with Mr. Welch and the Finance Director; has he taken you up on that? Town Manager Welch: no sir.

Selectman Bean: will sit down without the Hampton Union with the departments heads he maligns in the paper and address his concerns. It is election season, which is really, what is going on here; we hire auditors to do our books. Many of the people that spoke tonight have sat in this chair, but they were not re-elected; the voters have spoken. I like to study the ballot sheet; I spoke with the head auditor and I asked comparing this town with other towns what is our financial state and how is this town run; he said "very, very well".

Chairman Bridle: Mary-Louise brought up a point, is there some point where we can have a preliminary statement to what you found, maybe next week? Attorney Gearreald: yes

Chairman Bridle: just come up with some observations that you found so far; maybe going forward we them some training.

XII. Adjournment (2:09:54)

Selectman Waddell MOTIONED to adjourn the Public Meeting at 09:05PM SECONDED by Selectman Bean.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Chairman