

August 28, 2017

PRESENT: Jim Waddell, Chairman
Rick Griffin, Selectman
Phil Bean, Selectman
Rusty Bridle, Selectman
Frederick Welch, Town Manager

ABSENT: Regina Barnes, Vice-Chairman

7:00 PM Public Meeting

I. Public Comment Period (4:38)

Gary Pole, 4 Lyons Street: received a call from someone needing bail money for their grandson who was later found in ME; advise every one of scams in the area.

Patricia Murphy, 4 Haverhill Avenue: continuing volume problem from Bernie's, particularly after 11PM; she and neighbors have called on a number of occasions; officers come and are polite; receive a report from dispatch that says volume is unreasonable; do not show up with decibel meter. Requesting transparency in process with regards to the changing of ordinance; wrote to board indicating willingness to serve on committee; would like opportunity to be heard into the process; would like input and notice.

II. Announcements and Community Calendar (9:00)

Selectman Griffin: congratulate on how well the pig roast went; hard work; good time; salute to Beverly Hollingsworth, nice to see her appreciated; spoke with Jean Shaheen and she is paying attention to the water concerns.

Selectman Bridle: had a meeting with the coop of the U. S. S. Hampton and they are still interested in doing some projects; thoughts and prayers go out to the people in TX.

Chairman Waddell: school starts tomorrow, drive safely.

III. Consent Agenda (11:20)

1. Hampton Cemetery Deed: Sharon Buck, Christine Russell
2. Seafood Festival Sidewalk Vendor Permits: Lupe's 55 107 Ocean Blvd, Graphic Creation Tees 119 Ocean Blvd, Airbush Underground 205 Ocean Blvd, Beach Bums 215 Ocean Blvd, Laspiaggia Pizza 215 Ocean Blvd, J. B. Seafood, 187 Ocean Blvd

Selectman Bean MOTIONED to MOVE the Consent Agenda SECONDED by Selectman Bridle.

VOTE: 4-0-0

IV. Appointments

1. Kristi Pulliam, Finance Director (17:30)

a. Monthly Update

Director Pulliam: for the month of July, the target was 58.3%; the months total income was \$1,001,713; motor vehicles @ \$271,905 under target by \$27,037; interest on taxes @ \$11,615; building permits @ \$108,258; highway subsidy @ \$267,543; departmental income @ \$44,957; Rye sewer agreement @ \$31,670; parking lots @ \$160,037; real estate trust @ \$100,450. Expense side under budget by \$516,448 or 2.09%; auditors 72.71%; legal expenses over @ 83.93%; general government section over @ 59.1%; municipal insurance almost completely spent; parking administration over @ 64.5%; police department under @ 53.8%; fire department under @ 51%; emergency management 221%; hydrants 73.36%; parking works under @ 55.9%; @ wastewater treatment @ 65.5%. Library over target; patriotic purposes @ 61.5%; town beautification @ 73.35%; fund 24 balance \$173,312; fund 25 cable fund balance \$307,459; fund 26 private detail balance \$137,118; fund 27 EMS fund balance \$495,346; wastewater system development charge fees \$50,290 account balance \$135,276.

Selectman Bridle: excellent job.

Selectman Bean: thank you.

Selectman Griffin: doing a great job as usual.

Chairman Waddell: were the auto revenues down last month. Director Pulliam: they have been going back and forth; fluctuating.

Chairman Waddell: this is all on line so everybody can see it. Director Pulliam: yes.

2. Dyana Martin, Director Parks & Recreation (26:20)

a. Departmental Update

Director Martin: working with new mowing company and they are doing a great job; lining fields for soccer and flag football; softball finished; picking up trash; working on toddler park; set up volleyball; putting together picnic tables and bleachers; not had as great a summer in the parking lots as of August 6 made \$352,468, around \$57,000 behind last year. Recreation programs scheduled fields; signs ups for K-2 programs; Red Sox trips are all full; scheduling banquets for softball leagues; trip set for NE Patriots \$169; theater trips; casino trips; travel shows; fitness classes; senior trips; NYC trip; Christmas parade.

Selectman Bridle: many projects for all ages; problem with dogs on the fields. Director Martin: yes, many people use Lou Brown Park and people at Tuck Field with dogs off leash; really need a dog park.

Selectman Bridle: do not want to see dogs out there; people need to be aware that dogs are not supposed to be on our fields; walk them other places; hope people will bring back a warrant article for a dog park. Director Martin: thinking of the Campbell property for a dog park; a lot of space there.

Selectman Bridle: place a box with bags to encourage people to pick up dogs waste; glad to see you have tiny tyke's soccer program; send flyers to preschools and daycares. Director Martin: have on board out front, Facebook and website.

Selectman Griffin: what does the daytrip cost to NYC? Director Martin: \$70.00; leave @ 6AM and return around 12AM; have about 7 hours to do whatever you want.

Selectman Griffin: where do they pick up the bus and who provides it. Director Martin: here in town; coach bus.

Selectman Griffin: how many people. Director Martin: 65-70.

Chairman Waddell: thank you; great job on the 5 corners playground.

3. Ed Tinker, Chief Assessor (40:10)
 - a. 2017 MS1

Mr. Tinker: MS1 is the net value used for setting the tax rate; increased by \$25,750,000 or 8/10 of 1%; new value is \$3,327,628,520; precinct value is \$774,998,520, increase of 1.3%. Breakdown utilities, exempt properties, exemptions and credits; exemptions increased by just over \$3,000,000 based on new applications as well as increase in the elderly exemption limits put into place this year.

Selectman Bean: you did the revaluation this year. Mr. Tinker: last year.

Selectman Bean: how many people are in your office? Mr. Tinker: one full time and one part time.

Selectman Bean: you do a magnificent job; thank you for your service.

Chairman Waddell: the total valuation \$3,583,989,820. Mr. Tinker: that is the total including exempt property; before exemptions and before deductions.

Chairman Waddell: where would that put us overall in NH, rating with towns that are our size. Mr. Tinker: we are tops based on size.

Chairman Waddell: you do a good job.

Selectman Griffin MOTIONED to sign the MS1 SECONDED by Selectman Bridle.

VOTE: 4-0-0

4. ~~Chris Jacobs, DPW Director~~ & Jen Hale DPW Deputy Director (43:50)
 - a. Lafayette Road Sewer Project Waiver from Section 718-4 Sub-section B (2) of the Purchasing Policy and Purchasing Procedures to award the Contract to Jamco, LLC

Deputy Director Hale: put out the Lafayette Sewer Road project that was approved in March for design of the drawings; went out to bid; sent to 11 vendors; 4 firms took the plans; 2 firms attended pre-bid meeting, but only received one bid. Jamco submitted a bid for \$924,467; bid was slightly higher than what the construction estimate turned out to be, but we have appropriate funding, along with other parts of the project; all will fall within what was allotted for under the warrant article. Looking for night construction and would ask for that approval; looking to get started as soon as possible; goal is to complete before the asphalt plants close.

Selectman Bridle: the list here, was sent to 13; you cannot make people bid; we need to move forward with this project.

Selectman Bean MOTIONED to ACCEPT the bid from Jamco of \$924,467.50 and authorize Town Manager to execute a contract to complete work for the Lafayette Road Sewer Project SECONDED by Selectman Bridle.

VOTE: 4-0-0

Chairman Waddell: they want to start when, right away. Deputy Director Hale: right away; look to get contract into place; submit notice to proceed; do preconstruction meeting; go through traffic management plan; start right after Seafood Festival.

Chairman Waddell: explain why Aquarion dug it up and paved over it and now we are going to dig it up. Deputy Director Hale: Aquarion had its own project and we have our own project; they were done separately because they are two different entities; the paving that you see out there right now is a complete temporary patch. Working with Aquarion and Jamco to come up with the best way so that not everybody is doing things twice; to get winter ready; sit and settle and do final paving in the spring. The goal is by the end of November Aquarion have their trenches up to par and we have our trenches up to par and will all be done by Jamco, as they are the contractor for both.

Selectman Bridle: we are not going to have the bumping and obstacle course we have now all winter. Deputy Director Hale: no, it will be repaired.

Selectman Griffin: you are aware people are complaining. Deputy Director Hale: yes, we spoke with Jamco about not making extra trips; move things in the morning hours, not in the middle of the night; will bring sweeper through weekly; try to remedy the issues we have been hearing.

Selectman Bean: tough to be patient for residents of Winnacunnet Road; fire station, schools and daily traffic pushing 10,000 cars per day; important project; critical stage; can hear downtown very easily from where I slumber; I would urge everyone to be patient. The end stage with a nice paved road would be. Deputy Director Hale: flat road with a base course; will be the end of November, prior to Thanksgiving; also need permission to continue with the night hours.

Selectman Bean: we are aware of the challenges; we are all suffering a bit; be patient.

Selectman Bridle MOTIONED to continue with night hours on the Lafayette Road Sewer Project SECONDED by Selectman Griffin.

VOTE: 4-0-0

5. Deputy Chief Hobbs & Superintendent Murphy – ~~Chief Sawyer~~ (12:30)
 - a. Parking Restriction on Academy Avenue

Deputy Chief Hobbs: impact changes at Hampton Academy; parking regulations; safety for children.

Superintendent Murphy: we will no longer bring buses onto property, drop them off on Academy Avenue, will alleviate congestion; move parent drop off from Academy Avenue to the loop on the side of the school; asked permission for no parking on the house side of Academy Avenue. We will have staff there; Officer Robinson is there assisting the Principal and teachers.

Deputy Chief Hobbs: parking restrictions are Monday-Friday from 7AM-3PM.

Selectman Bridle MOTIONED to APPROVE the parking restrictions on Academy Avenue SECONDED by Selectman Griffin.

VOTE: 4-0-0

Chairman Waddell: would be wise for people to avoid that road

- ~~6. John Herlihy, Aquarion's Vice President of Water Quality, Environmental Management and Government Relations & Carl McMorran~~
 - ~~a. PFCs in Aquarion's Water~~

Postponed to September 11th.

Chairman Waddell: the meetings are going on and there are talks between the Town and Aquarion; not something that is being put off; Selectman Barnes was not here tonight and she wanted to be involved.

V. Approval of Minutes

1. Sealed Minutes of July 10, 2017

Selectman Bridle MOTIONED to APPROVE the Sealed Minutes of July 10, 2017
SECONDED by Selectman Bean.

VOTE: 4-0-0

2. Sealed Minutes of August 7, 2017

Selectman Bridle MOTIONED to APPROVE the Sealed Minutes of August 7, 2017
SECONDED by Selectman Bean.

VOTE: 4-0-0

3. Sealed Minutes of August 21, 2017

Selectman Bridle MOTIONED to APPROVE the Sealed Minutes of August 21, 2017
SECONDED by Selectman Bean.

VOTE: 3-0-1 (Griffin)

VI. Town Manager's Report (52:05)

1. Drakeside Road is open to traffic. Paving will be accomplished in the near future. Public Works indicates that only a base course will be installed over the winter with completion of the final layer of asphalt to be placed in the spring after some work on sewer connections a little east of the current construction work.
2. The Town's IT Department has placed up online the test results from Aquarion regarding PFC's. The Town's Landfill tests will be added soon. This will be a continuing process to which will be added any further tests including tests reported by the EPA, DES, Aquarion, and the Town.
3. For those who use Academy Avenue, we suggest that you seek alternate routes because of the construction at Hampton Academy; alternate arrangements have been made for the loading and unloading of school busses, which can cause delays on this roadway.
4. Paving operations are in progress on Route 1 Lafayette Road from Park Avenue in Hampton south to the Massachusetts State Line. Select alternate routes to avoid delays.
5. We have an invitation from the Governor and Counsel will hold a hearing on October 16, 2017 at 7PM at the Seashell Complex dealing with projected 10-year highway program.

6. September 11, 2017 at 6PM on High Street at the American Legion will be a celebration of the 9/11 Memorial and will add another name to the memorial.

Selectman Bridle: had letter from a person at 966 Ocean Boulevard who was looking to have a sign put up for the speed; I would like that person to know it is a state road and is their responsibility and maybe we should send a letter to the State reminding them it is their road.

Town Manager Welch: he did that for us and was told it is not their responsibility to put a sign up, but is the town's responsibility.

Selectman Bridle: Ocean Boulevard and O Street the street sign came down, would like to see it replaced. Town Manager Welch: already asked that it be replaced.

Selectman Bridle: stop sign on Harbor Road; I know it is a private road, but they are taxpayers and I would hate to see somebody get hit there; I would like us to put a stop sign at the top of Harbor Road; prudent to have it there so somebody does not get hurt. Town Manager Welch: we can if the board votes it, as it is not legal for us to put it there.

Selectman Griffin: I spoke with the person at the condominiums; used to be a sign there. Town Manager Welch: it ended up missing for some reason.

Selectman Griffin MOTIONED to place a stop sign on Harbor Road SECONDED by Selectman Bridle.

VOTE: 4-0-0

Selectman Griffin: when is the 10-year plan meeting? Town Manager Welch: October 16, 2017 at 7PM at the Seashell Complex.

Selectman Griffin: what organization from the state told the people that the town is responsible to put up a sign on Ocean Boulevard? Town Manager Welch: Division 6 in Durham.

Selectman Griffin: it is their responsibility to put it up. Town Manager Welch: it is an electronic sign and they say they do not put up electronic signs for speed regulation or speed reminders; they say it is a function only performed by the town, as they have no appropriation, direction or equipment; it is a state highway.

Selectman Griffin: but there was not one. Selectman Bridle: there is one in North Hampton.

Selectman Griffin: so that is what they are suggesting.

Selectman Bridle: right; the police chief talked about that last year and was part of one of his warrant articles, but we pulled that out; I think that is something we need to look at again this year; buying some of those; calming effect.

Selectman Bean: we will not meet for two more weeks; Seafood Festival will be a big success, thanks to all the people in Hampton, Chamber, sponsors and the department heads and their planning. I would solicit Mr. Welch's input from his department heads for any request for information, strategic planning in my role as a member of the State Parks Advisory Council by end of September. The delegation in Concord worked closely with the Town last year in terms of submitting legislation; all members of the Town Manager and his staff, including legal, can forward efforts for legislative purposes.

Chairman Waddell: our next meeting is September 11; the ceremony starts at 6PM; I would like to suggest we start the meeting when it finished.

Selectman Bridle MOTIONED to start the Selectmen's Meeting on September 11, 2017 at 7:30PM SECONDED by Selectman Bean.

VOTE: 4-0-0

Selectman Bridle: we encourage everyone in town to attend the 9/11 Ceremony

VII. Old Business

VIII. New Business

IX. Closing Comments

X. Adjournment

At 7:57PM, the meeting adjourned on MOTION by Selectman Bean, SECONDED by Selectmen Bridle.

VOTE: 4-0-0

Chairman