

October 2, 2017

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

6:33 PM Non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, II (e)

On MOTION made in public session by Selectman Bridle, SECONDED by Selectman Barnes, the Board voted unanimously by roll call vote to go into a non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, II (e) [litigation].

[Minutes were sealed under RAS 91-A:3. III]

At about 6:50 PM, a MOTION was made by Selectman Bridle, SECONDED by Selectman Barnes, to leave the non-public session and return to a public session, which passed unanimously, and the public session was reconvened.

At about 6:51 PM, on MOTION by Selectman Bridle, SECONDED by Selectman Barnes, the Board voted unanimously by roll call vote to seal the Minutes of the non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, III on grounds that they could affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of this Board, or jeopardize the effectiveness of the action to be taken.

At about 6:52 PM, the meeting recessed to the downstairs Selectmen's meeting room.

7:00 PM Public Meeting

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

- I. Public Hearing pursuant to RSA 41:14-a Proceedings "4 7th Street Release portion of Town owned Deed Restriction #4 on formerly Leased Land" Second Hearing

Town Manager Welch: will convene in two weeks to make a decision on what the board would like to do.

- II. Public Hearing pursuant to RSA 41:14-a Proceedings "230 Exeter Road Donation of Land to the Town as shown on Sheet A-1, and donation of drainage easement to the Town for drainage pipe and outlet as shown on Sheets A-2, and C-3" Second Hearing

Barbara Renaud, Chair Conservation Commission: the commission recommends the acceptance of this donated land and the drainage easement, however, we do request that the

deed contain language that the land will remain in its vegetated state and that no motorized vehicles will be allowed on the land except for emergency purposes. The deed is consistent with the approvals that were granted by both the Planning Board and Zoning Board.

III. Public Hearing pursuant to RSA 41:14-a Proceedings “Tax Map 234, Lot 3 – Off Winnacunnet Road (Spring Marsh). To lease town-owned property for parking for the property at 595 Ocean Blvd” First Hearing

Barbara Renaud, Chair Conservation Commission: the Conservation Commission has been opposed to the sale or lease of any land in the Wetland Conservation District; took vote again this year and the position was unanimously reaffirmed. The Salt Marsh area is our storm water storage area; one acre of salt marsh can hold 1.5 million gallons of water; this minimizes the flooding risk to the already developed properties and to the infrastructure of the town. We respectfully request that no lease transaction take place so as not to jeopardize the safety of our town infrastructure or the properties that are already have developed around it.

Selectman Barnes: has this land been leased before? Town Manager Welch: yes.

Selectman Barnes: did we get a letter from the Planning Board. Jason Bachand: the Planning Board did not recommend this request; were concerned as the Conservation Commission was; what is going to happen to the property at 595 Ocean Boulevard; no details on what a current proposed use would be for that site. A site plan was provided for many years earlier; the Planning Board needs more information.

Selectman Bridle: lived next to this property; always used for parking; always been there; the ground was filled in by the State; I do not agree on filling marsh, but the part that is here has already been filled in and been used for parking for many years. I hope that the property owner will come in and give us some insight on what he wants to do with that property.

Selectman Griffin: I feel this is premature and we should be hearing from the developer.

Public Hearings Closed at 7:08PM.

IV. Public Comment Period (12:36)

Chuck Rage, 121 Ocean Boulevard, and Commissioner HBVD: concerned pertaining to the possible litigation with the State of NH; work better as a team; set up meetings between the Village District, Selectmen and the State. Thinking back to comments made when bought hotel in 1984; lots 50’x100’ front lots 50’ x 94’; told that is when the town took our land to build the sidewalk; state took land to build sidewalk. Look into, might be quick answer to who owns the sidewalks; litigation, even if win lose in the long run. Have Governor right now who seems to be into Hampton and looks like he wants to help Hampton; would like us to work together.

V. Announcements and Community Calendar (15:02)

Selectman Barnes: was at Smuttynose race; had 700 people more than last year; people on south part of beach never received a post card, were not sure when roads were closing; many people were concerned not having information about road closures. Ms. Caruso have not forgotten conversation on the phone about what the Town of Portland has done in ME.

Selectman Bean: Thursday in Concord will be talking with Governor about problems with water; vigorous effort to bring to attention of State; Cancer Cluster Commission and meetings with DES. PFC and PFOA levels our limits are 2½ times what they are in NJ; told our current levels are low, but if you go to NJ they would be alarmingly high. The board has been very vigorous in the efforts to be professional and civil with the State; the Governor in the past has not solved any problems.

Chairman Waddell: people on Boars Head did not receive the postcards for the Smuttynose race either; some confusion and need to straighten that up.

Selectman Griffin: I received the card, had a business that was open from 7:30AM on and did not face any delays, traffic flowed.

VI. Consent Agenda (19:50)

1. Termination of Lease & Quit Claim Deed: 50 Ancient Hwy, Map 134, Lot 40
2. Termination of Lease & New Land Lease: 5 Epping Avenue, Map 299, Lot 1
3. Unitil Underground Gas Line License: 38 Norton Road
4. Unitil Underground Gas Line License: 210 Landing Road
5. Unitil Underground Gas Line License: 16, 20, 23, 24, 27, and 28 Sweetbriar Lane
6. Wright Pierce Contract Amendment Lafayette Road Sewer Project

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

VOTE: 5-0-0

VII. Appointments (20:40)

1. Michael Bernier, Aquarion Water Company
 - a. 179 Exeter Road Water Line Installation

Mr. Bernier: need to install water service to 179 Exeter Road; problem is the water line is next to the edge of the shoulder of the road; 99% positive can dig this up and install new service without getting into the hot top. I want permission just in case have to take 1' of hot top on the edge of the road

Town Manager Welch: the road was paved less than 5 years ago and needs board's permission if he is going to get into the road

Selectman Bridle: if they do get into it, when they repair the patch

Mr. Bernier: I know the special procedure

Selectman Bridle MOTIONED to APPROVE the opening of pavement for 179 Exeter Road Water Line Installation if necessary SECONDED by Selectman Barnes.

VOTE: 5-0-0

VIII. Approval of Minutes (22:27)

1. September 18, 2017

Selectman Barnes MOTIONED to APPROVE the minutes of September 18, 2017 as submitted SECONDED by Selectman Bean.

VOTE: 5-0-0

IX. New Business

1. Budget Discussion (23:00)

a. Building & Zoning – Kevin Schultz

Mr. Schultz: \$222,558 a decrease from this year's current budget; adjustments in wages and salaries; replacement equipment line item zeroed out.

Selectman Bridle: what do you have for openings? Mr. Schultz: opening for Assistant Building Inspector.

Selectman Griffin: good job keeping things under control.

Selectman Bean: who can argue with your budget numbers; you do a remarkable, incredible job.

Selectman Bean MOTIONED to MOVE the Building Budget of \$222,558 SECONDED by Selectman Griffin.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Mr. Schultz: Zoning Budget went down by almost 9% due to the replacement equipment line item.

Selectman Griffin MOTIONED to MOVE the Zoning Budget SECONDED by Selectman Bean.

VOTE: 5-0-0

b. Town Clerk – Jane Cypher

Ms. Cypher: \$284,356.75; budget increases during even number years due to elections; increase of 16%; regular wages plan to promote bookkeeper to senior bookkeeper and change the title of bookkeeper to full time assistant clerk; no position in teamsters bargaining agreement for full-time assistant clerk, only part-time. This plan would not add another position to the agreement, but change existing position that is not needed to one that is and add one more body to the union; increases regular wages line item from \$80,480 to \$110,292. As of August 30 revenue up more than \$200,000 over last year at that time; lines are to the door on most days; 10 years ago there were 18,638 vehicles registered; this year 21,177 vehicles; in 2007 number of transactions were 18,891 this year projected 21,474. Total revenue collected in 2007 \$3.5 million; this year \$4.7 million; with exception of a file clerk the staffing is the same as 2007; provide more services than in 2007; registered voters increased over 3,000. Part-time wages 50 cent increase; Town Clerk wages 3% raise; computer support +\$29; staff development +\$1,450; voter registration +\$532; election administration +\$225.

Selectman Barnes: thank you.

Selectman Bridle: have a great staff; with your increase will that open up the hours on Friday afternoon. Ms. Cypher: no.

Selectman Bridle: what would it cost to do that? Ms. Cypher: in 2009 when I changed the hours, they were 9AM-4:30PM, complaints that we were not open early or late enough; asked

for feedback, only had 9 contacts were positive; changed 8AM-5PM Monday-Thursday and 8AM-11:30AM on Friday; union employees cannot work more than 35 hours per week.

Selectman Bridle: thank you for explaining.

Selectman Griffin: you are asking for one new employee. Ms. Cypher: yes, 1 full-time assistant clerk.

Selectman Griffin: you do not feel like it can be done with a part-timer. Ms. Cypher: no, we are not just busy Mondays and first/last days of month; part-timers are hard to come by; takes 2-3 years to train someone fully, people will not stay for the amount of money we pay; waste of resources to train someone only to have them leave; had 3 leave in a 1 year period. I need someone there the entire week to cover the window.

Selectman Bean: regular wages line is up 37%. Town Manager Welch: 37.04%.

Selectman Bean: need more research and more investigating; collective bargaining agreements.

Chairman Waddell: At one time, the elected officials want for a raise went in a warrant article? Ms. Cypher: sometimes, to discretion of elected official.

Chairman Waddell: would like to get more information; hate to see it up that much; do agree you need someone else; do you have enough room for another window. Ms. Cypher: will have to discuss; figure out how we are going to put another body into the office.

Town Manager Welch: the lines consistently get longer, almost every day; not enough positions to take care of work; takes a long time to do registrations; people get agitated having to wait.

Ms. Cypher: we are noticing a huge difference in the attitude of the customers; get very frustrated.

Chairman Waddell: if you did add a new full-time position, does the money you have here include benefits. Ms. Cypher: no, Kristi figured that.

Chairman Waddell: that would increase it under what part. Director Pulliam: under personal administration and insurances.

Ms. Cypher: was minimal

c. Assessing – Ed Tinker (47:40)

Mr. Tinker: budget increased \$4,685; \$160 under data processing for Vision software maintenance; merit raises; no other line items have changed

Selectman Bean MOTIONED to MOVE the Assessing Budget as presented SECONDED by Selectman Griffin.

VOTE: 5-0-0

d. Tax Collector – Donna Bennett (48:30)

Ms. Bennett: budget is down \$83; total budget \$103,914; 6 line items were lowered; 3% salary increase for tax collector.

Selectman Barnes MOTIONED to MOVE the Tax Collector Budget SECONDED by Selectman Bridle.

Chairman Waddell: question the 3% salary increase.

Selectman Griffin: should we discuss this in private.

Chairman Waddell: in private or with HR, Mr. Sullivan.

Selectman Griffin: that is what I mean; should be consistent.

Selectman Bean: can we approve the budget outside of the pay raise and come back to that.

Town Manager Welch: yes.

Selectman Bean: modify your motion.

Selectman Barnes: I will modify it.

Ms. Bennett: I know you want us to stay the same as all of the other non-unions, but some of the non-unions are not department heads; none of the non-unions has to run for election; we have to run for election.

Selectman Griffin: I am talking about keeping it similar to the Town Clerk another elected official.

Selectman Barnes MOTIONED to modify her MOTION to APPROVE the Tax Collector Budget except for the Tax Collector's wage increase SECONDED by Selectman Bridle.

VOTE: 5-0-0

e. Welfare (51:10)

Town Manager Welch: 0% increase

Selectman Bean MOTIONED to MOVE the Welfare Budget SECONDED by Selectman Griffin.

VOTE: 5-0-0

f. Planning – Jason Bachand (51:35)

Mr. Bachand: total budget is \$152,342 up slightly; changes are under regular wages increase 3% for Town Planner and Office Manager Positions; staff development \$1,500; equipment replacement/preventative maintenance -\$1,600 to \$1,000.

Selectman Barnes: 3% are both proposed. Mr. Bachand: yes.

Selectman Bean: the budget is up 1.45%; have no problems with the budget, however, remaining consistent with salary increases.

Selectman Barnes MOTIONED to MOVE the Planning Budget except for the increase in wages SECONDED by Selectman Bridle.

VOTE: 5-0-0

g. Conservation – Barbara Renaud & Rayann Dionne (54:15)

Ms. Renaud: budget request \$35,573, which is \$48 increase; 2 changes from last year; 1.5% increase to coordinator wages; street lighting decrease.

Selectman Griffin MOTIONED to MOVE the Conservation Commission Budget of \$35,573 SECONDED by Selectman Barnes.

VOTE: 5-0-0

h. Legal – Mark Gearreald (55:49)

Attorney Gearreald: operates at rate of \$95 per hour, including all benefits; outside counsel runs at rate of \$200-\$325 per hour; successful litigations; major proceedings having to do with wells having PFCs; budget reflects 4% increase in regular wages that the board granted a merit increase due to the accomplishment of the department. Addition of one other personnel; had successful experience for unpaid intern; accomplished a number of items; hire second year law student; paralegal position added that would run 20 hours per weeks \$25 per hour for 39 weeks. Other increases having to do under litigation expenses from from \$5,000 to \$15,000; outside counsel amount doubled.

Selectman Barnes: Instead of having an intern, you would have a paralegal for \$14,500.
Attorney Gearreald: yes.

Director Pulliam: an increase by \$14,500; paralegal position is \$19,500; 20 hours per week @ \$25.00 per hour for 39 weeks.

Selectman Bridle: Mark has done a remarkable job this year; time we look at a paralegal, at least a part time position.

Selectman Griffin: I would like to hear what Mr. Welch has to say about this. Town Manager Welch: a paralegal can be a very effective position; well train in legal proceedings; right hand of attorney; we do not have that person on staff at the moment; a part time person for a paralegal would fit conveniently into the hour blocks we have for existing employees working. An administration assistant works half a day; paralegal would work the other half; paralegal can do a lot of work the counsel has to do now; he has to do all his own research, etc.; he can be more productive.

Selectman Bean: I support your budget enthusiastically; perform remarkably; your paralegal need and requisite is long overdue.

Selectman Bean MOTIONED to MOVE the Legal Budget SECONDED by Selectman Griffin.

Chairman Waddell: 4% on the salary, what is that? Attorney Gearreald: the board voted it as part of a merit raise.

Chairman Waddell: that goes into next year's budget not this year's budget. Attorney Gearreald: it is this years; retroactive to April 1; it is not another 4% on top of the 4%.

Chairman Waddell: I see 36.05%; against paralegal myself; do too much litigation; I know I am in the minority.

Selectman Griffin: I withdraw my second.

Selectman Barnes: I would want to pass this budget; a lot of work you do is confidential; you have done a great job; we have had to go to outside counsel a few times; under other legal costs, it is the same as last year, but have not spent any this year.

Town Manager Welch: we have to carry costs for labor contracts and collective bargaining costs; occasionally have to go out and do outside resources for that material that money has to be there in case we do; try not to spend it. We have a very good in-house collective bargaining team; previous to this, we were spending \$100,000-\$125,000 per year; that has been removed from the budget.

Selectman Barnes: we removed over \$100,000 per year and we have \$15,000 here for a safety. Selectman Barnes SECONDED the motion to move the budget.

Selectman Griffin: I think we should have more discussion about your points.

Chairman Waddell: we have a motion and a second so we have to take a vote; that is the way it is.

Selectman Bean: talk away, you are the chair.

Chairman Waddell: I am finished with what I have to say.

Selectman Bridle: Rick has something to say let us hear it.

Selectman Griffin: I want to make sure we are all on the same position here; is there too much being pursued.

Selectman Bean: I would answer that; when I was the chair; real estate evaluation; largest piece of property in the town; was farmed out to outside counsel; this board voted unanimously to pursue litigation; that is public; seven figure dollar amount. I have every confidence with his court actions; professional liability up to seven figures and we are just going to let go. We have a \$41,000,000 project at the sewer plant that might need to be done; only \$700,000-\$800,000 and people raise this issue and saying we should not do it. When people are paying \$5,000-\$50,000 in taxes and they selected my name on the ballot; I sure do not want to have them come up to me and say it is only \$1,000,000 just let it go. We have state issues and we do not have anything with a legal contract with the state; we have a \$24,000,000 school project. The Finance Director came up with \$700,000 per year, let us just let that go; we are doing this in addition to what this fine esquire does; over 200 employees; when legal issues arise, we have an attorney. If people want to rescind motions, put it to the vote; we pay police officers and if there is crime we expect them to make an arrest; firefighters we expect a fire truck, ambulance and mutual aid; we expect the town clerk to register a vehicle. If we do not want to use the Town Attorney and walk away from millions of dollars, you will not get my vote on that; I do not think it is excessive.

Selectman Griffin: this year Mark has done a lot; much has been asked of him; we have had problems on some of the outside people we have hired; see restraint used in the future; Mark has done a very good job this year.

Chairman Waddell: I never said Mark did not do a good job; never said just get a long and give up money; do not know why somebody wants to put words in people's mouths, but that is all right.

Selectman Bean: Mr. Chairman, if that is at me I have heard that we have to get along and we should have restraint; I am talking legal issues; board of selectmen votes; talking motions; court actions and legal contracts; do not talk in psychobabble.

Chairman Waddell: I am not going to get into it; please do not put words into my mouth.

Selectman Bean: please do not say that I am Mr. Chairman; do not put words in my mouth, not over \$1,000,000.

Selectman Bean MOTIONED to MOVE the Legal Budget SECONDED by Selectman Barnes.

VOTE: 4-1(Waddell)-0

Attorney Gearreald: at the end of the meeting, go back into a non-public session to continue the discussion we had earlier.

i. Government Buildings (1:13:55)

Town Manager Welch: this budget is up 3.54% and all of it is related to the roof on this building; we have \$3,500 in here; spent \$4,800 for repairs; roofer is telling us we need another \$3,500 worth of repairs in the spring. Can expect to get approximately another 10 years of life out of the roof, but because of its age will require more work as time goes on; right now need \$3,500 to secure it for next year, that is the only increase.

Selectman Griffin MOTIONED to MOVE Government Buildings Budget SECONDED by Selectman Barnes.

VOTE: 5-0-0

j. MIS (1:15:04)

Director Pulliam: up 7.9%; 6% is related to wages; give each a 6% raise; other increase is computer support; contracts increased; Comcast increased internet speed; firewalls; licenses and renewals; 20% in replacement equipment, to rotate computers, 5 year plan.

Selectman Bridle: we heard a lot last year about software issues with Windows 365. Director Pulliam: that is not software; 365 is to have everything stored in the cloud, as exposed to having servers here; need to improve infrastructure; need fiber before we can move forward.

Selectman Bean: supplies and expenses. Director Pulliam: we added the computer support line.

Selectman Bean: new equipment? Director Pulliam: yes, \$2,600 is the amount.

Selectman Bean: what is the difference between replacement equipment and new equipment?

Director Pulliam: replacement equipment is in regards to all the servers, desktops and laptops; new equipment is unexpected purchase.

Chairman Waddell: new equipment went from 33 to 40. Director Pulliam: yes, that is also when we started the five year plan; when the parameters with the same; have three categories of specs now; buying computers that will better support the users; have broken users down into the category where they fall.

Selectman Bean MOTIONED to MOVE the MIS Budget as presented SECONDED by Selectman Griffin.

VOTE: 5-0-0

k. Hydrants (1:21:47)

Town Manager Welch: the request for this year is down 0.21%; \$483,162 and it is based upon the billing rates approved by the Public Utilities Commission.

Selectman Griffin MOTIONED to MOVE the Hydrants Budget SECONDED by Selectman Barnes.

VOTE: 5-0-0

l. Street Lights & Repairs (1:22:42)

Town Manager Welch: up 7.50%; electric is flat; repairs are the street lighting in the town is old and we have a number of repairs, have been actively working on those.

Selectman Barnes: are we planning to do more this year. Town Manager Welch: there is a potential warrant article to put in more street lighting at the beach, in accordance with the current program; putting in new lights saves us money in the long run; over billing rate from the utility; LED fixtures down the beach, bring up to code.

Director Pulliam: 2017 expenditures; last week did a PO for \$17,000 for one replacement; bulbs on Route 1, High Street, and Church Street were being replaced on Friday and was about \$8,000.

Town Manager Welch: the lights have been there for more than ten years; replace the ballast and wire for LED lights; functions better; one account; \$257,228 up 1.08%.

Chairman Waddell: how many streetlights do we own? Town Manager Welch: I have not counted them; somewhere around 75

Chairman Waddell: are the majority of the streetlights. Ours? Town Manager Welch: no, the majority are the private utilities.

Selectman Griffin MOTIONED to MOVE the Street Lights & Repairs Budget SECONDED by Selectman Bean.

VOTE: 5-0-0

m. Patriotic Purposes (1:25:43)

Town Manager Welch: this pays for the flags that go on Veterans graves and flags around town; \$2,350.

Selectman Barnes MOTIONED to MOVE the Patriotic Purposes Budget SECONDED by Selectman Bridle.

VOTE: 4-0-1(Bea)

n. Other Flower Gardens (1:26:20)

Town Manager Welch: no increase, spend \$500 for beautification on flower gardens around the community.

Selectman Griffin MOTIONED to MOVE the Other Flower Gardens Budget SECONDED by Selectman Bridle.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Director Pulliam: I sent out a revised schedule; Library Director moved to October 12th.

Selectman Bean: we had some information requests to come back; when would you envision that, next week; personnel records.

Chairman Waddell: yes.

Director Pulliam: I wrote it down, so I can give to Jamie tomorrow; on October 12th.

Selectman Bridle: got an email from a person on Plymouth Street; having work done on her house; does not want the carpenter to leave his vehicle on the street; wants to know if we will allow him to park his vehicle in the lot on Sun Valley; park work vehicles over there while they are working. Town Manager Welch: vehicles are not allowed to park on roadways over there.

Selectman Barnes MOTIONED to ALLOW the carpenter's work vehicles to park in the Town Lot at Sun Valley SECONDED by Selectman Bridle.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Chairman Waddell: read letter sent to everybody on board; facilitate a meeting with someone from the Governor's Office to discuss how all parties can work together in a positive atmosphere of cooperation to find areas can agree to and areas that need compromise; from Nancy Stiles, Sheila Francoeur, Christopher Nevins, Michael O'Neil, and Frederick Rice.

Selectman Bean: as a representative, I know how challenging that job is; they had their tenure, they do not need permission to meet with two selectmen; everybody wants to get along; we have had motions here; this notion that we are going to get along; serious money issues; \$700,000 perennial annual expenditure. When it comes to legal contracts; two entities; State and Town; these are laws; not going to provide hundreds of thousands of dollars without a legal contract. Not opposed to anyone getting along; we have people who did not get a pay raise last year; people struggle to pay taxes; times are tough; notion is absurd, anyone can talk whenever they want. We cannot have consecutive decision making; illegal meeting; concerned on what goes on behind the scenes; job is not being done now; not being done in the legislative process. Mr. Rice said it is an absurd notion for the Town of Hampton; lease Sunapee; State takes all the revenue at the beach; worked as hard as anybody leading that effort in this town's history. We have tried of meetings and tried talking to Mr. Rose and we do not get a response until there is a vote and then you get a response 2-3 days; Governor is a great guy and I have met with him on this issue; called for Mr. Rose's resignation. You cannot get legislation out; Mr. Rice has thrown a wet blanket on my initiatives, but he wants to get along, he has done so publically; he was against me running as an independent; I will speak with him anytime. Do not need quarterbacking from former elected officials; we need current elected officials; there has been a vote. Some people think in this town in this State to advance the interest of Hampton residents and taxpayers is somehow not getting along; go back to your constitution classes; three branches of government; executive is not getting it done and legislative is not getting it done; what is left is judicial; legal issue; why we have a legal department. If we can walk away from \$700,000-\$800,000 a year; charge 18% taxes; people got no pay raises; teamsters did not get pay raise; people on our refuse trucks; people at the wastewater treatment facility. We go to bed in the middle of winter and wake up and our roads are safe for our children, they did not get a pay raise. I will be meeting with the Governor this week on water issues; Mr. Welch will you reaffirm the meeting we had up there with the Speaker and Minority Leader.

Town Manager Welch: we had a very extensive meeting to discuss a lot of these issues; speaker expressed his concern; resolution; looking forward to discuss these things anytime; getting close to pave Route 1A; how are we going to do it together.

Selectman Bean: have you ever been brought up with the Assistant Town Manager, Town Attorney, Public Works Director, Fire Chief, and Police Chief to meet in Concord in the Capitol Building. Town Manager Welch: yes with the Speaker and his staff.

Selectman Bean: had it been done with prior delegations. Town Manager Welch: no.

Selectman Bridle: I agree with what Mr. Welch just said; work to get along; sometimes you always cannot do that; not departments decision to make that; State Legislator; I do not disagree that we should be going after it, however, are we going after the right people; going after the wrong people. We need to work together, need to convince people, yes the Town of Hampton is getting the short end of the deal; not always happens within the department; happens with our State Representatives; I know Mr. Bean has been working on this; we need to make sure we are working the right way, not the wrong way.

Chairman Waddell: it has happened before where Town Officials have gone to the State House, because I know Mr. Nichols spent a lot of time going to the State House working on pension reform; I know because I was a State Rep. What I am saying about the people who signed this letter is because they have a history; not saying they are telling us what to do; they have a history, they can be helpful in the process.

Selectman Barnes: I agree partly with what Selectman Bridle said; I agree with Selectman/Representative Bean said; I have no problem meeting with whomever; we have wastewater treatment plant; infrastructure issues; drainage problems. Money we continually provide to the State; we are a tourist industry; supports them financially, and they disperse where they need too; some of that money better start coming back here. If it doesn't the state needs to consider the risk; our taxpayers cannot afford it; whether it is the legislators or the departments; we are using the third source of the government, the Judicial.

Selectman Griffin: I have a lot of respect for the way the letter has been sent; think it was the right thing to do and take it off the agenda; everyone has done a great job. I have a few reservations; one problem being this part of town politics; we have representatives who are Democrats and representatives who are Republicans; these are all Republicans, are there no similar opinion as a Democrat; problem for me. In the past talking about having a meeting and have two members from the board; we have done this in the past and I have never seen any success with these types of meetings. Problem I had with the State is we had motions by all 8 elected officials; three from beach precinct and all five here; on the last night, they dropped everything and took back everything; complete opposite to what the elected officials came up with. I am glad to see so much being done for business at the beach, but the residents that live along Ocean Boulevard are being shortchanged; Chuck made an excellent point tonight; never heard about the 6' being taken by the Town in the 60s or 70s. We need to look it up and if it did happen that was a major thing done to those people; nonconforming lots and most expensive in the town. I do not doubt that both the State and Town is at fault that needs to be discovered; time has come that we need to do something; also am in favor of the new officials and why have we not heard from him, our new Senator. I am not in favor of a one-sided group of people coming in here without a lot of other people being invited to be part of the conversation.

Selectman Bean: as a Republican, who ran has an Independent; Rick makes an excellent point that I have not heard; we have Mr. Edgar and Mr. Cushing who are Democrats; two party politics; this board does not need to vote on any two members meeting with anybody at any time and I will not vote for it.

Chairman Waddell: I am sure that the Democrats could be included; have no idea why they were not.

Chairman Waddell MOTIONED to give consent or approval to a meeting SECONDED by Selectman Bridle.

VOTE: 2-3(Barnes, Bean, Griffin)-0

X. Town Manager's Report (1:47:25)

1. Paving continues on various roadways within the Town. Roadways undergoing milling, paving and shoulder repair are Drakeside Road, Hardardt's Way, Woodland Road, and Town Road. Lane closings are possible, so please be careful.
2. The Beach Precinct will be holding a special meeting to discuss new ideas for the coming year with particular focus on the July 4th weekend. Meeting is at the Beach Fire Station on October 3rd at 12:30 PM
3. The State DOT and our Executive Councilor will be holding a public hearing on the State of New Hampshire 10-year Intermodal Transportation Plan on October 16th at 7PM at the Seashell Complex at the Ocean Front Pavilion Room, 170 Ocean Boulevard.
4. Please avoid using Academy Avenue on days and times when school is in session to avoid long delays due to bus loading and unload in the roadway.
5. Batchelders Pond will be drained down for repairs, will take 3-6 weeks
6. Sun Valley sewer line which lies underneath Hampton Harbor; pipes are exposed; emergency repair work; ask board's permission to negotiate with Town of Seabrook for emergency hook-up to their sewer system if line fails.

Selectman Bean MOTIONED to APPROVE the preparation of the document to negotiate with Town of Seabrook for Sewer System hook-up in Sun Valley SECONDED by Selectman Griffin.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Town Manager Welch: tax collector's office will be closed October 18, 2017 as they are doing their annual tax training with the State of NH.

Selectman Bridle: paved on Drakeside Road and next day digging up for gas line; will that affect the paving for the final coat. Town Manager Welch: no, it will not; person had filed for the approval before paving; did special refill; guarantee to come back and fix.

Selectman Bridle: manholes were lowered when they milled; will be raised up before the final coat. Town Manager Welch: yes.

Chairman Waddell: I asked about a Porta Potty on High Street. Town Manager Welch: I asked the question but have not received an answer; I believe it was there for work that was being done on High Street, coming back to excavate the area when the water line failed; may need for them.

XI. Old Business (1:55:10)

Selectman Griffin: I have, but will save it for another time.

XII. Closing Comments (1:55:23)

At approximately 8:55 PM, on MOTION made by Selectman Bridle, SECONDED by Selectman Barnes, the Board (voted unanimously by roll call) to go into a non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, II (a), (c) and (e) [personnel, reputation, and litigation].

At 9:13 PM, a MOTION was made by Selectman Waddell, SECONDED by Selectman Bridle, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the non-public session and rejoin the public session.

At 9:14 PM, on MOTION by Selectman Waddell, SECONDED by Selectman Bridle under RSA 91-A:3, III, the Board of Selectmen voted 4 to 1 (Selectmen Bean dissenting) by roll call to seal the minutes of the non-public session as it could affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of this Board, or jeopardize the effectiveness of the action to be taken.

XIII. Adjournment

At 9:15 PM, the meeting adjourned on MOTION made by Selectman Waddell, SECONDED by Selectmen Bridle, which passed unanimously.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Chairman