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February 26, 2018

6:30 PM Public Meeting

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

I. RSA 91-A:3, II (e) Non-public Session

At approximately 6:30 PM, on MOTION made by Selectman Barnes, SECONDED by Selectman Bridle, the Board voted unanimously by roll call (5-0) to go into a non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, II (e) [litigation].

VOTE: 5-0-0

[Sealed Minutes]

At approximately 6:40 PM, the non-public session was adjourned and the Board returned to public session on MOTION made by Selectman Bridle, SECONDED by Selectman Barnes.

VOTE: 5-0-0

At approximately 6:45 PM on MOTION made by Selectman Bean, SECONDED by Selectman Barnes, the Board voted unanimously by roll call vote after discussion, to seal the minutes of the non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, III on the 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, and are to remain sealed until the documents are executed and filed as to the matter in question.

7:00 PM Public Meeting Continued

PRESENT: Jim Waddell, Chairman
Regina Barnes, Vice-Chairman
Rick Griffin, Selectman
Phil Bean, Selectman
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Frederick Welch, Town Manager

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

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II. Public Hearing Pursuant to RSA 284:51,I,(b)

1. For the purpose of complying with the provisions of RSA 284:51, I, (b) to solicit public hearing comment to allow Keno within the town

Ute Pineo, 15 Tuttle Avenue: hope people vote for Keno; they are going across the bridge into MA spending their money over there and coming back; money is gone, not only for the Town and people who own restaurants and barrooms on the beach also gone for the State.

Donna Mercer: works at Ocean Gaming and thinks this is a no-brainer for the towns and businesses; ridiculous to go across the border to Salisbury.

Chris Nevins, 36 Ashbrook Drive: advocate for Keno; bill has already passed at the State House; education is funded in NH, grant system, all towns receive \$3,600 per student, kindergarten \$1,800; will continue to receive, but will be an additional \$1,100 for kindergarten; if Keno passes will also be able to get additional funding up to \$700-\$750; great advantage; encourage town's people to vote for Keno; all will benefit.

Richard Reniere, 29 Highland Avenue: disappointed thought there might be somebody here from the Gaming Commission about ramifications for this; have a number of questions; the system of playing Keno is different than buying lottery tickets; machines are independent standing units, is that correct.

Selectman Griffin: somebody works it though; someone sells you the ticket.

Mr. Reniere: what type of system is this; how do you pay for it; credit card or cash; what is the additional cost for the Gaming Commission to control the system; cost for resupplying machine; additional personnel; what percent of the revenue is obtained from wherever the machine has been placed. Selectman Bridle: 8%.

Mr. Reniere: how much does the State get; what percent goes into the kindergarten fund; does money stay within the town? Selectman Griffin: all towns split it evenly.

Selectman Bridle: if towns vote not to do Keno they still get a percentage.

Mr. Reniere: does that seem fair; undecided until I hear more. Chairman Waddell: if you read the bill it would have answers to your questions; contact Gaming Commission.

Selectman Bridle: some towns have already passed it; Portsmouth; one store claims that their business has increased by 20%; 8% goes to the establishment; funding goes back to State and they are going to disperse; we have a lot of businesses and people in this town that would enjoy Keno; the establishment that makes sure the machine stays full; great thing for the Town and hope the voters consider allowing this; right now we get \$1,800 and then \$1,100 more and another \$700 goes back to the school.

Selectman Griffin: not doing it like they do in MA. I have played Keno all over the world; every 6 minutes another game starts, or every 3 minutes; person punches it into the machine.

Ms. Mercer: they have it both ways; someone could punch the numbers in or you can do it yourself.

Selectman Griffin: that is good.

Selectman Bean: this board voted unanimously to support this; natural fit for the Town of Hampton; encourage all people to support.

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III. Public Comment Period (19:20)

Michael Pierce, 84 Locke Road: neutral on Keno; Article 9 on warrant; \$1.5M to make one block of Lafayette Road in Hampton pretty; beautification driven; taking \$1.5M from the road fund will clean it out and push other road repairs down the road; voters approved \$1.1M to address sewers and repave road; \$113,000 left; plenty of money to repave this spring. John Nyhan said money from the project would come from State or Federal Funds; Article 9 only asks Hampton for Hampton Taxpayer money; Selectman Bridle Director of Experience Hampton, Selectman Waddell and Mrs. Waddell is an Experience Hampton Director, apparent conflict of interest; last year only 3 Selectmen recommended Article 9; no mention for ornamental lighting or there was plenty of money left in last year's article to repave the road.

Richard Reniere, 29 Highland Avenue: moderator of the Hampton Beach Village District's annual meeting to be held Friday, March 30, 2018 at the Brown Avenue Fire Station; voting will take place from 1PM-7PM; at 7PM discussion on the 2018 Village District Budget; need to be a registered voter; Saturday, March 17, 2018 from 12PM-1PM at the Brown Avenue Fire Station; proof of identity and residency required. Under 2. a. on new business; time frame?

Chairman Waddell: during public comment we do not respond.

Mr. Reniere: I will wait and hopefully you can give me an answer when you get to new business.

Gary Pole, 4 Lyons Street: taking things to the transfer station; message board was there with a suggestion to vote for a certain warrant article; do not know if you should be doing this; not correct; congratulations to Max Sullivan for the award he received.

IV. Announcements and Community Calendar (25:43)

Selectman Barnes: reminder Hampton Half Marathon will be Sunday, March 4, 2018 from 10AM-1:15PM

Selectman Bridle: Hampton Area Lions Club has their auction at Ashworth By the Sea on March 3, 2018 at 6PM; reminder about high tides and a coastal storm coming this weekend

Selectman Bean: condolences to Mrs. Woodburn; condolences to the Sakurai Family; Hampton Democratic Party has sent out a message on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at 6:30PM, will be presentation by candidates for Congress at the Hampton United Methodist Church.

V. Consent Agenda (28:00)

1. Hampton Union use of Selectmen's Room "Candidates Debate" 3/06/18 @ 5:30PM
2. Hampton PTA use of Selectmen's Room "Candidates Night" 3/06/18 @ 7:00PM
3. 2018 Sewer Abatements
4. Parade and Public Gathering License: Ragnar Reach the Beach 09/14/18 - 09/15/18
5. Use of Town Property: Half at the Hamptons 03/04/18 Ashworth Avenue & Island Path Parking Lots; Ragnar Reach the Beach 09/14/18 - 09/15/18 Ashworth Avenue Parking Lot
6. Raffle Permit: Experience Hampton
7. Request for No Objection for a Sports Recreation Facility liquor license under the provisions of RSA 178:22 On Premise Cocktail lounge license at the "Sports Barn" 95 Drakeside Road

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Selectman Bridle: #7 is going before the Planning Board; condition of approval by the Planning Board.

Selectman Bridle MOTIONED to MOVE the Consent Agenda on condition of approval by planning Board on #7 SECONDED by Selectman Griffin.

VOTE: 5-0-0

VI. Appointments

VII. Approval of Minutes (29:43)

1. February 5, 2018

Selectman Barnes MOTIONED to APPROVE the February 5, 2018 Public Session Minutes SECONDED by Selectman Griffin.

VOTE: 5-0-0

2. February 12, 2018

Selectman Bridle MOTIONED to APPROVE the February 12, 2018 Public Session Minutes SECONDED by Selectman Barnes.

VOTE: 5-0-0

VIII. Town Manager's Report (30:12)

1. Property owners who wish to file for a property abatement must file by this Thursday, March 1, 2018.
2. The Annual Town Meeting and Election will be held on Tuesday, March 13 at the Winnacunnet High School. Poles are open from 7AM to 8PM. For those who cannot attend but wish to and are eligible to vote will need to submit an application for an absentee ballot. Forms for your application are available on the Town Website and at the Town Clerk's Office. Please follow the instructions carefully.
3. Property owners who are eligible for veteran's, elderly and blind exemptions from property taxes must obtain, complete, and file applications with the Assessor's Office no later than April 15, 2018. Property owners who are eligible for the Hampton Beach Precinct tax exemption must obtain the necessary form from the Town Assessor's Office and file by April 15, 2018.
4. Received a number of complaints about political advertising in Town; RSA says you may have political advertising during the campaign period; cannot be in highway rights of way; must be on private property; picking material up that is in violation and can be picked up behind Town Hall; if placing on private property must have permission from property owner.

Selectman Griffin: this has been a bad year of people putting signs out anywhere they feel like it.

IX. Old Business (32:33)

Selectman Barnes: can we determine the purpose of Warrant Article 9. Town Manger Welch: Lafayette Road; for the reconstruction of the drainage system; which necessitates the

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reconstruction of driveways; reconstruction of sidewalk; replace street lighting, paving the roadway.

Selectman Barnes: this came from town management. Town Manager Welch: Public Works has planned this for some time.

Selectman Bean: are we stating that this is not for ornamentation. Town Manager Welch: there has been a misunderstanding on what this is for; it is for the drainage system; sewer pipe failing; as long as road is dug up now; dig up both sides to put the drainage in; no sense in repaving this year and going back 2-3 years and digging up again.

Selectman Bean: I would request that Warrant Article #9 be on the agenda next week; comments made; none of us were aware what Michael Pierce was asserting tonight; voters should not have any doubt in their mind. I want to thank the Rational Taxpayers report on the sewer bond; Rational Taxpayers ready to assist Town in helping to insure Hampton gets the best bang for the buck; plan on watching and monitoring this most important project carefully; full transparency; contributed and supported it; active citizenry in town is a wonderful thing.

X. New Business (36:20)

1. Collaboration with UNH on sea level rise impacts “Smart and Connected Coastal Communities”

Town Manager Welch: we have had an invitation to join UNH along with other communities along the seacoast; objective and connotative assessment to the risk to buildings and infrastructure from storm surge and sea level rise; requesting that Hampton participate; no cost to us.

Chairman Waddell: what is our commitment? Town Manager Welch: no actual direct commitment; provide them with information as needed.

Selectman Bean: do not know what we would be making a motion on; no actual back-up data. Town Manager Welch: sea level rise; continues to bring a lot of water into neighborhoods off of the marsh; trying to study to find out what the impacts are.

Selectman Bean: what does the collaboration require; expenditure. Town Manager Welch: will have them come to your next meeting and do a full presentation.

Selectman Bean: would like a more detailed synopsis.

Selectman Bridle: give us more information; vote next week; they do not have to come, just give us more information.

Selectman Barnes: I agree with Rusty.

Town Manager Welch: I sent you a letter from the Chairman of the Conservation Committee; describe program in detail.

Chairman Waddell: do you want to remove your motion.

Selectman Griffin: we can vote on it; get the information; if we do not want it we can take it back; does not send a good message to the voters.

Selectman Bridle: not opposed.

Selectman Bean: in favor; get more detailed analysis.

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Selectman Griffin MOTIONED to APPROVE the NH DOT Municipal Work Zone Agreements subject to more detailed analysis SECONDED by Selectman Barnes.

VOTE: 5-0-0

2. NH DOT Municipal Work Zone Agreements

- a. State Project 41550 Tier 2 resurfacing on Brown Ave., Highland Ave., Church St., Landing Road, and Rt. 101

Town Manager Welch: state has sent request; plan on doing the work this year; we do not know when they are going to start, have not given a start date; part of state lay-out; come down Route 101 to Brown Avenue; turn at Brown Avenue; crossover at Highland Avenue; pave Church Street back to Route 101.

- b. State Project 41215 Tier 2 resurfacing on Rt. 1 North of Lamson Road

Town Manager Welch: Lamson Road is at the base of the bridge; state layout of state highway begins; start paving there and go north 16.7 miles; including portion of Route 151, 302, 16, 23, 101, Route 11 and Route 125; portion of Portsmouth Avenue; would like us to sign contract authorizing them to use flaggers on the state highways and police officers as they need them; we have done this before.

Selectman Bean MOTIONED to APPROVE the NH DOT Municipal Work Zone Agreements SECONDED by Selectman Griffin.

VOTE: 5-0-0

3. Waivers from Purchasing Policy and Purchasing Procedures for the purchase of Intravenous Pumps for the Fire Department

- a. § 718-9 Control, Supervision, and Enforcement
- b. § 718-15.1 Policy Waivers
- c. § 718-16 Sole Source Provider

Town Manager Welch: recommended by Homeland Security and the Fire Department; intravenous pumps used by ambulances; expired a far as date is concerned; need new ones; Fire Department would like us to purchase; recondition; purchase from ambulance fund.

Selectman Bridle MOTIONED to APPROVE Waivers from Purchasing Policy and Purchasing Procedures for the purchase of Intravenous Pumps for the Fire Department for a total of \$9,600 SECONDED by Selectman Griffin.

VOTE: 5-0-0

4. Waivers from Purchasing Policy and Purchasing Procedures for the Church Street Grease cleaning of wet wells – Mike Dube & Mike Carle

- a. § 718-3.A Purchase of Supplies, Materials, and Services
- b. § 718-9 Control, Supervision, and Enforcement
- c. § 718-15.1 Policy Waivers
- d. § 718-16 Sole Source Provider

Town Manager Welch: sole source provider; cost of \$23,800; Church Street station is a cake of grease, more than 4' thick and needs to be removed; this provider has capability and equipment.

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Mr. Dube: this company has the means of cleaning the whole thing out and off-loading at their facility.

Selectman Griffin: do you suspect people are emptying their grease traps in there? Mr. Dube: could be regular bathing soap; grease from cooking bacon.

Chairman Waddell: how often should this be cleaned out. Mr. Dube: twice a year.

Mr. Carle: there are fewer places to get rid of the grease; Waste Management in Rochester closed their site.

Mr. Dube: after this gets cleaned out we are going to demo a couple of units to keep the water in the well mixed up so the grease does not have time to congeal.

Chairman Waddell: for a while people were using grease as fuel. Mr. Carle: I do not know if there is any program like that offering currently down at the beach.

Selectman Bridle: don't most restaurants have grease traps; beach community; fry food at home. Mr. Carle: correct.

Selectman Barnes: worked in a lot of restaurants and they have all had a grease trap; if you cook bacon you should not let that go down the drain, place in a can.

Chairman Waddell: what is the proper way to dispose of that. Mr. Carle: in a can and place in the trash.

Selectman Griffin: I cannot imagine throwing it down my drain.

Selectman Griffin MOTIONED to APPROVE the Waivers from Purchasing Policy and Purchasing Procedures for the Church Street Grease cleaning of wet wells SECONDED by Selectman Bridle.

VOTE: 5-0-0

5. DWSRF and DWGWTF funding opportunities for remediation of Aquarion Water

Selectman Barnes: drinking water state revolving fund – drinking water groundwater trust fund; workshop coming up April 18, 2018; the Town and Aquarion continue to work together; pursue the funds to clean up the water.

XI. Closing Comments (53:00)

XII. Adjournment

At 8:49 PM, the public session adjourned on MOTION made by Selectman Bridle, SECONDED by Selectman Barnes.

VOTE: 5-0-0

James Waddell, Chairman