

TOWN OF HAMPTON
SPECIAL ELECTION
Deliberative Session August 6, 2018
Town Meeting August 24, 2018
Minutes

Moderator Robert Casassa opened the Deliberative Session of the Special Hampton Town Meeting at 7:00 pm on August 6, 2018 in the Selectmen's Meeting Room at the Hampton Town Office.

Moderator Casassa welcomed attendees to the Special Deliberative Session and announced that the warrant had been posted.

Moderator Casassa introduced Rusty Bridle who led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Moderator introduced the town officials: Selectmen Chairperson Russell Bridle, Richard Griffin, James Waddell, Vice Chair Regina Barnes, Mary-Louise Woolsey and; Town Manager Fred Welch; Deputy Town Manager Jamie Sullivan; Deputy Public Works Director, Jennifer Hale; Town Attorney Mark Gearreald; Town Clerk Jane Cypher; Finance Director Kristi Pulliam; Supervisors of the Checklist Arleen Andreozzi, Nancy Stiles, and Jeannine St.Germain.

The Moderator advised if you intend to vote today you must check in with the Supervisors of the Checklist to obtain your voting card.

Assisting the Moderator is Patricia Bushway as Asst. Moderator.

The Moderator gave the purpose and the rules of deliberative session.

The Moderator advised we will be voting on August 24 at the Marston School.

Moved by Rusty Bridle, seconded by Rick Griffin to allow out of town residents to speak (Fred Welch, Town Manager; Mark Gearreald, Town Attorney; Kristi Pulliam, Finance Director; Chris Jacobs, Public Works Director.

ARTICLE 1

Shall the Town of Hampton vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,937,868 for the purpose of constructing a temporary force main pipe and two new permanent force main pipes, which are the necessary upgrades needed to replace the two (2) existing old, wastewater force mains between the Church Street Sewer Pumping Station and the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The older of these two force mains is made of asbestos concrete and was installed in 1969; the other force main is made of duct iron and was installed in 1987. The ductile pipe failed in 2016, in early 2018 and again in June of 2018. Following the second failure, the failed force main was subjected to expert testing; the testing found that the force main was no longer suitable for operations as a force main and had the potential for catastrophic failure at any time.

To adequately handle the wastewater flow from Hampton Beach without backups into the pump station or overtopping of sewage during summer high tide events and/or storm events, it is necessary to have two working force mains. Due to the failure of the ductile iron force main pipe in June of 2018, the Town had only one working force main between the Church Street Pumping Station and the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

The installation of the temporary force main pipe has provided the second pipe that is needed until the two new force main pipes can be constructed. The two new force mains will be constructed alongside NH Route 101 from the Church Street Sewer Pumping Station to the Wastewater Treatment Plant via Tide Mill Road. The new force main construction will include the construction of a new utility bridge to be built adjacent to the NH Route 101 Bridge, and will connect to the Wastewater Treatment Plant

through an easement already secured by the Town of Hampton over the property of the St. James Building Association to Tide Mill Road and then through a new gravity sewer along Tide Mill Road. Once the new force main pipes are connected, the old force mains located within the Tide Mill Creek Marsh will be flushed, filled with water, and capped, thereby terminating their usage. In addition, the temporary force main will be removed.

The project costs include the rental, installation and removal of the temporary force main; the construction associated with the two (2) new force mains including the utility bridge, maintenance structures, valves, pavement and surface repair etc.; the construction associated with Tide Mill Road gravity sewer; the cleaning and capping of the two old force mains running under the marsh; the charges for bond counsel to obtain the required opinion for the bonding; the engineering and inspection services for the project; and all other items incidental to the whole construction.

Such sum to be raised by the issuance of municipal bonds or notes for a period not to exceed thirty (30) years under and in accordance with the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33); and

To authorize the Board of Selectmen and the Town Treasurer to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine that rate of interest thereon in accordance with the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33); and

To authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, contract for, accept and expend any Federal, State, or other available funds towards the project in accordance with the terms and conditions under which they are received and to borrow in anticipation of the receipt of such funds and or the issuance of such bonds or notes as provided in the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33); and

To authorize participation in the State Revolving Fund (SRF) (RSA 486:14) established for the purpose, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept, and expend monies as they become available from the Federal and State Governments; and

To authorize the Board of Selectmen to implement such cost effective solutions as are presented in the future that they deem to be in the best interests of the Town that may result in a lesser amount of expenditure than is authorized by this warrant article; and

To authorize the Board of Selectmen to take any and all actions necessary to carry out the project in the best interests of the Town of Hampton? (3/5ths vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0
Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 8-0-0

Fiscal Impact Note (Finance Dept). Since the above bond would not be issued until 2019, the first estimated, principal/interest payment of \$348,258 will not occur until late in 2019. The estimated 2019 tax rate impact is \$0.097 per \$1,000 valuation (nine point seven cents per thousand dollars of valuation). The total of the bond's principal and interest payments over a 20-year period at an interest rate of 2.424% are estimated to be \$5,884,921.

Moved by Rick Griffin, seconded by Mary-Louise Woolsey to open Article 1 for discussion.

Moved by Rusty Bridle seconded by Regina Barnes to amend Article 1 to strike \$4,937,868 and replace with \$4,996,850, increasing the dollar amount by \$58,982 to match the amount approved by the State.

Fred Welch gave an overview of the Bridle amendment.

Mary-Louise Woolsey asked if the fiscal impact note will change. Kristi Pulliam provided an update on the Fiscal Impact Note.

Timothy Jones, 16 Duston Ave, spoke to the amendment.

No further discussion.

Vote taken on Bridle amendment. Motion passed.

Jennifer Hale, Deputy Public Works Director, provided a power point presentation on the project.

Brian Warburton, Sanborn Rd, spoke to the amended Article.

Tim Jones, 16 Duston Ave, spoke to the Fiscal Impact Note and spoke in favor of Article 1.

Jay Diener, 206 Woodland Road, spoke in favor of Article 1.

Peter Tilton, Jr., 125 Landing Rd, spoke in favor of Article 1.

Mary-Louise Woolsey, 148 Little River Road, asked for a brief explanation to the viewers the difference in the new diffused plastic pipe as opposed to the old ductile iron pipe.

Charlie Preston, 47 Glade Path, spoke in favor of Article 1.

John Nyhan, 2 Walnut Ave, spoke in representation of the Hampton Chamber of Commerce and that the Chamber is in favor of Article 1.

Renny Cushing, 395 Winnacunnet Road, spoke in favor of Article 1.

No further discussion and the article will be on the ballot as amended.

The Moderator advised that the vote will take place on Friday, August 24, 2018 at Marston School from 7 am to 8 pm.

Renny Cushing asked when absentee ballots would be made available. The Town Clerk advised that she is hoping to have them available by the end of the week.

Moved by Rusty Bridle seconded by Rick Griffin to adjourn. The Special Election Deliberative Session was adjourned at 7:36 pm.

YES – 964

NO – 56

Article 1 passed by 94.5%.

The minutes were prepared and submitted by Jane M. Cypher on Monday, August 27, 2018.

Jane M. Cypher, Town Clerk