

TOWN OF HAMPTON
Incorporated 1786
BOARD OF SELECTMEN- SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
Thursday, April 28, 2016 12:30pm
Town Hall Community Room

1. Call to Order

Selectman Cahill called the meeting to order at 12:31 pm.

2. Audience for Citizens

Town Clerk Leslie Wertam submitted 27 petition pages including well over the minimum requirement of 200 certified signatures requesting the appropriation of funds for hiring legal and environmental counsel in opposition to the siting of the State Police Gun Range in Hampton.

Resident Roger Burten thanked the Board for addressing this matter in a timely fashion with regard to the May 1st deadline for comment. Resident Bob Johnson mentioned Hampton should make its opposition to the gun range known by visible signs and billboards along Route 6. Resident Randy Thompson pointed out if it was a private buyer and not the State, the Planning and Zoning Commission would have control over decisions. Concerns about Hampton's equine farms, Joshua's Trust Nature Conservancy, and status as part of the quiet corner were addressed. It was discussed that the gun range would be in direct opposition to the town's Plan of Conservation and Development.

Resident Kathy Donahue asked if town officials have approached the land owner to ask about pricing for the property and if it was considered an option for the town to purchase the land in order to remove Hampton as a possible site for the gun range. Selectman Chapel noted that he has spoken with the owner and has also encouraged possible private buyers to look at the property. Selectman Cahill stated that he would like to see the town purchasing the land only as a last resort.

3. New Business

To discuss and act on approving a motion to: "Oppose the Connecticut Department of Administrative Services, and the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection from siting the State Police Firearms Training Facility in Hampton."

MOTION: Selectmen Grindle/Chapel moved/seconded to generate a letter and email it to all commissioners, representatives, officials, etc. All in favor; motion passed.

4. Audience for Citizens

None

5. Adjournment

MOTION: Selectmen Chapel/Grindle moved/seconded to adjourn the meeting at 1:10 p.m. All in favor; motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Imre
Recording Secretary