

TOWN OF HAMPTON  
Incorporated 1786  
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN- SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Thursday, May 5, 2016 6:00pm**  
**Town Hall Community Room**

**1. Call to Order**

Selectman Cahill called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

**2. Audience for Citizens**

Resident Randy Thompson requested that the selectmen ask for the state police to spend some additional time patrolling speeding in town. Selectman Cahill stated that he has already made that request. Residents Angelika Hansen and Sue Hochstetter both endorsed Anne Grenier as an alternate for the Planning and Zoning Commission.

**3. Acceptance/Approval of Minutes: April 7, 2016, April 28, 2016, May 2, 2016**

**MOTION:** Selectmen Chapel/Grindle moved/seconded to approve the minutes from the April 7, April 28, and May 2 meeting. Selectman Cahill added the following corrections to the May 2 minutes: "The Annual Town Meeting will adjourn to referendum on Thursday, June 2 from Noon – 8 p.m." and "the Parish Hill budget numbers were since corrected to a total of \$3,849,461.00." All in favor; minutes were approved as corrected.

**4. Liaison Reports:**

Selectman Cahill read the DPW report from Foreman Sholes.

**5. Communications**

The following communications were shared by Selectman Cahill:

- A letter from Zoning Enforcement Officer and Land Use Planner Martha Fraenkel stating that she will retire at the end of the fiscal year. The Board acknowledged Ms. Fraenkel's service to the town.
- A letter from resident Dot Blocker praising DPW crew member Toby Vertefeuille's efforts on West Old Rte. 6.
- A letter from Anne Grenier volunteering to serve as an alternate on the Planning and Zoning Commission.
- A letter from Tax Collector Harry Baum asking for the Board to appoint Pamela Lewerenz as Assistant Tax Collector.
- Multiple letters and emails received from town residents in opposition of the proposed gun range.
- A letter from Melody Currey of the State Department of Administrative Services stating that the Hampton property is no longer for sale and has been removed from the list of potential sites for the proposed gun range.

**6. Financial Report**

Selectmen reviewed the financial report.

**7. Tax Collector Report**

**MOTION:** Selectmen Grindle/Chapel moved/seconded to approve the tax collector's report dated April 30, 2016. All in favor; motion passed.

a. Refunds

**MOTION:** Selectmen Grindle/Chapel moved/seconded to approve a refund in the amount of \$2,196.34 as recommended by the tax collector. All in favor; motion passed.

b. Dairy Farm Abatement

**MOTION:** Selectmen Grindle/Chapel moved/seconded to approve the dairy farm abatement as recommended by the Board of Finance. Selectman Cahill abstained. Motion passed.

## **8. Appointment(s)/Term(s):**

**MOTION:** Selectmen Chapel/Grindle moved/seconded to appoint Anne Grenier as an alternate on the Planning and Zoning Commission for a term of five years from 5/2016 – 5/2021. All in favor; motion passed.

**MOTION:** Selectmen Grindle/Chapel moved/seconded to appoint Pamela Lewerenz as Assistant Tax Collector. All in favor; motion passed.

## **9. Board/Committee/Commission Minutes/ reports for review**

Selectmen reviewed the minutes.

## **10. Additions to the Agenda**

None.

## **11. Old Business**

### a. Discuss 2016-2017 budget

The budget numbers stand as previously presented with the exception of the correction to the Regional District 11 budget.

### b. Solar Project

Selectman Cahill acknowledged Selectmen Grindle and Chapel for participating in the site walk at the project site. The selectmen both reported that the walk proved interesting.

### c. Proposed State of CT Gun Range

The Hampton property has been officially removed from the list of sites to be considered.

## **12. New Business**

### a. Discuss and act on Veterans Recovery & Renewal, Inc. Request for Community Support

Selectman Cahill explained that Harry Packman is looking into purchasing a horse farm in Hampton with the goal being to provide equine therapy for recovering vets. In order to apply for a USDA loan, he will require a motion of support from the town. **MOTION:** Selectmen Chapel/Grindle moved/seconded to support the Veterans Recovery & Renewal, Inc. project as presented by Harry Packman in concept in order for Mr. Packman to pursue a USDA loan. All in favor; motion passed.

### b. Jonas Lapp Family Request for Town Property Rental

The Jonas Lapp Family is a group of Mennonites who are investigating a possible relocation to the area from the Lancaster, PA area. They are looking to rent space at the community center or in the lower level of the town hall for meetings and schooling. Angelika Hansen has agreed to help with pricing the space.

c. Discuss and act on a motion to move the town from the Windham Regional Transit District to the Northeast CT Transit District

**MOTION:** Selectmen Grindle/Chapel moved/seconded a motion to move the town of Hampton from the Windham Regional Transit District to the Northeast CT Transit District. All in favor; motion passed.

### d. Discuss and act on approving the 5 Year Capital & Road Plan

The selectmen reviewed a copy of the current plan and discussed possibly promoting work to Windy Hill Road to next year as well as reclaim and pave Cedar Swamp, chip seal East Fisk, and Potter. For capital projects, it was proposed to continue work on the lower level of the town hall with a spray floor and suspended ceiling. Also, work on 2010 Freightliner was proposed.

e. Discuss and act on approving First Selectman to sign engagement letter with Updike, Kelly and Spellacy, P.C. for representation for withdrawal from Regional District 11 and other matters related to the Central Office Committee.

First Selectman Cahill stated that First Selectmen of Scotland, Chaplin, and Hampton, in line with the results of the exit poll, would like to pursue professional counsel in regard to withdrawing from Regional District 11. The approximate cost would be around \$20,000 and would be split among the three towns. **MOTION:** Selectman Grindle/Chapel moved/seconded a motion to approve Selectman Cahill signing an engagement letter with Updike, Kelly and Spellacy, P.C. for representation for withdrawal from Regional District 11 and other matters related to the Central Office Committee. All in favor; motion passed.

**13. Audience for Citizens**

Resident Randy Thompson asked for clarification regarding Mr. Packman applying for a USDA loan. The budget hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. on May 10<sup>th</sup>.

**14. Adjournment**

**MOTION:** Selectmen Chapel/Cahill moved/seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 p.m. All in favor; motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Imre  
Recording Secretary