

TOWN OF HAMPTON
Incorporated 1786
BOARD OF SELECTMEN- REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
Monday, August 1, 2013 7:30 p.m.
Town Hall Community Room

1. Call to Order

First Selectman Allan Cahill called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

MOTION: Selectmen Chapel/ Grindle moved/ seconded to move New Business A to the top of the agenda. All in favor; motion passed.

A. Question and Answer Session with Phil Barlow (Architect / To Designs LLC) regarding Campus Master Plan Design

First Selectman Cahill introduced Landscape Architect Phil Barlow, who has been working on the plans for the Hampton Town Hall Campus.

Barlow explain the drawings with the plan to promote community, preserve existing uses and design new uses that make sense for the Town of Hampton.

Gay Wagner asked about handicap access at the Community Center and mentioned there was an elevator inside near the ramp, which required vehicle access to the ramp so the ramp/ elevator would be useful.

Randy Thompson asked if the existing parking lot at the Community Center would be lost – yes.

Ms. Wagner stated her preference for more parking rather than a paved area in its place that could not e used for parking.

Discussion continued regarding various aspects of the proposed plan including the ball field, veteran’s memorial, general accessibility issues, logistics and priority levels.

Barlow explained that the design is in concept only and it is flexible particularly this early in the planning stage.

First Selectman Cahill thanked Barlow for his presentation and for answering questions.

2. Audience for Citizens

Dot Blocker spoke about the proposed solar panel project at the new town garage and asked why other town properties were not looked at first.

Joan Fox asked about money that is raised by the Recreation Commission, First Selectman Cahill clarified that money raised for the Recreation Commission does not go into the General Fund. Gay Wagner explained that the Recreation Commission puts together a budget to request a subsidy from the town. The fundraisers help cover events/ activities.

Dayna McDermott Arriola stated that the responsibility and income were split between the Hampton Gazette and Recreation Commission this year for the Memorial Day Chicken BBQ.

3. Acceptance/ Approval of Minutes :

MOTION: Selectmen Grindle/ Chapel moved/ seconded to approve minutes of the July 1, 2013, July 11, 2013 and July 18, 2013 meetings of the Board of Selectmen as written. All in favor; motion passed.

4. Liaison Reports:

- A. D-11 Board of Education – None
- B. Hampton Board of Education - None
- C. Fire Department - None
- D. Ambulance Corp - None

5. Communications – First Selectman Cahill read a letter from Mike Ford and Dot Blocker expressing their concerns about the proposed solar panel project at the Town Garage.

Cahill mentioned a pistol permit training he will be attending this month for First Selectmen and Tow Managers.

Cahill also announced that the town had received a check for \$2,240 from CIRMA for town insurance equity return.

6. Financial Report – Selectmen reviewed the financial report for the months ending August 31, 2013

7. Tax Collector Report – Selectmen reviewed the tax collector report for the months ending August 31, 2013
The Board of Finance has set the mil rate, the billing process has started, bills will be mailed later this month, due starting September 1, 2013.

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

MOTION: Selectmen Chapel/ Grindle moved/ seconded to appoint Joann Freeman and Gay Wagner as stewards of the Community Center. All in favor; motion passed.

MOTION: Selectmen Grindle/ Chapel moved/ seconded to appoint Bob Johnson, Penny Newbury and Randy Thompson to the Conservation Commission for a term of three years. All in favor; motion passed.

9. Board/ Committee/ Commission Minutes/reports for review – minutes were reviewed by the Board of Selectmen

10. Additions to the Agenda -

MOTION: Selectmen Cahill/ Chapel moved/ seconded to appoint Bob Grindle as liaison for the Town of Hampton to the Northeast District Department of Public Health for a term of three years. All in favor; motion passed.

11. Old Business

A. Discuss and Act on IWWA Enforcement Officer position

MOTION: Selectmen Grindle/ Chapel moved/ seconded to approve the payment of a stipend of \$2500 to the Inland Wetland Watercourses Agency Enforcement Agent to serve the rest of the term. All in favor; motion passed.

B. Discuss and Act on Council of Governments designation

First Selectman Cahill stated that the Town of Hampton will stay with WINCOG for another 30 days, but moving to NECOG is likely the next step in the Council of Governments restructuring.

C. Discuss and Act on Parrow land purchase

As the town has not been able to come to terms with Mr. Parrow, the topic will be tabled.

D. Discuss and Act on Town Garage Solar Project

Selectmen discussed other sites that are a possibility, including where the new town garage was original proposed to be built.

E. Discuss and Act on Youth Sports Committee

Selectman Grindle expressed his desire to attend a Recreation Commission meeting before making any decisions about consolidating the two organizations again. Fall sports programs are set to move forward for 2013.

12. New Business

A. Question and Answer Session with Phil Barlow (Architect / To Designs LLC) regarding Campus Master Plan Design – moved to top of agenda

B. Discuss and Act on Approval of Job Descriptions

MOTION: Selectmen Grindle / Chapel moved/ seconded to approve the following job descriptions:
All in favor; motion passed.

C. Discuss and Act on DEEP Airline Trail Resurfacing Project 172-421

DEEP is resurfacing the Airline Trail from Willimantic to the MA line through Thompson. They are providing 100% of the materials/ equipment and need in kind services from the town in the form of traffic control and signage.

MOTION: Selectmen Chapel/ Grindle moved/ seconded to approve the in kind services to support the Airline Trail resurfacing project. All in favor; motion passed.

D. Discuss Education Analysis

First Selectman Cahill stated that the First Selectmen from Chaplin and Scotland as well as himself have been discussing hiring an outside consultant to analyze enrollment of all three schools and come up with information to use as a tool to plan for the future. No financial proposals have been received yet, and he expects to have more information next month.

13. Audience for Citizens

Dot Blocker asked if the town has demographics of the town to assist with planning for the town both physically and for education.

Stan Crawford asked if the IWWA enforcement officer gets very busy is there a plan in place if he uses up his stipend and suggested looking to NECOG to share services.

Vi Marquis stated that she was glad to see new road barriers in place on Hemlock Glen Rd.

Dayna McDermott Arriola asked how the Zoning Enforcement Officer was compensated and what the salary is.

Gay Wagner asked about the HVAC system in the town hall.

14. Adjournment

MOTION: Selectmen Grindle/ Chapel moved / seconded to adjourn the meeting. All in favor; motion passed.
Meeting adjourned at 9:02PM

Liz Stillman
Recording Secretary