

TOWN OF HAMPTON
Minutes
Annual Town Meeting May 17, 2012

The legal voters and those qualified to vote in Town Meeting met at the Hampton Elementary School at 7:00 P.M., on May 17, 2012 to transact the following business:

Items #8, 9, 14, and 17 adjourned to referendum vote on May 24, 2012 from 12 noon to 8 p.m.

1. First Selectman Allan Cahill called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m.
2. **To elect a moderator for said meeting.** Margaret Haraghey/Dan Meade moved/ seconded to nominate Sue Hochstetter as moderator. No other nominations were made. Mr. Cahill called for a voice vote and Ms. Hochstetter was elected moderator unanimously.

Moderator Hochstetter read the items on the call as each came up.

3. **To authorize the Board of Selectmen to borrow, if necessary, money to defray expenses until other funds are available.** Margaret Haraghey/ Kathi Newcombe moved/ seconded to authorize. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
4. **To nominate and elect one member to the Regional District 11 Board of Education for a term of three years beginning with their first Board meeting in July, 2012.** Kathi Newcombe/ Stan Crawford moved/seconded to nominate Gay Wagner. Dan Savino/ Roger Dionne moved/ seconded to nominate Kate Donnelly. Ed Burchfield moved to close nominations. So moved. Margaret Haraghey moved to vote by paper ballot. Kate Donnelly won the nomination 87 to 33.
5. **To authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into agreement with the Commissioner of Connecticut Department of Transportation for the expenditure of funds available July 1, 2012 for the fiscal year July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 for improvement and maintenance of Town roads.** Dan Savino/ Gay Wagner moved/ seconded to authorize. Moderator Hochstetter called for the vote and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
6. **To authorize the Board of Selectmen to approve and accept Local Capital Improvement Funds (LoCIP) from the State of Connecticut for road improvement.** Tony Romano / Laura Petix moved/ seconded to authorize. Moderator Hochstetter called for the vote and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
7. **To approve the 5 Year Capital Improvement Plan including the 5 Year Road Plan.** Gary DeCesare/George Askew moved/ seconded to authorize. Moderator Hochstetter called for the vote and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
8. **To hear discussion on the General Government Budget for FY July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 as submitted by the Board of Selectmen, and to appropriate sums of money as required.** Ed Burchfield/ Penny Newbury moved/ seconded to hear discussion of the proposed budget. First Selectman Cahill reviewed the budget and outlined the major differences between last year's and the proposed budget. George Askew spoke briefly about the Parish Hill District 11 line item, which has already been approved. Comments were made, and questions were asked/ answered including those regarding CATS Northeast, road crew overtime, open space and land acquisition funding, Youth Sports, town health insurance practices, school roof debt service.
9. **To hear discussion on the Hampton Elementary School Education Budget for FY July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 as submitted by the Board of Education, and to appropriate sums of money as required.** Dan Savino /Larry Goodheart moved/ seconded to hear discussion of the proposed budget. Board of Education Chairman John Burnham presented the budget and explained the major changes from the previous year. Questions were asked/ answered regarding cafeteria staff salaries, superintendent salary

and hours, reduction in certified staffing numbers and salaries of these positions, student services, the administrative model, the performance of students on standardized tests, business coordinator/ administrative assistant position hours, funding sources, fringe benefits/ benefit packages, summer school, the possibility of paying Medigap insurance for those employees eligible for Medicare, transportation costs, instructional supply costs per pupil.

- 10. To consider and act on naming the Hampton Elementary School multi-purpose room after former First Selectman Walter A. Stone.** Deb Espinosa/ Mary Kennan moved/ seconded to authorize. George Askew and Morris Burr gave some history of the proposal. Moderator Hochstetter called for the vote and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- 11. Presentation honoring Stuart and Lenore Case for their many years of distinguished service to the office of Judge of Probate.** Harry Baum gave some history of the services provided by the Cases and First Selectman Cahill presented a plaque to Stuart and Lenore Case to recognize and thank them for their service to the Town of Hampton. Both Lenore and Stuart Case thanked the Town.
- 12. To authorize the Board of Selectmen to transfer \$17,430.50 from CNR Undesignated Class to CNR Town Garage Class, \$70,950.22 from Debt Service to CNR Town Garage Class and \$7,600.00 from the General Fund to CNR Town Garage Class for Hampton Highway Garage construction cost overruns.** Gary DeCesare/ George Askew moved/ seconded to authorize. First Selectman Cahill gave background on the transfer request, and revised the request to transfer \$100,000 from assigned Garage Fund balance to CNR Town Garage Class. DeCesare /Bob Burgoyne moved to rescind the first motion and replace it to authorize. Moderator Hochstetter called for the vote and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Jean Romano / Bob Burgoyne moved/ seconded to transfer \$100,000 from assigned Garage Fund balance to CNR Town Garage Class for garage construction overruns. Moderator Hochstetter called for the vote and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- 13. To consider and act on discontinuing a portion of Parker Road, from 300 feet west to 1850 feet west of Route 97.** Ev Hyde / Gary DeCesare moved/ seconded to authorize. Discussion followed regarding the potential benefits to the town and repercussions for land owner abutters. Moderator Hochstetter called for the vote and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote. DeCesare/ Burgoyne moved/seconded to call the question. Moderator Hochstetter called for the vote by voice and declared the motion passed. Burchfield appealed the decision of the moderator and called for vote by hand. 41 for; 34 opposed. Question is called, no further discussion. Dayna McDermott called for a paper ballot. 29 for; 58 opposed. Motion failed.
- 14. To hear discussion on the Town of Hampton expending \$175,000 from the Land Acquisition fund to purchase 160 +/- acres on Route 97 from Kenneth Loiselle, Trustee.** Kathi Newcombe/ Regina DeCesare moved/ seconded the motion to hear discussion. Selectmen Grindle and Chapel showed where the property was on a large map while Moderator Hochstetter passed out handouts to those people in the audience who were interested. Selectmen Grindle and Chapel fielded questions regarding how many house lots could be supported on the property, access to the property, possible usage for passive recreation versus active recreation, loss of taxes paid, easements or restrictions on the property, security and liability concerns, the amount of existing open space already held by the town of Hampton, land and resource preservation, potential use for municipal building development, and benefits for resident species. A walk through of the property was proposed, however First Selectman Cahill indicted that the property was privately owned at this time. Moderator Hochstetter closed discussion; item adjourns to referendum.
- 15. To consider and act upon the revised ordinance entitled "Establishment of a Recreation and Community Activities Commission" pursuant to the Connecticut Gen. Stat. Section 7-148 (c) (6)(A)(i). A copy of the proposed ordinance is on file in the Town Clerk's Office and may be reviewed during regular business hours and on-line at hamptonct.org.** Troy Lake/ Penny Newbury moved/ seconded to authorize.

Discussion followed regarding the statutes referenced in the ordinance. Troy Lake, Chair of the Recreation Commission addressed issues raised regarding the proposed revised ordinance. Further discussion followed regarding Youth Sports separated from Recreation Commission, whether a commission or committee is allowed to carry over funds. Postponing discussion to a later date, due to the late hour of the meeting was proposed, as many attendees had already left the meeting. The purpose of the revised ordinance proposal was itemized. Moderator Hochstetter called for the vote and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Kathi Newcombe called the question. The question was called by show of hands unanimously. Troy Lake Mark Davis moved/ seconded to vote on the question by shows of hand. Aye 21 ; Nay 21. Kate Donnelly / Ford moved / seconded to table the discussion to next special town meeting. Aye 27 (majority). Motion passed to table discussion.

- 16. To consider and act upon the revised ordinance entitled "Establishment of an Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency" pursuant to the Connecticut Gen. Stat. Section 22a-42. A copy of proposed ordinance is on file in the Town Clerk's Office and may be reviewed during regular business hours and on-line at hamptonct.org.** Kathi Newcombe/Gay Wagner moved/ seconded to hear discussion. Moderator Hochstetter called for the vote and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Brief discussion ensued. Dick Brown/ John Rodriguez moved to table the discussion until a future town meeting. Motion passed.
- 17. To hear discussion on enacting an ordinance establishing a "Board of Finance" pursuant to the Connecticut Gen. Stat. Section 7-340-Sec. 7-349 inclusive. A copy of the proposed ordinance is on file in the Town Clerk's Office and may be reviewed during regular business hours and on-line at hamptonct.org.**

Kathi Newcombe/ Ed Burchfield moved/ seconded to hear discussion. Gay Wagner moved to amend the motion to table the discussion to a future town meeting. Newcombe refused the amendment to the motion. Voice vote too close to call, Moderator Hochstetter called for another vote by hand with 1 for, 3 abstentions and the remaining votes opposed. Discussion closed. Selectmen will set a Special Board of Selectmen meeting Tuesday, May 22, 2012 at 7pm at town hall. (*Post meeting clarification: Meeting was scheduled Monday, May 21, 2012 at 7PM at the Town Hall due to a scheduling conflict May 22, 2012*).

- 18. To transact any other business proper to come before the meeting.** None heard.

Adjournment. George Askew/ John Rodriguez moved/ seconded to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 11:19pm, with Items # 8, 9, 14 and 17 of the call to referendum to be held May 24, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Stillman