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To be approved at the Monday, June 7th, 2010 Regular BOS Meeting

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Monday May 3, 2010 at the Town Office Building.

Present for the Board: First Selectman Kate Donnelly, Selectman Roger Dionne, Selectman Mike Chapel. **Staff Present:** Marlene B. Aulten, Recording Secretary

ITEM 1: Call to order: First Selectman Donnelly called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

ITEM 2: Audience for Citizens

Dot Blocker suggested a fund that citizens could contribute to for the new Town Garage landscaping to help defray the cost, and that perhaps donors could be honored in some way (i.e. plaque).

Gay Wagner asked if there will be a pie social this year (*at the Annual Town Meeting*). There will be at 6:30p.m.

Marcia Kilpatrick questioned why the Parish Hill Budget Meeting was on the same night as this Board meeting.

Tom Gaines commented on funds in the land bank being utilized for the new Town garage building, and expressed the opinion that this may not be a good use of the funds.

ITEM 3: Approval of Minutes:

Regular Meeting of 4/5/10 Draft 2; Special Joint with Town Garage Building Committee of 4/15/10, Special Budget Meeting of 4/22/10

MOTION: Selectman Dionne moved to approve the minutes listed above, as written. Selectman Chapel seconded; all in favor motion carried.

ITEM 4: Liaison Reports:

D-11 Board of Education - Chair George Askew was unable to attend, but asked First Selectman Donnelly to remind everyone to vote in tomorrow's referendum for the D-11 Budget.

Hampton Board of Education - John Burnham spoke regarding the Board of Selectmen's request that Commissions consider an ordinance in relation to their roles and responsibilities. They have done so, and the Board of Ed has expressed an interest in reducing their member level from 9 to 7. They will investigate on how to best achieve this.

Fire Department - No report this month; **Ambulance Corps** - No report this month

Item 5: Additions to the Agenda

None

Item 6: Financial Report for the month ending April 30, 2010. The Board reviewed the monthly financial statement provided by Treasurer Ellen Rodriguez.

6A. Transfers: Treasurer Rodriguez recommended the following transfers:

6A1. Transfer of \$70.00 from Building Inspector Training #6100-09 to Paramedic #6100-05.

6A2. Transfer \$450.00 from Small Tools #6206 to Insurance & Bonds #6900.

MOTION: Selectman Chapel moved to approve the above transfers as recommended by Treasurer Rodriguez; Selectman Dionne seconded; all in favor; motion carried.

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Item 7: Tax Collector Report: For the month ending April 30, 2010. The Board reviewed the report submitted by Tax Collector Baum, the text of which is included herewith. There were no Tax refunds in the month of April.

"We received and deposited \$29,398.94 in April and have received \$3,692,106 on a year to date basis. This is \$106,480 ahead of last year, and at 96.45% of current collections last year. Estimated year end collection should be 98% or higher. Our tax amount for this fiscal year is approximately \$175,000 more than last year due to less State reimbursement."

ITEM 8: Appointments/Terms:

8A. Appoint Tim Huchthausen to AgVocate Committee for a term of one-year retroactive to date of formation of the Committee, April 5, 2010.

MOTION: Selectman Dionne motioned to appoint Tim Huchthausen to the AgVocate Committee for a term of one-year, retroactive to April 5, 2010. Selectman Chapel seconded; all in favor; motion carried.

8B. Appoint Economic Development point person to WINCOG (Windham Region Council of Governments) - Volunteer needed - Gay Wagner volunteered.

MOTION: Selectman Chapel motioned to appoint Gay Wagner to the position of liaison to the WINCOG Economic Development Committee, for a period of one year; Selectman Dionne seconded; all in favor; motion carried.

ITEM 9: Committee/Commission Minutes for Review:

The Board reviewed the most recent minutes of the following Committees: P&Z, RD-11, Town Garage Building Committee, Hampton Board of Ed, Ad-Hoc Ordinance Committee

ITEM 10: Old Business:

A. Small Cities Grant - Application and Votes:

MOTION: Selectman Dionne motioned to approve items 1 through 8 (as outlined below); Selectman Chapel seconded, all in favor; motion carried.

1. *The filing of a FY 2010 Connecticut Small Cities CDBG Program grant application in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00, and to authorize and direct the First Selectman to execute and file such application and all documents, plans, certifications, resolutions related thereto;*
2. *To adopt the resolution required by the CT Department of Economic and Community Development relating to said application;*
3. *To enter into "Joint Community Application Cooperation Agreements" with the Towns of Chaplin, Eastford, Pomfret, and Scotland for said application, thereby enabling Hampton to submit a multi-jurisdictional (regional) grant application;*
4. *To approve the continuation fo the "Program Income (Reuse) Plan" adopted by the prior Board of Selectmen on May 4, 2009, for the proposed FY 2010 Small Cities grant;*
5. *To designate the First Selectman, Kate Donnelly, as the Environmental Certifying Officer;*
6. *To designate the First Selectman, Kate Donnelly, as the Fair Housing Officer;*
7. *To designate the First Selectman, Kate Donnelly, as the ADA Coordinator; and*
8. *To designate the First Selectman, Kate Donnelly, as the Affirmative Action Compliance Officer.*

B. Discuss and Act on Town web site proposals:

MOTION: Selectman Chapel motioned to accept the proposal from Quasar; Selectman Dionne seconded; all in favor.

C. Discuss Elderly & Disabled Transportation Program

This program has been re-instated. *(Please contact Karlene Deal or Harry Baum in the Tax Office at 860-455-9132 Ex. 3 for further information.)*

D. Act on Town Garage appropriation resolution

MOTION: Selectman Chapel motioned to approve the appropriation resolution; Selectman Dionne seconded; all in favor; motion carried.

E. Discuss and Act on Land acquisition transfer of funds referendum question #4.

MOTION: First Selectman Donnelly motioned to approve the referendum question with the amount to be \$150,000; Selectman Dionne seconded; all in favor; motion carried.

At this point, Wayne Kilpatrick read a letter from the Conservation Commission, and submitted said letter to the Board members, pertaining to this action.

F. Discuss and Act on Town Meeting Call, to:

F1. Include the resolution as written by Town Counsel.

MOTION: First Selectman Kate Donnelly motioned to include said resolution in the Call. Selectman Chapel seconded; all in favor; motion carried.

F2. Approve the entire call, with inclusion of Town Counsel resolution, and with change as noted to Referendum Question #4.

MOTION: Selectman Dionne moved to include the Town Counsel's resolution in the Town Meeting Call, Item #11, and to revise Referendum question #4 *(relating to Item #12 on the Call)*, to \$150,000; Selectman Chapel seconded; all in favor; motion carried.

G. Discuss Town Meeting presentation and information sheets

The Board discussed how to best present the informational handouts regarding the budgets (Town, Hampton Elementary School, and Town Garage Building); First Selectman Donnelly also recommended that there be informational handouts relating to referendum Questions #3 and #4 on the Town Meeting Call.

Item 11 New Business:

11A: Discuss and act on Economic Development Resolution:

WINCOG (Windham Region Council of Governments) & NEGOG (Northeast Council of Governments) has begun the process of becoming the first officially recognized Economic Development District (EDD) here in Connecticut.

MOTION: Selectman Dionne motioned to pass: *"A Resolution of the Governing Board regarding a Regional Economic Partnership"*, and to join the Northeastern Connecticut Economic Partnership; Selectman Chapel seconded; all in favor; motion carried - see Addendum A.

11B: Review 5 year capital plan and 5 year road plan:

It was noted that the current Town garage is in need of a new roof, and this will be added to the plan. Selectman Dionne requested to have included, in Town Hall improvements, the installation of a water treatment system. These items will be added to the Capital Plan. On the Road plan, Riley Road will be moved to Item 1.

Selectman Dionne requested that the Board consider the feasibility of increasing the size of the Town Hall parking area, and to consider the logistics of such a project (i.e. where, when, and how to expand).

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Audience for Citizens: The Board included an additional Audience for Citizen's, for the convenience of audience members, prior to entering Executive Session.

Gay Wagner requested that there be a functioning P.A. System at Town Meeting.

Peter Vertefeulle expressed the opinion that the money from the land acquisition fund could be used to reimburse the cost of purchasing the land for the new Town Garage.

Marcia Kilpatrick inquired as to how Referendum Question #4 came to be. Dan Meade noted it was discussed early on at a Town Garage Committee meeting as a *potential* source of funding. The Board has decided to let the voters choose.

Alan Cahill pointed out that much of the garage acquired land will be maintained as open space, as not all of the acreage will be devoted to the garage.

Dot Blocker questioned our current status with OSHA in regards to fines. She noted ethical and safety conditions with the current garage, and OSHA contributing to the immediacy of building a new garage. Randy Thompson noted that he had obtained OSHA records via an FOI request, and that the fines incurred were not related to the absence of plans for a new garage.

Peter Vertefeulle noted that it seems that both OSHA and the Department of Health seem to have taken a back seat to the working conditions issues.

Gay Wagner noted that the accuracy of some of the things discussed as pertains to Town Garage issues may be questionable.

Item 11C and D:

MOTION: Selectman Dionne moved to enter Executive Session at 8:39p.m. to discuss Items 11C and D on the Agenda.; Selectman Chapel seconded; all in favor; motion carried.

Board left Executive Session, and Regular Meeting resumed at 9:05p.m.:

11C: Discuss and act on sale of Town property

MOTION: Selectman Dionne moved to approve to that two pieces of Town property be sold (295 Providence Turnpike and 366 Hartford Turnpike); Selectman Chapel seconded; all in favor; motion carried.

11D: Discuss and act on wage increases for Brad Waite, Ralph Brand, and Andrew Boxall:

MOTION: Selectman Dionne motioned to approve a \$3.12/hr. wage increase, to take effect as of June 1, 2010, for road crew employee Brad Waite; Selectman Chapel seconded; all in favor; motion carried

MOTION: Selectman Dionne moved to approve a \$1.00/hr. wage increase, effective as of June 1, 2010, for Transfer Station employees Ralph Brand and Andrew Boxall; Selectman Chapel seconded; all in favor; motion carried.

ITEM 12: Communications: None

ITEM 13: Audience for Citizens:

Peter Vertefeulle thanked the Board for a good meeting, and for approving the wage increase for Brad Waite.

ITEM 14: Adjournment

Motion: Selectman Chapel motioned to adjourn at 9:07p.m.; Selectman Dionne seconded; all in favor; motion carried.

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Respectfully Submitted, Marlene B. Aulten
Recording Secretary