

**Town of Hampton
Incorporated 1786
Board of Selectman Meeting Minutes
Thursday, Oct. 2, 2017
7:30 PM
Hampton Town Hall**

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

First Selectman Cahill, Selectman Grindle and Selectman Chapel were present. -

3. Audience for Citizens – Selectman Cahill will include comments on the Route 6 Business District the Cahill the Board of Selectman and Planning and Zoning resent the letter sent to the Route 6 Business District property owners. Selectman read letter to audience. Copy attached.

Comments:

- **Linda Serenty-Navin – Route 6 across from Chapel greenhouse concerned with commercial zone. 2 concerns - Preservation of Clarks Corner and its historic significance. On every atlas Historic significant of the underground railroad. What happens to taxes? Will we be appraised on the existing structure if commercial or appraise on the potential of the property?**
- **Jennifer Cocks – She supports Rte 6. Looking for positive incentives to improve front of building- Would like incentives, grants etc to become energy efficient. Any incentives or help from solar companies. Keep taxes lower. Her clients are always looking for restaurants and other activities in the area. Would be good for all of Hampton. They could supply brochures of what is in the area.**
- **Patrick Navin –Concerns of the site line. 4 vehicles have hit his property. Something needs to be done. Selectman Cahill said this was a DOT issuer. Antique shop needs to be cleaned up.**
- **Kevin Grindle – chairman of Planning & Zoning. It is good to start this dialog. Hampton does not have economic development commission. What can we do (Planning & Zoning/Board of Selectman). Clean up and improve existing business. P/Z provide opportunities for Rte 6 Love/Hate – cars not stopping in Hampton. Create uses in the zone and get new application. How to best use property in Rt 6 business zone. Allow more manufacturing, protecting property owners. All be happy to discuss opportunities on your properties. Not a lot of Business in town. This is just a beginning of conversation.**
- **John Baskowski – Financial Manager of East Conn. Traffic has to slow down. Regular approximately 50 employees but at meetings and workshops there could be up to 200 in the people. Employees and visitors are always looking for restaurants, café or other business in the area.**
- **David Fowler – Comment of speed and historic significance. Should have flashing light at Clark Corner. Appearance needs improvements. Appearance of the whole section.**
- **Mike Chapel – State trooper recorded someone going 128 miles per hour. He gave out 40 tickets in 2 hours.**
- **John Rodrigues – There are not enough properties to buy so no new business can come to town. The business district is a disaster. Should be cleaned up. In 20 years he has not seen any new business. The antique shop needs to be cleaned up. Highway is a disaster.**
- **Peter Tobin – would be looking to sell.**
- **Linda Seretny-Navin– If taxes don't increase we support business on property –commercial zone then there might be a domino effect for other businesses. Do not tax on potential of property not until change.**
- **Randy Thompson – What was the response on the letters? Selectman Cahill said no comment except that they would come to meeting. Did get a few phone calls.**
- **Robin Goven – What is the business district?**
- **Kevin Grindle. 2 Districts 1. Fisk Road to Old railroad bridge past EastConn. 2. Land & Sea.**
- **Derrick Dilaj NEACH - Have DOT narrow the roads maybe that would slow traffic. Offer incentives for 3-4 years get property cleaned up. Need café or playground etc. for actives for people to stop in Hampton while they are doing business . Sign size.**
- **Mona Tobin – Clarks Corner a shabby area. Historical Society should take care of Clarks Corner monument. Most people don't know they are in Hampton.**
- **Renee Cuprak – Will we be notified of future meetings? Selectman Cahill replied there will be more on this subject at the Board of Selectman's meetings and will be posted on the agenda.**

4. Approval of minutes of September 7 and September 21, 2017

MOTION: Selectman Grindle/ Selectman Chapel moved/seconded to approve the minutes September 7 and September 21, 2017. All in favor. Motion passed.

5. Liaison Reports

A. First Selectman Cahill read the report from the Department of Public Works.
Solar project next week. Parker Road next week.

6. Communications -

7. Financial Report

8. Tax Collector Report - table

9. Additions to the Agenda - None

10. Old Business

A. Fire House Additions Is in 5 year plan. Have drawings no money spent to date. We have 2 proposals. Will do research and it will go to town at a Selectman Meeting.

11. New Business - None

12. Audience for Citizens - None

13. Adjournment

MOTION Selectmen Chapel/Selectman /Grindle moved/seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m. All in favor.
Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Cloutier, Recording Secretary