

BOARD OF SELECTMEN- REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Monday, April 2, 2012 7:30 p.m.

Town Hall Community Room

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by First Selectman Allan Cahill. Present for the Board were Selectmen Cahill, Bob Grindle & Mike Chapel.

2. Audience for Citizens

Pete Vertefeuille asked what the plans were for increasing the number of members of the town road crew, especially with mowing season approaching.

Toby Vertefeuille stated that he had a free piano available.

Penny Newbury asked if there were going to be evening budget workshops and expressed concern about the ability of people to attend daytime meetings.

3. Acceptance/ Approval of Minutes:

March 5, 2012- Regular Board of Selectmen Meeting
March 6, 2012- Budget Workshop
March 17, 2012- Special Board of Selectmen Meeting
March 20, 2012- Budget Workshop

Selectman Chapel moved and Selectman Grindle seconded to approve the minutes of the 3/5/12 regular BOS meeting, 3/6/12 & 3/20/12 BOS Budget Workshops and 3/17/12 special BOS meeting with the following correction to the 3/5/12 meeting item #12A to read:

"Selectman Grindle moved to create an earmark within the General Fund and budget to receive playscape funds."

Motion passed unanimously.

4. Liaison Reports:

A. D-11 Board of Education: RD11 BOE Chair George Askew reported that the town assessment for Hampton for the 2012-13 school year would decrease by 4% gross and 8.2% net of the ECS grant; the overall budget shows a 0.7% increase over the current fiscal year; the net cost per pupil to Hampton is \$12,531 after the ECS grant.

B. Hampton Board of Education: HES BOE Chair John Burnham noted that the BOE budget had been submitted to the Board of Selectmen.

C. Fire Department: None

D. Ambulance Corp: None

E. Public Works: Toby Vertefeuille noted that a written report had been submitted to the Board of Selectmen.

5. Communications: None

6. Financial Report - For the months ending March 31, 2012

A. Budget Transfers: Selectman Grindle moved and Selectman Chapel seconded to approve the following budget transfers as submitted by Treasurer Ellen Rodriguez:

\$232 from acct# 6013-04, Town Hall Oil, to acct# 6013-02, Transfer Station Telephone;

\$1140 from acct# 7000, Contingency, to acct# 6013-06, Town Hall Telephone;

\$2139 from acct# 7000, Contingency, to acct# 6013-08, Town Garage Oil;

\$35 from acct# 6009-03, Election Training, to acct# 6009-04, Election Postage.

Motion passed unanimously.

7. Tax Collector Report - For the months ending March 31, 2012

Tax Collector Harry Baum submitted a written report stating that \$19,107.10 in payments was received plus ACH & credit card payments of \$1,550.07 for a total of \$20,657.17 deposited during March, 2012. Net receipts year-to-date total \$3,712,626.62, which brings the percentage of current collections to 96.66%. Last year at this time, the percentage was 96.86% and the previous year was 95.93%, so the year end goal of 97.5% is attainable.

A. Refunds After examining the request for refund and its accompanying documentation, it was determined that the figure to be refunded needed to be re-checked; request tabled to next meeting.

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

A. Selectman Chapel moved and Selectman Grindle seconded to appoint Dave Goodrich to the Inland Wetland and Watercourses Agency, with a term ending 6/30/12; motion passed unanimously.

9. Board/ Committee/ Commission Minutes/reports for review:

No action.

10. Additions to the Agenda

The Feral Cat Report was received; will put on the agenda for next meeting.

11. Old Business

A. Garage Update - none.

12. New Business

A. Selectman Grindle moved and Selectman Chapel seconded to postpone the budget workshop meeting originally scheduled for April 3, 2012 at 2:30pm to April 10, 2012 at 2:30pm; motion passed unanimously.

B. Discuss and Act on setting a Special Town Meeting to vote on creating a Board of Finance: Selectman Grindle expressed concern about receiving input from the town on the Board of Finance issue. First Selectman Cahill suggested that it be discussed and input solicited at the Saturday, April 21st meeting when people would be available to attend. Selectman Chapel suggested that input be continued to the Annual Town Meeting along with the purchase of the Loiselle property, and thought that perhaps votes could be combined with the RD11 budget vote. Selectman Grindle prefers not to rush consideration of those items including the budget in order to address the purchase and ordinances. The consensus was to place the items on the agenda of the Saturday meeting for discussion and look into a town meeting separate from the annual town meeting, both possibly adjourning to the same referendum.

13. Audience for Citizens

Gay Wagner stated that a Rec Commission ordinance also was voted out of the Ordinance Committee, and approved by the Rec Commission.

Vi Marquis wondered when S&N doing drainage work was approved.

Penny Newbury questioned the existence of a phone at the transfer station.

Gay Wagner had several questions about the RD11 report.

14. Adjournment

First Selectman Cahill moved and Selectman Grindle seconded to adjourn at 7:56pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathi Newcombe
Recording Clerk

