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**APPROVED**

A Regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Monday, February 1, 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 7:30p.m.

**Item 2: Audience for Citizens:**

Gay Wagner spoke regarding protocol for/consistency of minutes.

Marcia Kilpatrick presented an article to the Board from AGvocate regarding agricultural grants. She inquired about our current recycling status. She suggested considering the use of a pollutant collection system on Town buildings via the incorporation of a rainwater garden. She requested that high school students assist with the Beautification Committee's projects.

Penny Newbury noted that the Eastern Connecticut Conservation District is holding a rainwater garden workshop.

Kathie Newcombe spoke regarding the timeliness of items on the website, and the need to be in compliance with FOI.

Dayna McDermott-Arriola commented that the packet of information she submitted to the Board was not noted in the minutes. She noted that her name and comment(s) were missing from the second *Audience for Citizens*.

Bob Grindle spoke about recycling cans, bottles, and that 5s and 7s are recyclable.

Linda Gorman asked about the status of the State's Attorney investigation.

**Item 3: Citizen Input for 2010-2011 Budget Process:**

Ed Burchfield recommended a line item for replacement of equipment. He also spoke regarding allocation of Open Space money.

Penny Newbury suggested a new format for the budget might make it easier to interpret.

Gordon Hansen submitted a formal request seeking funds for the *Gazette*.

Penny Newbury asked if each Department received a questionnaire, modeled on previous years, regarding their budget.

Linda Gorman asked if there were plans for a Finance Committee.

Sue Hochstetter spoke regarding the Committee that reviews Selectmen's salaries.

**Item 4: Liaison Reports:**

- A. ***RD-11:*** George Askew reported the children are over the State average in Cpat tests in reading and writing, and just slightly under in Math. He noted the budget is the main concern at this time, and will have further updates after the next D-11 Board meeting. Mr. Askew invited anyone who would like to learn more about the workings of the Board to attend meetings.
- B. ***Hampton Elementary School:*** John Burnham reported that they are also in the beginning stages of their budget process. The Superintendent will present the budget to the Board at their next meeting, and three public input meetings have been scheduled.
- C. ***Fire Department:*** No report.
- D. ***Ambulance Corp:*** No report.

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**Item 5: Approval of Minutes:** January 4, 2010.

**MOTION:** Selectman Dionne motioned to approve the minutes with the following correction: Under Item 2, Audience for Citizens, “Dayna McDermott-Arriola submitted a letter to the Board”, shall read “Dayna McDermott-Arriola submitted a letter and a packet of documents to the Board”. Selectman Chapel seconded; all in favor; motion carried.

**Item 6: Review of Financial Report -**

For month ending January 31, 2010 submitted by Treasurer Ellen Rodriguez. No comments or questions.

Transfers for the month ending January 31, 2010:

1. \$50.00 from #6603-09 Town Clerk Vital Statistics to #6003-05 Town Clerk Mailing Costs
2. \$701.00 from #6013-06 Town Hall Telephone to #6013-04 Town Hall Oil
3. \$3,500.00 from #6013-03 Town Hall Electric to #6012 Auditor
4. \$100.00 from #6006-03 Assessor Mileage, \$100.00 from #6006-04 Assessor Education, \$100.00 from #6006-10 Assessor Office Supplies, \$50.00 from #6006-5 Assessor Professional Expense to #6006-06 Assessor Computer Support.

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

**Item 7: Additions to agenda:** Under New Business: D. Discuss Backhoe with information provided to Selectman Chapel by Daryl Christadore.

**Item 8: Tax Collector’s Report:** For month ending January 31, 2010, Tax Collector Baum reported the following via written memo:

“We received and deposited \$1,203,300.06 in January and have received \$3,537,017 on a year to date basis. This is \$240,797 ahead of last year, and at 92.79% of current collections versus 90.37% of current collections last year. We are on schedule to equal or exceed last year’s collection rate. Our tax amount for this fiscal year is approximately \$175,000 more than last year due to less State reimbursement.”

**A. Tax Refunds:** There are four refunds, for a total of \$3,302.90. The Tax Collector recommends the Board approve. Three of these refunds are due to Assessor Corrections and one is an overpayment from June, 2009.

**MOTION:** Selectman Dionne motioned to approve the refunds as recommended by Tax Collector Baum; Selectman Chapel seconded; all in favor; motion carried.

**B. Dairy Farm Abatement Approval:**

Tabled to March meeting so Selectmen can obtain more information from Tax Collector Baum.

**Item 9: Appointments/Terms:**

**A. Green Energy Committee:** Bob Marsh

**MOTION:** Selectmen Dionne motioned to appoint Bob Marsh to the Green Energy Committee for a term to run concurrently with the members appointed on January 4, 2010; Selectman Chapel seconded; all in favor; motion carried.

**B. Windham Regional Planning and Zoning Alternate:** Everett Hyde.

**MOTION:** Selectman Chapel motioned to approve the appointment of Everett Hyde as an alternate to the Windham Regional Planning and Zoning Commission; Selectman Dionne seconded; all in favor; motion carried.

**C. Eastern Connecticut Mental Health Representative:** Jamie Krall

**MOTION:** Selectman Dionne motioned to approve the appointment of Jamie Krall to the Eastern Connecticut Mental Health Board as Hampton’s representative; Selectman Chapel seconded; all in favor; motion carried.

**D. Recreation and Activities Committee - Members and Alternates:** Mark Davis and Anne Flammang.

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**MOTION:** Selectman Dionne made a motion to appoint Mark Davis and Anne Flammang to the Recreation and Activities Committee; Selectman Chapel seconded; all in favor. Discussion of alternates tabled until next meeting, to clarify Ordinance concerning Recreation Commission membership.

**E. Northeast District Department of Health** - appointee is needed for this Committee; please forward to the Board the name(s) of individuals who may be interested.

**Item 10: Committee/Commission minutes for review:**

Reviewed by Selectmen. No questions or comments.

**Item 11 Old Business:**

- A. Discuss and Act upon Community Center fee for Non-Hampton, Non-profit organizations holding fundraising/for-profit events.**

**MOTION:** Selectman Dionne motioned to adopt a fee schedule for Non-Hampton non-profits, when holding fundraising events, that matches the private rental fee currently in place. Selectman Chapel seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

- B. Building and Heating System update**

First Selectman Donnelly reported the building has been insulated, and has a report from Anchor Insulation noting the difference in office temperatures after insulating. This report is available for review at First Selectman's Office.

**ITEM 12 NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Approve lead inspection & testing contract for Hampton Housing Rehabilitation Program:**

**MOTION:** Selectman Dionne motioned to approve the contract award to Boston Lead Company of Middletown, Connecticut. Selectman Chapel seconded; all in favor; motion carried.

- B. Schedule Budget Hearings:** First Selectman Donnelly will meet with Treasurer Rodriguez to schedule meetings. The meetings will be posted, and will include one or two evening meetings.

- C. Town Acquired house/property updates**

The Town has acquired two properties; one on Rt. 6, next to EastConn, and one further east on Providence Turnpike. The appraiser felt that both buildings on the Hartford Turnpike property are structurally sound, but needed significant clean up. The property on Providence Turnpike is not structurally sound. Once the appraisal is complete, and the properties cleaned up, they will be put up for sale. Tax Collector Baum recommends listing the properties with realtors. EastConn may be interested in purchasing the property adjacent to their building.

It has been reported that Town Property on Kimball Hill was being accessed, and damaged by someone harvesting lumber from a nearby property. First Selectman Donnelly wrote the individuals a letter, and resolved that the land be repaired & use of land stopped.

- D. Backhoe Purchase:** Daryl Christadore and Selectman Chapel have looked at some machines, obtained price information, and discussed pros and cons. Daryl will be looking at several tomorrow, 2/2/10, and will follow-up with the Selectmen.

**ITEM 13 Communications:**

First Selectman Donnelly distributed a flyer regarding an FOI workshop with Tom Hennick to be held on Monday, March 8, 2010, 7:00p.m. at Town Hall.

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**ITEM 14 Audience for citizens:**

Renee Cahill spoke regarding the agricultural abatement.

Marcia Kilpatrick inquired as to the procedure for obtaining answers to questions asked during the first session of Audience for Citizens.

Penny Newbury spoke about revision of minutes in light of the upcoming FOI workshop.

Dayna McDermott-Arriola spoke regarding minutes protocol and FOI.

Gary DeCesare asked about plans for taking care of potholes.

Bob Burgoyne informed the Board of a pothole on West Old Route 6 near the fire house.

Gay Wagner spoke of potholes on North Bigelow.

Bob Grindle spoke regarding the good impression it leaves when these little things are taken care of.

Ed Burchfield spoke regarding the utilization of a plate compactor for potholes.

Pete Vertefeuille asked if the Crew had access to Tackifire.

**ITEM 15 ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION:** There being no further business to come before the Board, First Selectman Donnelly moved to adjourn at 8:53p.m.; Selectman Chapel seconded; all in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Marlene B. Aulten  
Recording Secretary