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Board of Selectmen Minutes
Special Meeting - March 17, 2012
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A special meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Saturday, March 17, 2012 at the Town Hall.

Present for the Board: First Selectman Allan Cahill, Selectman Mike Chapel, Selectman Bob Grindle

Staff Present: Liz Stillman, Recording Secretary

ITEM 1: Call to Order: First Selectman Cahill called the meeting to order at 10:07am.

ITEM 2: Audience for Citizens

Sue Hochstetter stated that the Board of Education/ Superintendent was going to approach the Board of Selectmen about employee benefits- First Selectman Cahill clarified that the Hampton Elementary School and Town employees are part of the District 11 employee pool and there will be more conversations regarding employee eligibility parameters forthcoming.

ITEM 3: Appointment(s)/ Term(s)

A. Animal Control Officer

MOTION: Selectman Chapel moved to appoint Michael Fayne as the Animal Control Officer for the Town of Hampton. Selectman Grindle seconded. All in favor; Motion passed.

ITEM 4: Old Business

A. Discuss and Act on Small Cities Grant Application Bids

MOTION: Selectman Grindle moved to accept the bid from Community Opportunities Group, Inc to prepare the fiscal year 2012 Small Cities Grant application submission to the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development and to implement such grants that may be awarded. Selectman Chapel seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passed.

ITEM 5: New Business

A. Discuss and Act on Resolution in Support of the Central Corridor Rail Coalition

MOTION: Selectman Grindle moved to resolve that; WHEREAS, undue reliance upon particular modes of passenger transportation and the neglect of others leads to inefficiencies, delays and wasteful allocation of resources; and

WHEREAS, a modern national passenger train system is an essential element of a truly balanced transportation plan; and

WHEREAS, the low level or absence of passenger train service in certain areas of New England (including this municipality) has resulted in an unbalanced transportation system in those areas, contributing to traffic congestion, air pollution, wasteful expenditures, and growth control problems; and

WHEREAS, this municipality is gravely concerned with the disruption to this community caused by the aforesaid traffic congestion, air pollution, wasteful expenditures, and growth control problems; and

WHEREAS, the Hampton Board of Selectmen believe that comprehensive Intermodal transportation planning is necessary to resolve the aforesaid problems and that involvement at the local, state and regional levels is necessary to the preparation and implementation of such planning; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Selectman of the Town of Hampton believe that passenger train service is a necessary part of any comprehensive Intermodal transportation system;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it hereby resolved by the Board of Selectman of the Town of Hampton in the State of Connecticut that:

1. It is and shall continue to be the policy of this municipality to take all actions necessary to support the commencement and/ or expansion of passenger train service in and to this municipality and other areas of Connecticut, Vermont and Massachusetts.

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2. This municipality supports the efforts of The Central Corridor Rail Coalition and The Palmer Rail Coalition to achieve the commencement and/or expansion of passenger rail service to the aforesaid areas.

Selectman Chapel seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passed.

B. Discuss and Act on Solar PV System at Hampton Elementary School

First Selectman Cahill and Maryellen Donnelly gave some background information on the Solar PV System upgrade options available at the Hampton Elementary School. Due to the Green Energy and the town's efforts, Hampton had earned a 1kw credit, but because of high compliance throughout the town, the system could be upgraded to a 7kw system for \$8,000. The town is responsible for a lightning rod to be installed if one is not in place already.

MOTION: Selectman Chapel moved to authorize First Selectman Allan Cahill to go into agreement with the Clean Energy Finance Investment authority to approve a 7.5kw photovoltaic system at Hampton Elementary School. Selectman Grindle seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passed.

ITEM 13: Audience for Citizens

Gay Wagner suggested that a member of the Recreation Commission could be at the next budget workshop session to answer any questions about their proposed budget, and also mentioned that private renters are not always doing everything they ought to be doing when closing down the building after an event and asked the Board of Selectman to consider adding a steward position, hired for each private event to do a walk through and ensure the building is secure and in good shape.

Ms. Wagner added that the Playscape Committee would be ready to start fundraising for the play scape that is to be built at Town Hall, and that they would be applying for a number of smaller grants (with a total goal of \$30,000).

Discussion followed regarding the process for applying for grants, and it was added to the March 20, 2012 Board of Selectman meeting agenda to discuss further.

Linda Gorman asked for a status update on the discussion regarding her position as the Librarian. Discussion followed regarding the question, and the history of the position. The Board of Selectmen will meet with the Library Board to discuss further. (A motion was made by Selectman Chapel and seconded by Selectman Grindle to meet with the Library Board and discuss the librarian position, however as this March 17, 2012 meeting was a special meeting, and this motion is not valid).

Discussion continued regarding the Community Center fees and rental agreement.

ITEM 14: ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: There being no further business for the Board to discuss at this special meeting of the Board of Selectmen, Selectman Grindle/Chapel moved/seconded to adjourn at 11:09 a.m.; all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Elizabeth Stillman
Recording Secretary