

**Hampton Board of Selectmen
Hampton, Connecticut
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 7, 2010
Hampton Town Hall**

Draft to be approved at the Monday, October 4, 2010 Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Tuesday, September 7, 2010 at the Town Office Building at 7:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order:

First Selectman Donnelly called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Present for the Board:

First Selectman Kate Donnelly, Selectman Mike Chapel, Selectman Roger Dionne

Staff: Rose Bisson, Recording Secretary

2. Audience for Citizens

Gordon Hansen asked about the graffiti that appeared at the general store over the weekend.

Steve Donohue read a letter regarding the lack of a lease for the transfer station.

Marcia Kilpatrick reported that she found four errors in the minutes of the last selectmen's meeting.

Clark Stearns reported the history of the management of the transfer station. He suggested that a committee consisting of the first selectmen of Hampton and Scotland and citizens of both towns be formed for the purpose of managing the transfer station.

Gay Wagner noticed that the agenda for this meeting did not include a review of the minutes of the meeting of the Rec Commission.

Dayna McDermott-Arriola reported a mistake that she found in the minutes of the last selectmen's meeting.

Bob Burgoyne spoke in favor of allowing citizens to comment during the meeting. This would allow citizens to advise the selectmen before decisions are made, rather than to comment after a decision is made.

Marcia Kilpatrick commented that the school benches have not yet been installed.

3. Additions to the Agenda

Motion: Selectman Chapel moved to add to the agenda the incident at the general store as item 11 F and to add the transfer station as item 10 E. Selectman Dionne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes

Motion: Selectman Dionne moved to approve the minutes of the 8/2/10 selectmen's meeting with the following corrections: on page 1, Audience for Citizens add "Wayne Kilpatrick read a letter pertaining to Amy Sterling being appointed to the Conservation Commission. Marcia Kilpatrick spoke in favor of appointing Ms. Sterling to the Conservation Commission; on page 3 rename item 9B as Discuss DOT Property on Route 6; on page 5 change Marcia Kilpatrick's comment to read "Marcia Kilpatrick suggested that the swap shack at the transfer station be added to the duties of a trooper if a trooper is hired by the Town; on page 5 change the word required to suggested in Dayna McDermott-Arriola's comment. Selectman Chapel seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

5. Liaison Reports

A. D-11 Board of Education

George Askew, Chairman, D-11 Board of Education reported that there was a meeting of the parents and student athletes, Open House will be held on 9/22/10, teacher negotiations begin the week of October 1st,

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the BOE meets on 9/21/10, and an advanced placement statistics course was added to the course offerings bringing the number of advanced placement courses to 8.

B. Hampton Board of Education

First Selectman Donnelly reported from John Burnham, Chairman, Hampton Board of Education. The State sent \$78,000.00 to the BOE. The state will be determining how the BOE is to share the funds with the D-11 BOE. There will be a clean energy fair at the elementary school on 9/25/10.

C. Fire Department

No report

D. Ambulance Corp

No report

6. Financial Report

A. Budget Transfers

There were no transfers.

7. Tax Collector Report

The Town received and deposited \$2,056,463 through August 31, 2010 for a collection percentage of 52.23% YTD.

A. Refunds

Motion: Selectman Dionne moved to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$102.48 and \$23.09 for a total of \$125.57 due to Assessor corrections. Selectman Chapel seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Appointments

Motion: Selectman Dionne moved to appoint Matt LaFontaine as a constable effective until the next municipal election. Selectman Chapel seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Minutes/reports for Review

The minutes of the Rec Commission will be in the next meeting's packet. She included the minutes from the Northeast Health District this time, although it is not usually included.

10. Old Business

A. Direct Energy Marketing

Direct Energy Marketing is the company offering fixed rate electricity to residents and small businesses in Hampton. In October, the company will be presenting their services to the Senior Club. If citizens sign up, the town gets a small portion of the fee. They will be at the energy fair on September 25th.

B. Furnace Asbestos Abatement

The cost to abate the old furnace is \$3,200. The amount in the grant for the furnace is \$31,000. The new furnace will cost \$28,345 and the cost of removing the old furnace is \$2,485. The abatement will cost \$2,897 over the grant amount. Funds from the capital nonrecurring fund can be used to cover this cost.

Selectman Chapel moved to accept the proposal for asbestos removal from the old furnace of \$3,200 and to use funds from the capital nonrecurring fund for the expense beyond the grant funds. Selectman Dionne seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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C. Garage Update

The site needs at least one foot of gravel to make it suitable for the building. This will cost about \$10,000. The funds will come from the contingency fund. The requested budget from the Garage Committee did not include funding for ongoing work by the engineer. This cost may be covered by the contingency fund also. First Selectman Donnelly, John Berard, Building Inspector and the engineer will meet to discuss ways to avoid duplicating efforts. Dan Meade, Chairman of the Town Garage Committee reported that a building should be in place by mid November.

D. State DOT Route 6 Property Survey

The State will do the land survey for the property but it will take a long time to complete before we can purchase the property.

E. Transfer Station

First Selectman Donnelly will call Mr. Stearns and Mrs. Donohue to set up a meeting to discuss the contract.

First Selectman Donnelly will investigate the possibility of forming a committee to run the transfer station.

11. New Business

A. Town Hall Drainage

Water has been running beneath the front doors and down the stairs in a heavy rain. Selectman Chapel suggested installing a strip drain.

B. Traffic Pattern at Intersection of West Old Route 6 and Route 97

First Selectman Donnelly spoke with DOT and learned that the intersection belongs to Hampton and the Town can make changes. Wayne DeCarli suggested a new traffic pattern. First Selectman Donnelly thanked Mr. DeCarli for the work he has done and asked him to gather more information from DOT. No decision will be made at this time.

C. Playscape at Town Hall

First Selectman Donnelly reported that the jungle gym behind Town Hall is unsafe. She will put a notice on the website saying it is available to the first person to take it away.

D. DCS Solar Energy Proposal

DCS is giving away photovoltaic panels to towns in Connecticut. First Selectman Donnelly recommended that the Town request for DCS to place panels on the fire house and the town hall.

Motion: Selectman Dionne moved to continue with the project, with the consent of the fire department. Selectman Chapel seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

E. Emergency Management

Ed Burchfield reported that the Town's emergency plan needs work. He has asked the Commissioner to develop a two day training program for the use of towns. First Selectman Donnelly will put a request for people to help with this on the internet.

F. General Store Incident

First Selectman Donnelly reported that racist graffiti appeared on the door of the general store on Saturday. She expressed her opinion to the owner that this was a despicable act and doesn't reflect the opinion of the people of Hampton. She will follow up with a letter for the selectmen to sign. The police are currently investigating the incident.

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12. Communications

None at this time.

13. Audience for Citizens

Angelica Hansen asked for microphones for the selectmen to use during meetings.

Marcia Kilpatrick reported that the website does not seem to be working.

Bob Burgoyne asked if the Board has been updated. First Selectman Donnelly reported it has.

Ed Burchfield reported information and links for emergency management will be added to the town website.

14. Adjournment

Motion: Selectman Dionne moved to adjourn at 8:49 p.m. Selectman Chapel seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Rose Bisson
Recording Secretary**