

**Hampton Board of Selectmen
Hampton, Connecticut
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 2, 2010
Hampton Town Hall
Draft**

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Monday, November 2, 2010 at the Town Office Building at 7:30 pm.

1. Call to Order:

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

Present for the Board:

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

Staff: Rose Bisson, Recording Secretary

2. Presentation of new Hampton Town Website

The presentation was postponed due to a technology problem. The program will be presented at the December meeting.

3. Audience for Citizens

Renee Cahill expressed two concerns. The website is not blackberry compatible. The other issue regarded an incident at the last selectmen's meeting.

Ed Burchfield asked if citizens would be allowed to comment on agenda items as they occur. First Selectman Donnelly replied in the affirmative.

Brian Murphy expressed his opinion that the town should not provide any funding for the Gazette because it is inappropriate for a town to support a newspaper.

Dayna McDermott stated that the funding for the Gazette goes only for distribution. She requested that the minutes for the October meeting be amended to reflect Selectman Chapel's comments on the formation of a committee for youth sports. She asked how committee members were selected and why a list was prepared before the decision to form a committee was made. She also expressed the opinion that the reason police had been called was misrepresented and that misrepresentation encouraged acts of violence. Marcia Kilpatrick offered a correction for the minutes of October's meeting. She didn't say the Banford property went off the market. She asked for the results of the first selectman's meeting with the state police. Ms. Donnelly reported the police agreed to have an increased presence in town. She also asked if there is a limit on the size of political signs. Ms. Donnelly stated the size of signs is a matter for Planning and Zoning Commission.

Linda Gorman agreed with Ms. McDermott that the selection process for members of the youth sports committee should have been a more open process.

Marc Ayotte expressed concern that a photo of his wife and son and other minors was used without permission in a letter sent to the Office of Policy and Management. He read a letter from his wife, Christine Ayotte.

Gay Wagner apologized for her misinterpretation of the permission for use of the photo.

4. Additions to the Agenda

There were no additions.

5. Approval of Minutes

Motion: Selectman Dionne moved to approve the minutes of the 10/4/10 selectmen's meeting amended to reflect Selectman Chapel's questions about the legality of forming the youth sports committee and the funding for the committee. Selectman Chapel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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6. Liaison Reports

A. D-11 Board of Education

First Selectman Donnelly reported for George Askew, Chairman, Regional 11 Board of Education. The Board is planning on bringing in a 0% budget. They are currently negotiating a contract with the teachers. There will be a luncheon for veterans on November 10th.

B. Hampton Board of Education

John Burnham, Chairman, Hampton Board of Education, reported the Board is currently negotiating a teacher contract and has begun talking about the next budget. He has sent information for the Town website. The Board is currently working to develop one for the school.

C. Fire department

No report.

D. Ambulance Corp

No report.

7. Financial Report

No questions.

8. Tax Collector Report

The Town received and deposited \$2,110,711.21 through October 31, 2010 for a current collection percentage of 53.47% YTD.

A. Refunds

None

9. Appointment(s)/Term(s)

Motion: Selectman Chapel moved to appoint Dave Goodrich to the Thames River Valley Partnership for a term of two years. Selectman Dionne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

10. Minutes/Reports for Review

Selectman Dionne informed the Board that if a deer is hit on the road, members of the public should call the town crew. The town crew will report the event to the State and the carcass will be collected and tested.

11. Old Business

A. Garage Update

The building is going up fast now that the foundation is in. It is possible that the town crew will be able to move in before winter. At this time, there are discussions about the placement of the floor drains. Pete Vertefeuille reported there are pictures of the garage's progress on the Gazette's website.

B. Tree Grant Update

The trees are in the ground. Ron Parrow helped the town crew with the planting.

C. Town Hall Heating Update

John Burnham is working with a teacher from Windham Tech to come up with a plan for them to install the duct work. John Berard is working with Ellis Tech to have them design a water filtration system for Town Hall.

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12. New Business

A. Discuss and Act on 2011 BOS Meeting Schedule

Motion: Selectman Dionne moved to adopt the proposed 2011 BOS meeting schedule. Selectman Chapel seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Discuss and Act on Time Change of BOS Meetings to 7:00 pm

After discussion, the selectmen decided not to change the time of BOS meetings.

C. Acceptance of Resignation from Town Road Crew / Appointment of Road Crew Worker

Motion: Selectman Dionne moved to accept Alex Seretny's resignation with thanks. Selectman Chapel seconded.

Motion: Selectman Chapel moved to table the motion. This motion was not seconded.

Voting for Selectman Dionne's motion was as follows: Yes – Dionne, Donnelly. Abstain – Chapel. The motion passed.

Motion: Selectman Dionne moved to hire Brad Waite to a full time position on the road crew.

Selectman Chapel seconded. The motion passed. Voting was as follows: Yes – Dionne, Donnelly. Abstain – Chapel.

D. Discuss and Act on Establishing a Hampton Friends of the Hampton/Chaplin Animal Shelter Fund
Jane Scanlon, Animal Control Officer asked to establish a private fund to provide a way for the public to donate toward heartworm medication and to spay/neuter animals before adoption. The town treasurer will set up and oversee the fund.

Motion: Selectman Chapel moved to establish a Hampton Friends of Hampton/Chaplin Animal Shelter Fund. Selectman Dionne seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Discuss Establishment of an Agriculture Commission

There was a discussion of this subject, which will be sent to the Ordinance Committee.

12. Audience for Citizens

Linda Gorman asked if bags of leaves raked up from the library yard could be removed by the town road crew. Ed Burchfield volunteered to remove the leaves.

Jean Romano asked the BOS to use microphones during meetings.

Gay Wagner asked about the evolution of the separation of a youth sports committee from the recreation commission. She also stated there needs to be a formal written charge for the committee.

13. Adjournment

Motion: Selectman Dionne moved to adjourn at 8:40 pm. Selectman Chapel seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Rose Bisson
Recording Secretary**