

**Hampton Board of Selectmen
Hampton, Connecticut
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 4, 2010
Hampton Town Hall
Draft**

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Monday, October 4, 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. Audience for Citizens

First Selectman Donnelly requested comments about non-agenda items. Comments on agenda items will be taken when the items come up on the agenda.

Marcia Kilpatrick reported that the Banford property did not sell and suggested that the Town be prepared to act quickly if it comes on the market again. First Selectman Donnelly replied that the town has given a 10% deposit to the DOT for the purchase of the land adjoining the Banford property.

Gary DeCesare asked if the Town receives checks for recycled junk mail and metal. First Selectman Donnelly replied that the town does receive checks for those items.

Renee Cahill asked about the Town website.

Vi Marquis asked about the paving on South Bigelow Road. The paving is expected to be completed within the next three weeks.

Linda Gorman reported that the library fall sale will be occurring this Saturday from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. There will be a major surprise at 1:30 pm.

3. Additions to the Agenda

There were no additions.

4. Approval of Minutes

Motion: Selectman Dionne moved to approve the minutes of the 9/7/10 selectmen's meeting as presented. Selectman Chapel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Liaison Reports

A. D-11 Board of Education

George Askew, Chairman, D-11 Board of Education reported that the music department at Parish Hill High School was awarded a digital piano through a competitive grant. He also showed a copy of the latest newsletter. It will be delivered to residents soon.

B. Hampton Board of Education

No report.

C. Fire department

No report.

D. Ambulance Corp

No report.

6. Financial Report

A. Budget Transfers

Motion: Selectman Dionne moved to transfer \$23.00 from account #7100-09, Hampton Gazette distribution to account #7100-13, Wincog, to cover coverage. Selectman Chapel seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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7. Tax Collector Report

The Town received and deposited \$2,076,161 through September 30, 2010 for a collection percentage of 53.17% YTD.

A. Refunds

Motion: Selectman Chapel moved to approve a tax refund in the amount of \$25.57 due to Assessor corrections. Selectman Dionne seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Minutes/reports for Review

No questions or comments.

9. Old Business

A. Accept STEAP Grant for Town Garage

Motion: Selectman Dionne moved to accept the STEAP Grant to fund the Town garage for \$250,000. Selectman Chapel seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

10. New Business

A. Discuss and Act on Intangible Asset Policy

Motion: Selectman Dionne moved to adopt the capitalization threshold for intangible assets of \$50,000. Selectman Chapel seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Pass Resolution regarding Historic Document Preservation Grant

Motion: Selectman Chapel moved to accept the following; Resolved: That Kate Donnelly, First Selectman, is empowered to execute and deliver in the name and on behalf of this municipality a contract with the Connecticut State Library for a Historic Documents Preservation Grant.

C. Discuss and Act on We-Recycle Contract

First Selectman Donnelly reported that two companies were interested in collecting electronic waste from Hampton. The We-Recycle company has impressive credentials and appears to best be able to meet the Town's needs.

Motion: Selectman Dionne moved that First Selectman Donnelly sign the agreement with We-Recycle. Selectman Chapel seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Update on Town Hall Heating System

First Selectman Donnelly reported that the new furnace is installed and running. The old furnace has been removed and the asbestos abated. This project was paid for with the stimulus grant.

E. Report on 2011 STEAP Grant

First Selectman Donnelly reported that the Town did not receive this grant. According to Tony Guglielmo, he felt that our application was rejected because some citizens from Hampton wrote letters to OPM stating the project was not a good one. The Town will now have to take on the expense of removing mildew and asbestos from the bottom floor of Town Hall.

F. Discuss Request for Permission to Hunt on Town Property

First Selectman Donnelly reported she has received requests from hunters to hunt on Town land. After discussion including comments from the audience, the selectmen decided to form a committee in the future to look into hunting on Town property for next year. A notice will be on the website to ask for volunteers to serve on a committee to make recommendations about this issue.

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G. Discuss Back-up Personnel for Winter Plowing

First Selectman Donnelly reported that the road crew foreman wants to take time off in February. Back-up drivers are needed before he can leave. Ads will be placed to try to locate drivers.

H. Establish a Committee of Up to Five People to Manage Youth Sports for Hampton's Youth
Troy Lake read a letter to the selectmen arguing against forming a separate committee for youth sports. The letter is appended to the minutes.

Doug Stewart asked why the former chair of the Rec commission resigned. First Selectman Donnelly reported he resigned due to a conflict among commission members. She took the opportunity to state Bob Johnson well served the commission and Hampton's youth.

Barbara Anderson spoke in favor of forming a separate youth sports committee.

Steve Dunn suggested there are advantages to splitting off a committee and joining efforts with Chaplin.

Ed Burchfield reported it is upsetting for children to be left hanging by adults in conflict. The adults' focus should be on meeting the children's needs.

Preston Brittner spoke in favor of partnering with other towns for youth sports.

Tara Murphy presented letters to the selectmen from two Hampton parents. She also spoke in favor of forming a separate committee for youth sports.

Michelle Stettler spoke in favor of forming a separate committee.

Allan Cahill inquired about record keeping by the Rec commission.

Brian Murphy spoke in favor of separating the committee.

Gay Wagner spoke in favor of keeping the Rec commission intact and allowing the members to work through their conflict.

Dayna McDermott reported that State statutes dictate how the commission must be run.

Nancy Arajal reported that the parents are dedicated to their children and the current organization does not work.

Arthur Marsden spoke in favor of forming a separate committee for youth sports.

First Selectman Donnelly said that combining youth sports with other recreation activities did not work. She reported her opinion that it is an embarrassment to the Town to have commission members unable to get along. She expressed concern for the example that is being set for the children. She consulted the Town Attorney and learned that the selectman may set up a separate a committee.

Motion: First Selectman Donnelly moved to establish a committee of up to five people with two alternates to manage youth sports for the Town of Hampton. Selectman Dionne seconded the motion.

In favor: Donnelly, Dionne

Abstain: Chapel

The motion carried.

Motion: Selectman Dionne moved to appoint Tyler Bushy, Michael Bigelow, Ernest Lehoux, Chris Ayotte and Tara Murphy to the youth sports committee, and to appoint Jeff Sprague and Clyde Washburn as alternates. First Selectman Donnelly seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

I. Discussion of a Legal Matter

Motion: First Selectman Donnelly moved to enter executive session at 8:35 pm for the purpose of discussion of a legal inquiry. Selectman Dionne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The selectmen ended executive session at 8:51 pm.

11. Communications

None at this time

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12. Audience for Citizens

Troy Lake expressed concern over the decision to form a separate committee to oversee youth sports. He believes the selectmen avoided conflict but didn't resolve it.

Gay Wagner spoke against the decision to form a separate committee to oversee youth sports.

Dayna McDermott spoke against the decision to form a separate committee to oversee youth sports.

Marcia Kilpatrick expressed the belief that the problem is bigger than youth sports. The Town needs to be brought together somehow.

Tara Murphy spoke in favor of the decision to form a separate committee to oversee youth sports.

Ed Burchfield suggested that it doesn't matter how the situation was handled. If individuals are truly concerned about the community they should prove it.

Brian Murphy spoke in favor to the decision to form a separate committee to oversee youth sports.

Maryellen Donnelly spoke about the need for people to use these words carefully when discussing issues.

13. Adjournment

Motion: Selectman Dionne moved to adjourn at 9:05 pm. Selectman Chapel seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Rose Bisson
Recording Secretary**