

TOWN OF HAMPTON
Minutes
Annual Town Meeting May 16, 2011

The legal voters and those qualified to vote in Town Meeting met at the Hampton Elementary School at 7:30 P.M., on **May 16, 2011** to transact the following business:

Items # 8 and #9 adjourned to referendum vote on May 17, 2011 from 12 noon to 8 p.m.

1. First Selectman Kate Donnelly **called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.** and thanked the providers for the refreshments.
2. **To elect a moderator for said meeting.** Diane Becker/Bob Grindle moved/seconded to nominate Dick Brown as moderator. No other nominations were made. Ms. Donnelly called for a voice vote and Mr. Brown was elected moderator unanimously.

Moderator Brown read the items on the call as each came up.

3. **To authorize the Board of Selectmen to borrow, if necessary, money to defray expenses until other funds are available.** John Burnham/Bob Grindle moved/seconded to authorize. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
4. **To nominate and elect one member to the Regional District 11 Board of Education for a term of three years beginning with their first Board meeting in July, 2011.** Tony Romano/Kathi Newcombe moved/seconded to nominate Michael Chapel. Doug Stewart/Barbara Andersen moved/seconded to nominate Steve Dunn. There were no other nominations. Moderator Brown called for those in favor of Michael Chapel to vote by a show of hands. Thirty-one (31) persons so voted. Moderator Brown called for those in favor of Steve Dunn to vote by a show of hands. Thirty-seven (37) persons so voted and Mr. Dunn was thus elected.
5. **To authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into agreement with the Commissioner of Connecticut Department of Transportation for the expenditure of funds available July 1, 2011 for the fiscal year July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 for improvement and maintenance of Town roads.** Rose Bisson/Dan Savino moved/seconded to authorize. Moderator Brown called for the vote and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
6. **To authorize the Board of Selectmen to approve and accept Local Capital Improvement Funds (LoCIP) from the State of Connecticut for road improvement.** Bob Grindle/Tim Huchthausen moved/seconded to authorize. Moderator Brown called for the vote and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
7. **To approve the 5 year capital improvement plan including the 5 year road plan.** Dan Savino/Marlene Aulten moved/seconded to approve. Moderator Brown called for the vote and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

- 8. To hear discussion on the General Government for FY July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 as submitted by the Board of Selectmen, and to appropriate sums of money as required.** First Selectman Donnelly reviewed the budget and outlined the major differences between last year's and the proposed budget. She also stated that should the budget be adopted, the mill rate would remain unchanged. Comments were made, and questions were asked/answered including those regarding proposed salary increases, town health insurance practices, IWWA agent cost, Youth Sports and Library funding, use of the Gazette, social security costs, and the balance in the town undesignated fund.
- 9. To hear discussion on the Hampton Elementary School Education Budget for FY July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 as submitted by the Board of Education, and to appropriate sums of money as required.** Board of Education Chairman John Burnham presented the budget and explained the major changes from the previous year. Questions were asked and answered regarding legal services, student population present and projected, staffing numbers, and health insurance co-pays.
- 10. To consider and act upon a proposed ordinance entitled "Waiver of Property Tax" pursuant to the provisions of Section 12-144c of the General Statutes of Connecticut .** Dan Savino/George Askew moved/seconded to approve the ordinance. Harry Baum, Tax Collector, explained the rationale behind and the reasons for the ordinance. Questions were asked and answered regarding the process by which the ordinance was presented and how delinquent taxes were being pursued. Moderator Brown called for the vote and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote
- 11. To consider and act upon a proposed ordinance entitled "Payment of Delinquent Motor Vehicle Taxes" pursuant to the provisions of Section 12-146 of the General Statutes of Connecticut.** Bob Grindle/Marlene Aulten moved/seconded to approve the ordinance. Harry Baum, Tax Collector, explained that the ordinance makes official a process that has been standard procedure in the office for many years. Moderator Brown called for the vote and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- 12. To consider and act upon a proposed ordinance entitled "Right to Farm Ordinance" pursuant to the provisions of Section 1-1(q) & 19a-3411 of the General Statutes of Connecticut.** Bob Grindle/Irene Brown moved/seconded to approve the ordinance. Jennifer Kaufman, Program Coordinator for the state-funded AgVocate Program, reviewed the ordinance. Moderator Brown called for the vote and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- 13. To consider and act upon a proposed ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Establishing Hampton Agriculture Commission" pursuant to the provisions of Section 1-1(q) of the General Statutes of Connecticut.** Tim Huchthausen/Jean Romano moved/seconded to approve the ordinance. Jennifer Kaufman was again asked to review the ordinance and explained that the proposed commission would be a voice for agriculture in the municipality. Moderator Brown called for the vote and the motion passed by voice vote, with one vote cast against.

14. To transact any other business proper to come before the meeting. Librarian Linda Gorman announced the upcoming book and bake sale scheduled for May 21 and invited all to attend. First Selectman Donnelly made several announcements:

- Hampton Elementary School is participating in a Root4Kids.com program and encouraged citizens to go to the website and vote.
- Dial-a-Ride is now available for seniors and the disabled to use on Wednesdays to attend the Chaplin Senior Lunch program.
- New Town Hall hours begin June 1st, with Thursday hours now being 10-7 instead of 9-4 and 6-8 for departments other than Building and Zoning which remain the same.
- A hearing for input on STEAP Grant uses is scheduled for June 2.
- Stuart and Lenore Case were to be honored for their years of service to the Hampton Probate Court. They, however, are in Italy so the presentation will be held at another public event at a later date.

Adjournment. Bob Grindle/Tim Huchthausen moved/seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m., with items #8 and #9 of the call to referendum to be held May 17, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Wertam, Town Clerk