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PRESENT: M. J. Farinola, Chairman; S. C. Hanson, R. P. McDermott, Selectmen;
E. N. Small, Town Administrator; L. A. Ruest, Administrative Assistant

6:30 PM

PUBLIC HEARING – ACCEPTANCE OF UNANTICIPATED MONIES - \$10,000

RASPBERRY FARM~~Road Agent~~: Chairman Farinola opened the public hearing and Conservation Commission Chair K. Ayers provided background with respect to the artist, painting and result of the silent auction of a check for \$10,000. Hearing no comments or questions or the Board, discussion was opened to the public. D. French, Exeter Road, stated the painting was not at a Library long enough for him to see it and suggested that a copy be posted on the Town web site. K. Ayers offered to send an email attachment of the painting to him, however, questioned the rights to the photo and the ability to post it to the web site. She will ask the artist and owner of the painting if they are opposed to it being posted.

MOTION: To accept this donation.

MOTION: R. P. MCDERMOTT

SECOND: S. C. HANSON

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CONSERVATION COMMISSION WARRANT ARTICLE: K. Ayers reported that the Conservation Commission is not looking to have a warrant article on the ballot this year and plans to possibly re-word it for review of counsel and bring the matter back next year.

ROAD AGENT - MONTHLY REPORT: D. Robinson reported downed trees during snow storms, he is working with the winter road maintenance contractor and has staked areas where plow drivers are going off the roads. He noted appreciation for the Police Department's assistance in reporting roads needing services throughout town. The garage door for the Highway shed is not in yet and the heating system has been made operational at the contractor's expense. The contractor plans to replace light bulbs as well. D. Robinson reported that there is still a problem with cardboard strewn on the ground even with three containers. E. N. Small will contact Northside Carting to request additional pick-ups.

WATER ON BROWN ROAD NEAR APPLECREST FARMS DRIVEWAY: D. Robinson reported that he dug out an area to allow water to flow along the swale rather than into the road.

SNOW FENCE: D. Robinson installed snow fencing in a number of areas to assist with snow blowing onto roadways. He noted that other areas might need fencing as well.

REVIEW OF RECENT SNOWSTORM: Board members identified areas of concern to include lack of salting, lateness of starting to service the roads, concerns with school bus ability to travel roads and the need for wings on the trucks. The Board determined that if the Road Agent is to provide snow removal and other services at the Public Safety Complex, he is to bill the contractor for his time. Areas where trucks have gone off the road were identified. The Board agreed to review these areas at contract end to assess any damage or concerns. Chief Dirsra agreed with the observations made and added that it's important that the plows do a complete job and move on rather than two or three passes. Fire Chief Lord noted that the main

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roads appeared to be good but roads off the main roads were not. The Board requested that the Road Agent use stronger communication with the contractor. It was also noted that complaints have been received with regard to damaged mailboxes. E. N. Small, D. Robinson and J. Ziolkowski will meet to discuss these concerns.

K. C. Kelley added that numerous trees, heavy with snow, are hanging over conductors in town and suggested that the electric company be contacted to do some trimming. J. M. Lord stated he would make a request on trimming as well as checking concerns noted with regard to the installation of a new pole. E. N. Small will contact Unitil to schedule tree trimming for areas needing priority attention.

BUILDING INSPECTOR, CODE ENFORCEMENT, HEALTH - MONTHLY REPORT:

K. C. Kelley reviewed his December report with the Board to include statistics and inquiries with regard to building, a plan to address issues that co-exist between zoning and life safety and status of projects at government buildings.

MOSQUITO CONTROL – WARRANT ARTICLE: Sarah MacGregor of Dragon Mosquito was present to review services provided to Hampton Falls under past contracts as well as costs associated with reduced or limited services. The Board explained that a warrant article is being presented to the voters and that input is requested with regard to the services provided for full costs versus lesser costs.

S. MacGregor reviewed the manner in which Hampton Falls receives services as well as the types of services provided to include larvaciding and adulticiding and products used. She reviewed statistics with regards to results of testing of mosquitoes to include surrounding towns' results and state testing results. She stated she has identified a cost of \$31,000 for services as provided in the past and estimated \$23,000 if all testing is eliminated. A cost of \$3,000 was identified for servicing just the Town Common and Governor Weare Park. The Board signed a Special Permit application for S. MacGregor's use should this warrant article be approved by the voters.

FIRE CHIEF, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT - MONTHLY REPORT: J. M. Lord reviewed the Fire Department report for December noting statistics and incidents. He reported that the Christmas tree sale went well and a successful H1N1 clinic was held. J. M. Lord stated the Department assisted the Police Department in identifying a carbon monoxide leak in a cruiser. The Board congratulated Chief Lord and his Department for a successful half year of ambulance services.

TAYLOR RIVER DAM PROJECT – REVIEW OF DISCUSSION WITH BOB LANDRY OF DOT: E. N. Small will set up a meeting with DOT officials for Wednesday, February 3 or February 17, 6 p.m., to express Hampton Falls' support for replacing the dam. It was suggested to draft an agenda listing items of concern (maintaining fresh water, recreational uses, impact on property values, tax ramifications, private wells, Fire Department water source, silt/ecological issues, etc.).

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT GRANT: J. M. Lord reported on his research of this grant and reported that it would cover acquisition of items needed during the Ice Storm of 2008 but not

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available to the Town at the time to include safety cones, signage, barricades, etc. Discussion took place with regard to the 50% grant and the anticipated State funds relating to the Ice Storm. E. N. Small stated he would verify the manner in which this should be handled through the budget. The Board agreed that this grant is worth investigating and approved submitting an application.

POLICE CHIEF - MONTHLY REPORT: Chief Dirsa reviewed incidents and statistics (1,700 more calls than 2008) from December with the Board and noted that the cruiser with the carbon monoxide problem has been repaired.

TRAFFIC CONTROL ON PUBLIC STREETS – POLICE CHIEF – CONTINUED FROM 12-16-09 MEETING: R. Dirsa requested the Board re-enact this ordinance in order to assist the Police Department with managing contractor activity on town roads. He outlined the benefits as outlined in his written report to the Board. R. P. McDermott stated he is in favor of the Chief's request. S. C. Hanson stated that although he agreed with the safety issue, he's concerned with the way the ordinance is worded as well as not using an ordinance to generate revenue. He stated he would like to give a contractor an option of utilizing licensed, trained flaggers, at the Chief's discretion. A review of the manner in which the Police Department determines whether police detail is required or not took place. R. Dirsa added the importance of being proactive rather than reactive noting that the ordinance worked well when it was in place. M. J. Farinola stated that although he agrees that there would be an increase in public safety that he is not in favor of enacting this ordinance as he questions Hampton Falls' needs in this regard. Discussion took place with regard to safety, the revenue fund set up for the purpose of these receipts and liability to the Town. No action was taken on this matter.

K. C. Kelley, speaking as a Police Officer, noted that flaggers will tell you that drivers do not pay attention to them but that flashing blue lights makes a difference. He stated that he felt that police officer presence is more effective than a flagger.

~~Conservation Commission Warrant Article—Karen Ayers~~

- **OLD BUSINESS**

FINANCIAL REPORTS - GENERAL FUND BALANCE - \$1,554,600

SELECTMEN'S ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS JANUARY 6 AND 13: The Board reviewed and reported on the status of various outstanding items. S. C. Hanson asked that the matter of town engineer be added to the next agenda.

TOWN WARRANT AND BUDGET was signed by the Board.

DELIBERATIVE SESSION FLIER was approved by the Board for printing and mailing to residents.

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TOWN MODERATOR – PREPARATION - FIRST SESSION OF TOWN MEETING

(DELIBERATIVE SESSION): Town Moderator A. Dittami was present. A review of requested items to include police detail, a listing of which Selectmen will be addressing which budget line item, arrangements for meeting at the school, microphones and platforms. Discussion also took place with regard to the potential need of rescheduling for inclement weather. A copy of the warrant was provided to A. Dittami. The Board determined that that it is not necessary for an officer to be assigned to attend the deliberative session. A. Dittami reviewed the plan for Scouts to lead the pledge of allegiance. E. N. Small will contact the school to review the requested setup.

A. Dittami reported that Roberta Burns, Marthas Court, is interested in the Assistant Moderator position.

MOTION: To appoint Roberta Burns as Assistant Moderator.

MOTION: S. C. HANSON
SECOND: R. P. MCDERMOTT
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This appointment form was signed by the Board.

PERSONNEL POLICY WORK SESSION - JANUARY 27, 6:30 P.M., TOWN HALL

TAX COLLECTOR & PERSONNEL POLICY: The matter of the Tax Collector being a public official and not an employee will be discussed at the meeting on January 27.

PROGRESS REPORT ON THE TOWN HALL PHONE SYSTEM: The new phone system is scheduled to be installed on January 29.

OTHER

LAS PRINCIPAL SEARCH COMMITTEE: M. J. Farinola reported on the activities of this committee.

LAND USE CHANGE TAX

MOTION: To accept the correction of land use change tax for Map 1, Lot 47-1 for \$20,000 and the land use change tax for Map 1, Lot 53 for \$750.

MOTION; S. C. HANSON
SECOND: R. P. MCDERMOTT
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PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment was heard at this time.

• **NEW BUSINESS**

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REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES - JANUARY 6 AND 13:

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the January 6 and January 13 meetings as written.

MOTION: S. C. HANSON
SECOND: R. P. MCDERMOTT
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**NEXT SELECTMEN'S MEETING – WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2010, 6:30 P.M.,
TOWN HALL**

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

MOTION: S. C. HANSON
SECOND: R. P. MCDERMOTT
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