

PRESENT: Richard P. McDermott, Chairman; Larry M. Smith, Vice Chairman; Mary Ann Kasprzak, Selectwoman; Lori A. Ruest, Town Administrator; Susan H. Ayer, Secretary

The Chairman called the meeting to order, and asked to hear the Parks and Recreation item out of order.

FRIENDS OF THE BANDSTAND COMMITTEE

Lynn Stan of Meadow Lane addressed the Board for consideration of changing the summer concert series from a budget item run by the Recreation Commission to the purview of a not for profit committee. The Friends of the Bandstand Committee, through Ms. Stan, has approached local businesses to determine interest in sponsorships for the concert series, and has also met with a certified public accountant to learn about the process of forming a 501-3c entity. Ms. Stan also will be meeting with an attorney about record keeping and reporting to the State. She said response from local business owners has been very positive; programs for the concert series would list contributors and they would be eligible for a tax deduction. She has reached out to the chairman of the North Hampton bandstand committee for help.

In a question and answer period with the Selectmen, it was noted that this could not be a subcommittee of the Recreation Commission; it would stand alone and need its own insurance coverage.

The Selectmen congratulated Ms. Stan on her work and gave her their approval to continue.

BUILDING INSPECTOR, CODE COMPLIANCE, HEALTH OFFICER - Monthly Report

The Selectmen acknowledged receipt of the building inspector's report for July 14 through August 13.

ROAD AGENT - Monthly Report:

The Selectmen reviewed the listing of 2015 warrant article road projects and the updated spreadsheet of the Highway Department's budget as well as Road Agent Dick Robinson's invoice.

R. McDermott asked when roadside mowing and brush cutting would be done again. D. Robinson said all roads are done and that he did not feel it would need to be done again until at least the first week in September, as the lack of rain has slowed down growth. The actual date to begin will be left flexible.

M. Kasprzak noted that the area in front of Whittier Pond, and across the street from it, are getting overgrown. This is a matter for the NHDOT.

DOT CONSTRUCTION ACCESS—EAST ROAD

A response to a letter sent regarding the use of East Road during I-95 construction has been received from the State Department of Transportation. There are currently no plans to use East Road for access to the construction site.

PROPERTY OWNER'S REQUEST FOR SIGNAGE

A request has been received from a property owner that signage be placed indicating that Weare Road continues onto Rte. 107. The resident cited problems with trash pick-up but also is concerned with deliveries. The trash issues have been resolved; the Road Agent will look at the signs and make a recommendation.

RESERVATION OF ROAD SALT 2015-2016

Pricing has been received for road salt for the coming winter. The Selectmen reviewed the estimates and grades of salt, along with Winter Road Maintenance contractor Jim Ziolkowski. Granite State Minerals offered the state contract pricing of \$51.73 per ton for bulk road salt. Morton Salt offered two grades, one at \$54.38 per ton, and a treated type for \$71.88 per ton. In discussion, J. Ziolkowski said he prefers the treated, or "solar" salt, as it works better and less is needed. He suggested reserving salt from both companies.

WINTER ROAD MAINTENANCE CONTRACTOR DAMAGES LISTING 2014/2015

The damages listing from the past winter was reviewed. Everything on the list is completed; the only question was to do with the 12' sections of guardrail that were replaced; it was agreed based on R. McDermott's conversation with a DOT representative that \$120 would be a fair price for the WRM contractor to pay the Town.

It was agreed to have J. Ziolkowski pay \$200 for the damaged drainage pipes at the Brush Dump, and take them away.

The damaged bush on the corner of the Town Hall property will be removed and replaced with one shrub; he will work with the Road Agent to request removal, and he will plant the new shrubs.

RELEASE OF RETAINED FUNDS

MOTION: To release the balance of the retained 2014-2015 Winter Road Maintenance funds, minus \$320, to Environmental Landscape Management, total to be paid \$4,899.40

MOTION: L. Smith

SECOND: M. Kasprzak

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CONTRACT MODIFICATIONS- OUTSTANDING ITEMS NEEDED FROM CONTRACTOR

Town Counsel and the WRM Contractor's attorney have been talking to each other over the disputed issue in the contract. J. Ziolkowski offered the option of an independent arbitrator. The Board decided not to commit to arbitration without speaking to Counsel. The issue will be taken up at the next Board of Selectmen meeting on September 2.

FIRE CHIEF, AMBULANCE, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – Monthly Report

The Board acknowledged receipt of the Fire Department's report.

FIRE DISPATCH AGREEMENT – TOWN OF HAMPTON

The Town of Hampton is reaching out to see if Hampton Falls is interested in continuing the fire dispatch agreement between the towns. It was concluded that the Town is interested in reviewing the agreement, which would be for 5 years with the same terms and conditions that now exist.

PROPOSED FIREWORKS ORDINANCE

The Fire Chief said that he has had a number of calls from residents, including Sue Veilleux, who was present to address the Board, complaining of fireworks on neighboring properties. Ms. Veilleux said that her farm animals were spooked by the fireworks, causing not only potential injuries, but problems with milking. She said another resident who was going to attend

had a neighbor throwing fireworks at her dog. Calling the police has not helped, as activity starts up again immediately after they leave.

L. Smith asked if a permit is currently required; it is not. He said he is not in favor of totally eliminating the use of fireworks in the Town, but likes the idea of permits; the Town would know where and when they are being set off, and the permit would provide safety information to the applicant, too.

The Board decided to write a letter to the state representatives, asking about permissible fireworks, as it is not well defined by the State.

It was noted that there is liability for damage done to neighboring property or animals that falls to those setting off the fireworks.

Sue Veilleux was encouraged to keep calling the police when necessary, and to encourage others to do the same

POLICE CHIEF, ANIMAL CONTROL – Monthly Report

The Board acknowledged receipt of the Police Department report for July.

STATUS OF MULTI-BAY GARAGE

Chief Dirsa said the the digging of the footings has been started and the forms are up for walls. The Road Agent, Fire Chief and he have all been in touch to be sure all is going well. Nick Gray Builders will start in September, and completion is expected in November.

MOTION: To go into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (a): Personnel at 7:25 PM.

MOTION: R. McDermott

SECOND: L. Smith

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MOTION: To exit non-public session and resume in public session at 7:40 PM

MOTION: L. Smith

SECOND: M. Kasprzak

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FINANCIAL REPORTS

General Fund Balance: \$1,844,705.48

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE/PAYROLL/TREASURER/TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS
WARRANT(S)**

MOTION: To approve the following warrants as presented by the Bookkeeper and the Treasurer:

Payroll check warrant	#311	\$14,007.99
Accounts payable warrant	#479	\$707,507.77

Check warrant (Treasurer)	A	\$12,498.78
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MOTION: M. Kasprzak

SECOND: L. Smith

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2015 SPRING HOUSEHOLD WASTE COLLECTION DAY

The Selectmen reviewed the report from the Spring cleanup day on June 13th. L. Ruest noted that only one compactor will be used in the future, and that the event is getting close to the Board's goal of being revenue neutral.

RETURN OF FUNDS – SE REGIONAL REFUSE DSPOSAL DISTRICT 53B

The Town has received a refund check from SERRD 53B for surplus funds due to the Town as of June 30, 2015. Withheld from the amount disbursed was \$1,753.40, representing dues for July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. L. Ruest has written a letter to SEERD to inform them that as the Town withdrew from the District as of June 30, no dues are owed and the balance of the surplus owed to the Town should be submitted. The letter was approved and by the Selectmen for mailing.

REPLANTING OF LIBERTY ELMS

The Heritage Commission has been working on the project of replanting Liberty elms for the Tercentenary celebration in 2022.

M. Kasprzak shared copies of correspondence between the Liberty Tree Society and the Elm Research Institute and L. Smith, showing options for ordering and planting trees. She also shared a copy of a draft poster to be used to promote the sales to residents.

M. Kasprzak said she likes the idea of smaller trees that can be planted by one person.

There was a discussion surrounding the issues of how to pay and when to order, and also where the trees can be planted. Money can be saved by ordering the trees early, so outreach is important.

It was agreed that the flyer needs to be sent out as a start, to get the information out and to gauge interest. There is still hope to get 300 trees planted for the Tercentenary celebration, but whatever can be accomplished will be better than nothing.

RESTORED VITAL RECORDS BOOK

The marriage, birth and death record book covering 1937 through 1956 has been restored and rebound using budget money. This process of restoration continues on an annual basis.

2015 FALL HOUSEHOLD WASTE COLLECTION DAY

The Fall date for household waste at the Brush Dump will be October 17th. L. Ruest will call Pinard to schedule containers and one compactor.

RECYCLING OF PRODUCTS CONTAINING MERCURY- COVANTA

Covanta has offered to put up a shed at the brush dump to collect products containing mercury. L. Ruest informed the Board that there is a catalogue to choose a shed from, and there are many sizes and types. It was agreed that 4' x 6' should be large enough. L. Ruest will send the Selectmen a link to the catalogue via email so that they can choose a shed.

Discussion continued on the subject of where to put the shed, and the possibility of having a bin for lithium batteries.

BUDGET WORK SESSION DATES

There was a discussion on dates to meet for budget worksessions.

On September 17th and 18th at 9:30, meetings will take place with Department Heads. On October 28th and 29th, the Board will meet to work with the recommendations of the Department Heads and produce a preliminary budget.

REMOVAL OF HAZARDOUS TREES

L. Ruest has drafted a letter to the property owners where two dead/dying trees have been identified, asking for them to address the hazard to Town roadways.

“PAY AS YOU THROW” TRASH OPTION

In response to a recent question by L. Smith, L. Ruest shared an article from Town and City magazine about “pay as you go” options for trash, where residents would buy dedicated trash bags as needed. It was agreed to give the article to the Solid Waste Committee for their recommendation on whether this type of program is practical for Hampton Falls.

VETERANS TAX CREDIT

Regarding a veterans tax credit application denied at the May 20th meeting, L. Ruest informed the Board that upon further research the application merited reconsideration.

MOTION: To reverse the action taken on May 20 and approve the application for veterans tax credit for the property owner of Map 7, Lot 38.

MOTION: L. Smith

SECOND: M. Kasprzak

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HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY

The Town will not be participating in the hazardous waste collection day, as it is no longer a member of the District that sponsors the event.

SELECTMENS PERMIT APPLICATION

The Board considered a permit request from Karen Sabatini to hold an open house reception for Ted Tocci at the Town Hall. The Town cannot fund the event, as requested, but acknowledged receipt of the application and confirmed the date of September 23rd from 4:00 to 6:00 PM.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: 7/15, 7/28, 8/4 AND 8/7, 2015

MOTION: To approve the minutes of July 15 as written.

MOTION: L. Smith

SECOND: M. Kasprzak

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MOTION: To approve the minutes of July 28 with 3 corrections identified by L. Smith.

MOTION: L. Smith

SECOND: M. Kasprzak
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MOTION: To approve the minutes of August 4 as written.

MOTION: L. Smith

SECOND: M. Kasprzak

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MOTION: To approve the minutes of August 7 as written.

MOTION: L. Smith

SECOND: M. Kasprzak

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MOTION: To adjourn at 8:45 PM

MOTION: M. Kasprzak

SECOND: L. Smith

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