

The Chair, Jack Steiner at 7:00pm called the regularly scheduled Selectmen's meeting to order. Those present included George Lagassa, Lloyd Sullivan (Selectmen), and Russell McAllister (Town Administrator).

The Selectmen reviewed the meeting minutes of July 10th & 20th. Mr. Lagassa made the motion to accept the minutes of July 10th & 20th. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

The selectmen reviewed correspondence and/or signed:

- a. Administration/Business
- b. Payroll
- c. Manifest
- d. Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Grant Agreement

The TA explained that the CZM grant agreement was one of the funding components for the Little River Salt Marsh Restoration Project. The total amount of the grant was \$300,469. The grant agreement required an authorizing signature and a vote by the Board to enter into the agreement. Mr. Sullivan made the motion to enter into the agreement and allow the TA to execute any necessary agreements associated with the grant. Mr. Lagassa seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

- e. Veterans Exemption - Robert Herbert / Anthony Romano
- f. Elderly Exemption (40k) - Anthony Romano

Telecommunications Discussion - 7:20pm

Vitts Network - Heather LeDeu **CANCELLED**
MediaOne - Tim Gage **NO SHOW**

Prior to opening the public hearing concerning the proposed ordinances the Board discussed approving the new planning and zoning board fee schedules. Mr. Sullivan explained that the Board needed to approve the new fees and the Planning Board would next hold a public hearing to receive public comment and discuss the new fee schedules prior to their adoption. Mr. Lagassa made the motion to approve the new planning and zoning board fee schedule. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

Proposed Fee Schedule

| Site Plan Review | Current | Proposed | Subdivision Plan Review | Current | Proposed |
|--------------------|---------|----------|-------------------------|---------|----------|
| Filing Fee | \$50 | \$100 | Application Fee | \$0 | \$50 |
| per 1000 sqft | \$25 | \$50 | per 1000 sqft | \$25 | \$50 |
| Review Fee | \$0 | \$50 | Street Review | \$0 | \$200 |
| Notice per Abutter | \$4 | \$4 | Notice per Abutter | \$4 | \$4 |
| Review Fee | \$0 | \$100 | Review Fee | \$0 | \$100 |
| Recording Fee | \$40 | \$80 | Recording Fee | \$40 | \$80 |

Mr. Sullivan reported that the Friends of Centennial Hall were going to regroup and pursue their original idea of a one-year lease from the Town for the use of the parking lot.

Mr. Sullivan also reported the Kendall Chevalier had approached him regarding the installation of streetlights along Pine Road. The TA explained that Bob Strout was out for the week and that upon his return he was scheduled to meet with residents concerning the placement of the streetlights. The TA noted

that he had received a comment from one resident expressing their desire not to have a streetlight placed near their residence.

Mr. Lagassa reported that the final appraisal report covering the real property of the Hampton Water Works was now in hand. He explained that the report did not include the value of leases and easements. Mr. Lagassa noted that he was able to track down the HWW leases and easements in a short time at the registry. The TA noted that the final payment for the appraisal was being held in the office. Mr. Lagassa said that he would be speaking with the appraisal firm regarding the value of the leases and easements.

Mr. Steiner reported that the soil boring test conducted at the recycling center was complete and indicated that construction of a future Highway building was possible near the present site of the recycling center building.

Mr. Steiner also reported to those in attendance that the Board had met to review and discuss the final candidates for the Police Chief's position. Mr. Steiner noted that the field of five had been narrowed to three finalists, one of whom was an internal candidate. Mr. Steiner explained that the Board had used the services of the New Hampshire Chief's of Police Association to conduct the initial screening of candidates and conduct the preliminary oral boards. The panel was comprised of Bill Wrenn (Hampton Chief), Al Tardiff (Chief Berlin), Stephen Savage (Chief Plaistow) and businessperson John Payzant. The TA was currently in the process of scheduling the final round of interviews of the candidates with the Board of Selectmen.

Public Hearing for Proposed Ordinances

Excessive Noise Ordinance

It was explained that the police department proposed the excessive noise ordinance as a way of controlling vehicular noise such as squealing of tires and excessive exhaust noise caused by rapid acceleration or deceleration. Mr. Robinson asked what it would mean if someone was convicted under the ordinance? Mr. Page indicated that it would go on their driving record and may affect their insurance. Enforcement of the local excessive noise ordinance would be treated just like a summons, or ticket. The individual would be able to pay or contest the summons just like an ordinary speeding ticket. The court would collect the fines and remunerate the money back to the town. Mr. Sullivan made the motion to adopt the Excessive Noise Ordinance as proposed by the Police Department. Mr. Lagassa seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so the Excessive Noise Ordinance was adopted.

Drug Paraphernalia

It was explained that the police department proposed the local drug paraphernalia ordinance as a response to escalating court costs. Currently officers issuing summons' for possession of drug paraphernalia also needed to go to court largely because the fine associated with the offense was so high that the accused almost always contested the charge. This necessitated an officer providing testimony at trial. To avoid overtime costs the department was proposing a local ordinance where the fine for possession of drug paraphernalia (containing residue) was \$100 versus the state fine amount of \$1,000. It was explained that most individuals faced with the charge would simply pay the fine rather than go to court. It was noted that forty summons' were issued for drug paraphernalia last year. Mr. Lagassa made the motion to approve the Drug Paraphernalia Ordinance as proposed by the Police Department. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so the Drug Paraphernalia Ordinance was adopted.

Alarm Maintenance Ordinance

It was explained that the police department proposed the alarm maintenance ordinance as a way of addressing the number of false alarms that the department responds to on an annual basis. Statistics for the previous year indicate that there were 499 responses by the police department for false alarms. Roland

Neves spoke on behalf of the North Hampton Businessman's Association. Mr. Neves suggested that it was an ordinance designed to collect more money from businesses in the form of fees and fines. He suggested that in this day and age when asked if people wanted more or less government that the vote was for less government. Mr. Neves commented that too much authority was relegated to the Police and Fire Chief's with the administering the ordinance. Mr. Sullivan noted that the ordinance was designed to reduce the number of false alarms. False alarms created addition costs in the department and disrupted the effective allocation of resources. Mr. Neves suggested that business owners were being penalized because of residential false alarms. It was further suggested that if false alarms were a problem then the offender should be penalized, but do not require an annual inspection. Mr. Lagassa summarized the comments by noting that there issues seemed to boil down to registration of alarms so that fire and police knew of the location, penalize recurrent false alarms, issuance and revocation of alarm permits where habitual offenders refused to correct the problem. Mr. Lagassa made the motion to table the alarm maintenance ordinance as proposed until further revisions were made which reflected the concerns raised at the hearing. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the ordinance was tabled.

Selectmen's Issues

Introduction of New Employee

The Board introduced Corey Landry, Deputy Fire Chief, to those in attendance.

Questions & Comments

Mr. Lambert explained that Engine 3 was due back in service the week of July 31st. The leaky tank which was being replaced might be covered by warranty and that that possibility was being researched. Mr. Lambert also noted that the Basic Emergency Plan for the town needed Board signatures.

There being no further business to come before the Board the public meeting adjourned at approximately 8:45pm. Mr. Sullivan made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Lagassa seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

Respectfully,

Russell McAllister
Town Administrator