

**HAMPTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM  
May 23, 2005 7:00 PM**

**PRESENT:** James Workman, Chairman, Cliff Pratt, Vice Chairman  
Rick Griffin, Ben Moore, Virginia Bridle-Russell  
James Barrington, Town Manager  
Karen Anderson, Administrative Assistant

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- 1) The Board of Selectmen held a public hearing to take comments from the public in regard to the issuance of the Town's general obligation bonds and the borrowing of money for the following purposes: 1) Refinance 1995 Landfill closure bond currently outstanding in the amount of \$2,928,239; 2) Refinance 1996 Sewer Bonds currently outstanding in the amount of \$1,243,360; 3) Refinance 1998 Landfill Trench Bonds currently outstanding in the amount of \$96,055; 4) Refinance 2000 Winn. Road Lift Station Bonds currently outstanding in the amount of \$498,714.

Mr. Barrington corrected the amount to be refinanced for the 199 Sewer bond to \$1,334,360.00.

Mr. Robert Lessard, 100 Timber Swamp Road stated that these bonds were all approved at a Town Meeting for specific lengths of time and he asked if the terms were being extended. Mr. Barrington explained that these would be continued at the same term that they currently are at, with a reduction of interest rates. Mr. Lessard asked if there is money in the budget for these payments this year. Mr. Barrington said that there is. Mr. Lessard confirmed his understanding that the intent of this refinancing is to reduce the interest rate, use the same funds budgeted to make the payments, without extending the term of the various bonds. Mr. Barrington said that was correct. Mr. Moore asked what the total savings would be? Mr. Barrington said explained that it was impossible to know until after the bonds are sold, but it is anticipated that there would be a savings of approximately \$400,000.

**Mr. Moore MOTIONED** that the Board of Selectmen authorize the issuance of the town's refunding bonds and sign the appropriate document.

**Mr. Griffin SECONDED**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR**

- 2) The Board of Selectmen held a public hearing to take comments from the public in regard to the acceptance of a grant from the Department of Homeland Security in the amount of \$44,428.00 for the Fire Department to purchase a Fire Safety House.

3)

Deputy Chief Chris Silver explained the history of the Homeland Security and Assistance to Firefighter's Grants. He pointed out that this application was submitted and approved for a fire education and safety trailer in the amount of \$44,428.00 and is a 90/10 split with the town.

Mr. Moore confirmed that the local cost is just under \$5,000 and the cost of annual operations will be under \$1,500 per year. Deputy Silver said that the annual budgeted funds for expendable supplies for fire preventions will not change. He said that this will be important in educating the community about fire prevention and it is a resource that will be able to be shared with other communities. Mr. Griffin noted that there was an interesting article about the Homeland Security Grants in a Boston Paper this week.

Mr. Workman said that time and again the Board of Selectmen has encouraged the Town departments to find alternate funding resources and the Fire Department has done that.

**Mr. Pratt MOTIONED** that the Board of Selectmen accept the grant from the Department of Homeland Security – Assistance to Firefighters in the amount of \$44,428.00 for a fire safety house.

**Mr. Griffin SECONDED**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR**

- 4) The Board of Selectmen held a public hearing to take comments from the public in regard to amending Loading Zones and 2-Hour parking ordinances on Ashworth Avenue and the "lettered" streets by deleting all of them and subsequently adding loading zones as displayed on plan prepared by Faye, Spofford & Thorndike.

Mr. Peter Howe, Faye, Spofford & Thorndike explained the need to eliminate the loading zones on Ashworth Avenue and the relocation of new loading zones that are positioned appropriately on the side streets. Mr. Howe outlined the recommendations that Ashworth Avenue remain no parking on both sides and that D and F Street remain as Fire Lanes.

Mrs. Bridle asked if the changes have been shown to the people that it affects. Mr. Howe said that this is the first time the plan is being presented. Mr. Howe said that there are fewer loading zones being recommended than currently exist. The intent is to finalize the locations from F Street north so that sleeves for the sign posts can be placed in conjunction with the sidewalk construction.

Mr. Moore said that there had been some discussions about trucks being able to use the streets in the early morning for loading and unloading and he asked what kind of alternatives are going to be given to the businesses. Mr. Howe said that when the Ashworth Avenue is completed there will be three lanes; in the early morning a truck could potentially pull over to unload. There is no law to allow it, but it is a common practice in many areas. Mr. Howe said that for the lettered streets there has been discussion of possibly having loading zones for certain times of the day and allowing regular parking at the other times. Mr. Moore asked if it would be illegal to have a sign indicating a truck could pull over within the travel line during certain times to unload. Mr. Howe said that he would not recommend signage such as that. He added that for the interim time period, when the lines are painted this week, there will be two eleven foot lanes with eight foot shoulders. That width will be there for this summer, since the middle turning lane will not be painted until next year, allowing ample room for a truck to pull over. Mr. Griffin said that there has always been a problem with people just pulling over on the side of the road in Hampton. Mrs. Bridle-Russell asked if there is any plan to speak with the businesses about this. Mr. Barrington said that this has been talked about with the staff for several weeks and it was hoped that this public hearing we bring out whatever comments are out there. Mr. Barrington said that the process has been very open and people understood that there would not be parking on Ashworth Avenue. Mrs. Bridle said that someone should talk to the businesses. Mr. Moore said that it looks like the loading zones are being placed in good locations for Ocean Boulevard, but not as convenient for Ashworth Avenue businesses. Mr. Howe said that the problem has been the number and size of the curb cuts on the lettered streets and there are not many areas that have the required 30' for a loading zone until you get "mid-block".

Mr. Ray Blondeau, A Street, Happy Hampton Owner, stated that he has been on Hampton Beach for 19 years and has never seen a problem with loading and unloading. He feels that moving his loading zone would not work for his business and will force him out of business. Mr. Blondeau said that installing parking meters would be the way to go.

Mr. Robert Lessard thanked Mrs. Bridle-Russell for bringing up the subject of a meeting with the business owners. He said that he these meetings have been held when people are away and that is not fair. Mr. Lessard said that there should only be a sidewalk on one side of Ashworth Avenue, and without the loading zones the businesses will close and there will be all condos t the beach, which will kill Hampton Beach. Mr. Lessard said that the beach needs the tourists and this will drive them away.

Mr. Blondeau said that he had a UPS driver tell him that if this goes through, UPS will need to have 4 trucks on the beach in order to complete deliveries, and they are likely not to abide by the ordinance.

Mr. John Hangen said that everything done in this town is a conundrum; we have to look at what is happening to society with the number of vehicles and the daily visitors from June 15 to September 7<sup>th</sup>. He said that people take their cars and park them on the lettered streets, leaving them there for months. If Hampton is going to met their fiduciary responsibility of having cars travel as easily as possible through

town, the parking has to be limited. He added that another thing that creates a problem is that Ashworth Avenue and the lettered streets are not as wide as they should be, delivery services providing the materials to the businesses are going to have to go around each corner. Mr. Hangen said that the town has to solve the traffic and parking problems, but as soon as there is talk about meters the Board of Selectmen hears the objections.

Mrs. Judith Beaulieu, 91 Leavitt Road told Mr. Workman that it is her opinion that when there is a public hearing it is the Board's opportunity to tell the public what has already been decided. Mr. Workman said that this is just a proposal that can be changed in any number of ways. She asked how the public would be notified of the decision or speak about it if they are not at the hearing. She suggested that all hearing notices be put on the website. She asked at what point will a decision be made. Mr. Barrington said that once the Board of Selectmen votes on the ordinance to establish it, the decision is made. Mr. Barrington said that this public hearing is the starting point.

Mrs. Beaulieu said that there are no loading zones on Ashworth Avenue proposed, and there are ten proposed for the rest of Hampton Beach and she does not feel that is sufficient.

Mrs. Guzman Scanlon said that the people didn't know about this hearing and she was disappointed that no one took the time to tell the people that are directly affected by this. She said that it is critical that the Board of Selectmen not impose this without the input from the people at the beach. Mrs. Scanlon said that this can be accomplished by communication and learning what people need. Mandating delivery times is absurd. Mrs. Scanlon noted that on J Street everyone on the street shares the loading zone that exists. She said she believes in the Board of Selectmen and the committee established by the Precinct is looking at what can be done and they will meet with the Board in a couple of weeks. She said she wrote a letter that was responded to by the Town Manager and was told that her issues were complex, it has not been easy to access the information. Mrs. Scanlon asked that the business owners be given an opportunity to tell the Board where they need the loading zones and at what times.

Mr. Michael Scanlon, J Street, stated that due to the seasonal nature of the businesses at the beach it is a Just In Time (JIT) operation. A lot of businesses are open late into the night, so are not there to accept deliveries early in the morning and with the current weather issues restaurants are ordering just prior to meals and that is not well understood. This is a new ordinance would not allow the JIT deliveries. Mr. Scanlon asked if Town Meeting would have to approve this ordinance and he was told that it did not. MR. Scanlon also noted that there is an injunction to this project that was denied at Superior Court last week, but there was a caveat in that order that said that if a business can prove that it lost business as a result of the sidewalks, the town can be mandated to take the sidewalk out. Mr. Scanlon said that the Board of Selectmen needs to start listening to the taxpayers of the targeted area or it will become a separate town.

Mr. Bob Preston 56 Edgewood Drive stated that he does a lot of business at the beach and he is concerned with the talk about splitting the town. It has been a tough winter, and this proposed ordinance threatens people's livelihood and he feels that this needs another public hearing when the owners are present. Mr. Howe said that the sidewalk concrete will be done within the next 4 weeks and it was hoped to have the pole locations sleeved. Mr. Preston said that if he had 1,000 parking spaces like Mr. Blondeau, he would encourage parking meters as well, but at Preston Real Estate they would prefer that there were no meters.

Mr. Lessard said that the costs to core the holes should be less than \$500. He suggested that the markings be painted for this year so people can see where there is going to be no parking and then have a public hearing after the summer when people have tested out the areas.

Mr. Griffin said that it is apparent that this meeting was held to get public comments. Mr. Workman suggested that the hearing be continued to June 20<sup>th</sup> at the Beach Fire Station. Mr. Moore acknowledged that this hearing was scheduled in a public session, although the session wasn't televised. This is the first time the Board of Selectmen and the Town Manager have seen this plan and the public comment is important. Mr. Barrington said that if the town wants to have loading zones on Ashworth Avenue, he does

not think it will work with two-way traffic. The town voted against the exchange of Ashworth Avenue for Ocean Boulevard to additional options are limited. Mr. Barrington said that the town needs some professional input before discussing two-way traffic on Ashworth Avenue. Mr. Griffin suggested that truck drivers representing vendors, and UPS drivers be invited to the hearing to give the Board some input. The Board agreed that was a good idea.

**Mrs. Bridle MOTIONED** that the Board of Selectmen continue the public hearing to June 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at the Beach Fire Station, with notices to be posted at beach locations, including the Chamber of Commerce if allowed.

**Mr. Griffin SECONDED**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR**

Mr. Preston offered to distribute the notice to the businesses for the Board.

4) Temporarily amend the parking ordinance Sec. 3:506 (d) Kennedy’s Lot - High Street & Ocean Boulevard by reserving 12 spaces on the westerly side for residents in the Kings Highway area impacted by the infrastructure upgrades taking place. Impacted residents will be provided temporary passes to display in the vehicle. This ordinance will automatically lapse at the conclusion of the project.

Mr. Barrington corrected the notice to read “easterly” rather than “westerly” and suggested that the ordinance lapse on September 15, 2005.

Mr. Hangen said that there was a public informational meeting at the Library regarding the Kings Highway sewer project and many residents were present. One of the concerns raised was for temporary parking for the residents and visitors to that area when they are displaced for a short time. These twelve spaces would be assigned to the residents being affected at a particular time. Mr. Moore said that he does not recall the number being suggested and asked if 12 spaces would be sufficient. Mr. Hangen said that there are 12 spaces on the east side and this will still allow significant parking for businesses and other residents in that lot. Mr. Moore noted that this would be for overnight parking in those twelve spaces as well.

Mrs. Beaulieu asked how many parking spaces are in the lot. Mr. Hangen said there about 30-40 spaces. Mr. Barrington said that this is for the residents that are displaced at particular stages of the project. Mr. Barrington explained that he expected that the spots will be numbered and the area will be appropriately signed. Mrs. Beaulieu asked if those expenses will be part of the project cost. Mr. Barrington said that they would. Mrs. Bridle-Russell said that there is a mobile home park in that area and she asked if they would have any access problems. Mr. Howe confirmed that the mobile home park will not be impacted.

**Mr. Pratt MOTIONED** that the Board of Selectmen adopt the temporary amendment to Sec. 3:506 (d) Kennedy’s Lot - High Street & Ocean Boulevard by reserving 12 spaces on the westerly side for residents in the Kings Highway area impacted by the infrastructure upgrades taking place

**Mrs. Bridle-Russell SECONDED**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR**

**I. SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

Mr. Richard Reniere led the audience in the flag salute.

**II. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Moore reminded the public that the Town Clerk’s Office is no longer mailing out registration renewal notices and residents that were born in May need to come in and register their vehicles. He noted that vehicles can also be registered online now. The public was also reminded that dogs need to be registered by the end of May.

Mr. Pratt noted that it was a busy weekend with the fishing derby and the Sacred Heart school auction; a good time was had by all. Mr. Workman expressed kudos to the Recreation Department for a well run fishing derby.

#### Memorial Day Observances

Mr. Workman noted that on next Monday, Memorial Day there will be remembrances at Lady of the Sea beginning at 8:00 AM and a parade to the High Street cemetery at 11:00 AM.

### **III. APPOINTMENTS**

#### 1. Mr. Larry Bingaman, Aquarion Water Company

Mr. Bingaman was not present.

### **IV. OLD BUSINESS**

#### Town Manager's Report

##### Wellness Grant

Mr. Barrington explained that a packet of information from the Fire Department regarding the grant they were awarded for a Wellness program will require a public hearing to be scheduled (perhaps June 6).

#### Use of Town Equipment

A letter from Superintendent Jim Gaylord was included in the Board's packets concerning a request from WHS to borrow the use of the town's aeration equipment and tractor for the maintenance of the fields at Winnacunnet High School. Since this request is from Winnacunnet rather than the Hampton School Board, Mr. Barrington requested that the Board of Selectmen give him some direction.

#### Police Association Arbitration

The arbitrator's ruling on the matter of police standards testing has been received. The arbitrator found in the Town's favor on two issues and in the officer's favor on one issue.

#### Bond Sale

The Finance Director reported that the schedule for the Bond Sale has been moved to June 28. This will mean that a majority of the Board will need to be available to sign documents the week of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

#### Boat Dock

Mr. Barrington said that an agreement has been drafted for the agreement on the public safety pier. The State of N.H. has expressed a willingness to take it over, under the auspices of the Department of Safety.

#### Baseball Cards

Mr. Barrington told the Board that the baseball cards are back in control of the town and the person that thought they were his has examined them and determined that they are not his. Mr. Barrington said that some folks have expressed some interest in selling the cards for the Town on E-Bay. He said that there may be some opportunity for some value in the cards but from he is learning that the cards are from a vintage that are not as valuable as some older cards. The way to determine more precise value is to individually catalog the cards. There are also some people that are volunteering to take the time and energy to do that. Mr. Moore said that we have to understand that there is time involved with that. Mr. Barrington said that if there is someone willing to do sell the cards on E-Bay for a small commission he would consider it.

#### Use of Equipment

Mr. Moore said that he did not have a problem allowing WHS to use the parks equipment. Mr. Barrington recommended that the town send a person to operate the equipment as well. Mr. Moore said that if it does not take anything away from the town's work that would be alright. Mr. Workman said that he is fine with WHS using the equipment and asked if arrangements had been made for the Recreation Department to have space this summer. Mr. Barrington said that arrangements have been made for some space at one school.

School Resource Officer Costs

Mr. Moore asked if Chief Wrenn is working on the costs for the SRO's as was discussed with the School Board. Mr. Barrington said that he had not received any costs as yet.

Use of Equipment

Mr. Pratt said that he has an issue with letting WHS use our equipment because it is a cooperative high school and if we have to have our people run it, Hampton is paying that cost as well.

Mrs. Bridle-Russell pointed out that if the fields fall into disrepair and extensive work is later needed, the taxpayers of Hampton would be paying a share of that cost, so she did not have a problem with allowing the use of the equipment. The consensus of the Board was to authorize the use, and allow the Town Manager and Recreation director determine if Hampton would provide an operator for the equipment.

Grievances

Mr. Pratt told the Town Manager that he has a concern with the 7 grievances that are not being heard tonight and the legal bills that are being incurred as a result of the grievance activity. Mr. Pratt asked if the Board is going to have to look at the default budget further as a result of these expenses, and possibly reduce other services further. Mr. Barrington said that depends on how the bills go along; he added that the costs are a concern that he has shared with the staff. Mr. Barrington said that we have an in-house attorney that does not specialize in labor law, so an outside firm is used for labor issues. There are costs involved as we have to deal with these issues. Mr. Pratt asked that the Board of Selectmen be updated on a monthly basis as to the costs being incurred.

Mr. Pratt said that he was available the week of the 4<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Bridle and MR. Workman said that they will also be available to sign paperwork during the week of the 4<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Griffin said that he will be away from July 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 6<sup>th</sup>.

Surplus Auction

Mr. Workman suggested June 18<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup> for the surplus materials auction.

District Court

Mr. Barrington told the Board that he met with the Exeter and Stratham Town Manager last week and discussed potential parcels for the court. There are some parcels in Stratham, and while they are willing to have the courthouse there, they are not interested in taking the parcel off the tax roles. The Stratham Town Manager asked if they would be invited to the meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup>. After talking with Mr. Workman it was thought that this is a continuation of the Exeter meeting and the other towns would be invited at a later date.

Wellness Grant

Mr. Moore MOTIONED that the Board of Selectmen hold a Public Hearing on June 6<sup>th</sup> to take comments from the public in regard to the acceptance of the grant for the Fire Department's wellness program.

**Mr. Pratt SECONDED**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR**

Memorandum of Understanding For the Boat Dock

**Mr. Pratt MOTIONED** that the Town Manager be authorized to sign the Memorandum of Understanding and any other appropriate documents with the State of New Hampshire in regard to the public safety dock.

**Mrs. Bridle SECONDED**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR**

Transfer Station Hours

Public Works Director John Hangen has presented a few alternatives for weekend hours of operation of the transfer station. Each of the alternatives to the Saturday only schedule serves to increase the cost of operation with questionable gains in total hours of availability to the public. Mr. Barrington noted that

generally speaking, there is one hour of staff time prior to and one hour following the actual hours of being open to the public. Mr. Barrington said that he has some concerns with the proposal because the costs are going up and the hours are going down, although they are spread out over two days. Mr. Hangen said that he came forward with these options after talking with the staff and wanting to serve as many people as possible, particularly the businesses. If businesses are not able to bring materials in on Sundays, they will be putting the material out for collection on Monday.

Mr. Hangen told the Board that after talking with Mr. Barrington, he would like to present Option 5, which has a total cost of \$34,099 and he feels is user friendly and accommodates the beach businesses. The Transfer Station would be closed on Tuesdays and weekend hours would be Saturday and Sundays beginning June 18<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 AM to Noon and between October 8<sup>th</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup> open on Saturday's from 8:00 – Noon, closed on Sundays. Mrs. Bridle-Russell said it would be more "user-friendly" if the weekend hours were 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Mr. Hangen said that he has to consider his employees and their willingness to volunteer for the over-time shifts. Mr. Griffin said that the hours need to be posted at the Transfer Station. Mr. Hangen said that they will be making new signs. Mr. Hangen said that if this works well, he will carry it through to his 2006 budget. Mr. Pratt said that he is favor of that option because it is the least expensive. Mrs. Bridle-Russell said that if being open only on Saturdays during the weekend is working, why change it. Mr. Barrington said that until June 12<sup>th</sup> they are continuing to be open both Saturday and Sunday. Mr. Hangen said that there is a lot of garbage created on a Saturday at the beach and the Board will hear complaints from the businesses if they are closed on Sundays.

**Mr. Pratt MOTIONED** that the Board of Selectmen accept Option #5 for the Transfer Station weekend hours: Saturdays and Sundays 8 – 3 now until June 12<sup>th</sup>; and from June 18 to October 2<sup>nd</sup> 8:00 AM – Noon on Saturdays and Sundays and starting October 8<sup>th</sup> open Saturdays only 8:00 - Noon.

**Mr. Moore SECONDED**

**VOTE: 4 FOR**

**1 OPPOSED (Bridle-Russell)**

Mr. Hangen said that this is spending \$34,000 in overtime where he has \$8,000 in overtime available. He will make adjustments within his budget for the deficit. Mr. Barrington said that if we the hours could be from 10 AM to 2PM it would be more user friendly; this will require people to change their way of using the Transfer Station.

#### Highland Avenue/Aquarion Water

Mr. Hangen noted that Mr. Bingaman from Aquarion Water was not present for the meeting. He explained to the Board that he has written a recommendation, based on the circumstances, that the Board of Selectmen approve the request of Aquarion to cut into Highland Avenue within the moratorium period. He explained that the trench permit he will issue will contain more stringent requirements of fixing the trench so that it looks as good as it does now. Mr. Moore asked how people are going to get to Route 1A if Highland Path is opened up. Mr. Hangen said that both entrances to the beach will not be closed at the same time. Mr. Howe said that Zoppo is doing the work for Aquarion so they will be able to phase the work to allow the traffic to flow. Mrs. Bridle-Russell asked who is responsible to see that the road is put back in the condition it is now. Mr. Barrington said that Mr. Hangen will see that it is done and it will be a requirement on the trench permit.

**Mr. Pratt MOTIONED** that the Board of Selectmen allow Aquarion Water Company to open up Highland Avenue for new pipes at no cost to the town with the condition that the road be restored to the current condition.

**Mr. Griffin SECONDED**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR**

Mr. Hangen said that the Board heard some good constructive conversations in regard to the adjustments in the loading zones and he recommended that prior to the second public hearing, a work session be held to listen to the issues and proposals with the engineers present so that there can be a better understanding of the issues. Mr. Barrington said that is something that would be done unless directed by the Board not to.

Mr. Workman asked Mr. Hangen about some gas line work being done on Mill Road. Mr. Hangen confirmed that some new gas mains are being installed.

District Court Lease Extension

Attorney Gearreald told the Board that in regard to the Hampton District Court he was authorized by the Board to look at the proposed amendment to the lease and he made some recommendations that the Board saw last week. The proposed amendments have been accepted by the State and Mr. Goodwin has asked if the amendment could be signed so that he could submit it to the Governor & Council for approval.

**Mr. Moore MOTIONED** that the Town Manager be authorized to sign the lease amendment.

**Mrs. Bridle-Russell SECONDED**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR**

Copy of letter that was sent to the other towns from Exeter and would it make good sense for Hampton to do the same. We do expect to approach the other communities in the future

**Mr. Pratt MOTIONED** to authorize that a letter be sent to the other towns in the Hampton District Court district that is similar to what the Exeter Board of Selectmen sent to inform the town's of the work that is being done in conjunction with the district court relocations.

**Mrs. Bridle SECONDED**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR**

Mrs. Bridle-Russell asked Hampton has heard if there were options available other than what Seabrook has offered. A letter was received from Speaker Scamman indicating that another option was worthwhile to pursue.

Non-union Wages

Mrs. Bridle noted that on the list that was provided to her of non-union wages, one person got a 5% increase where others got 3%. She also asked if one of the Assistant Building Inspector's hours were increased, which would account for that wage increase. Mr. Barrington will look into her questions with the Finance Director, but indicated that he has not approved any increase greater than 3% for non-union employees.

Website

Mr. Griffin asked about the posting of items, agendas and minutes on the website. He asked if the IT person can do that. Mr. Barrington said that he does some of the website work and Karen posts the Board's minutes and agendas. Mr. Griffin said that he would like to see the Planning and Zoning Board's information posted.

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Moore asked about the May 20 letter regarding 1072 Ocean Boulevard. Mr. Barrington said that Attorney Gearreald is reviewing that now and he anticipated that the Board will discuss it within the next week or two.

**VI. MINUTES**

The minutes of May 9 & 16, 2005 were reviewed.

**Mr. Moore MOTIONED** that the Board of Selectmen accept the minutes of May 9, 2005 as prepared.

**Mr. Griffin SECONDED**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR**

**Mr. Griffin MOTIONED** that the Board of Selectmen accept the minutes of May 16<sup>th</sup> as prepared.

**Mr. Moore SECONDED**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR**

**VII. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Entertainment Permit – Atlantic Grille
2. Coin Operated Amusement Permits

**Mrs. Bridle MOTIONED** that the consent agenda be approved.

**Mr. Pratt SECONDED**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR**

The owner of the Royal Market told the Board that he has been losing quite a bit of business as a result of construction and losing the loading zone by the store and post office will be very difficult. He said that the does not know how he will get deliveries and asked that the town to consider if something can be done.

Mr. Ray Blondeau, 92 Ashworth Avenue told the Board that he has been working with this owner and the problem could be solved if the town could grant a curb cut on his property, next to the store. He would then lease them 4 or 5 spaces for customer parking. Mr. Blondeau said that without that, it is likely that the store will be out of business. Mr. Barrington said that the curb is already set there, so there would be some expense in changing that out. Mr. Howe said that time is of the essence, the sidewalk installation has been delayed until Thursday due to the weather, otherwise it would already have been completed. Mr. Blondeau said that it is very important in order to keep that business open.

Mr. Richard Reniere, Highland Avenue asked it would be possible to put the agenda on the “Elmo” prior to the meeting so that the public would know what is on the agenda. He suggested that Public Hearings be announced on the town’s website. (It was tried at that time and was not readable.) Mr. Reniere spoke about the accommodation being made for parking for the Kings Highway residents, and noted that he asked about the Highland Avenue residents being allowed to use the Church Street paid lot at no cost since the resident lot will not be available.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

**Mrs. Bridle-Russell MOTIONED** that the meeting be adjourned. (9:50 PM)

**Mr. Moore SECONDED**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR**

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Chairman