

TOWN OF HAMPTON
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 2009

PRESENT: William Lally, Chairman
James Workman
Richard Nichols
Frederick Welch, Town Manager
Mark Gearreald, Town Attorney

REGRETS: Richard Griffin, Vice Chairman
Richard Bateman

7:00 PM

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Chairman Lally called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and introduced the members of the Board.

I. Public Comment Period - None

II. Announcements and Community Calendar

Chairman Lally thanked the Public Works Department for another job well done with the current storm.

III. Appointments

1. Fire Chief Christopher Silver – Fire Department Update

Chief Silver spoke about the following topics: Ice storm update, responded as mutual aid to Seabrook, Rye, Portsmouth, North Hampton just about all the surrounding communities, there was a small fire on H Street.

Note-able EMS incident when crews arrived patient was in cardiac arrest they defibrillated and performed advance life support before transporting to Exeter Hospital, 39 public CPR classes, Hampton is going to receive designation as a Heart Safe Community.

Congratulated Justin Cutting (Captain) and Sean Gannon (Lieutenant) who have completed probation, welcomed new Fire Alarm Operator Lisa Perreault, logged another 776 hours of training, grant notice Town will receive funding through RREP to replace telephone system in EOC, completed 2007 Assistance to Firefighters Grant, bid for protective clothing will end next

week, commended the firefighters for participating in the Toy Bank Program, closely monitoring budget.

Reminder to use caution when using alternative heating sources, anyone who can clear hydrants near their property that would be appreciated and lastly please visit website for any ongoing programs and information available to residents.

Questions:

Mr. Nichols questioned who the captain that retired was. Chief Silver confirmed that Matt Clark retired last February,

Mr. Workman wondered what the amount of the grant to replace the telephones in the EOC.

Chief Silver believes that it is around \$12,000.

Chairman Lally congratulated the guys who responded to the call for the patient in cardiac arrest.

2. Edward MacDonald – Board of Land and Tax Appeal – 21 Epping Avenue.

Mr. MacDonald spoke about the following: On December 6, 2006 received conditional approval from the Planning Board to convert property to condos. They did not receive condo approval just approval to convert the property. He believes that his property should not have been assessed as condos. The condo process has not been completed so they believe the property should be returned to the classification and value of 2006 for the purpose of this appeal.

Questions:

Atty. Gearreald wondered if his value today is less than it was on April 1, 2007.

Mr. MacDonald stated that the value was higher because the Town just re-evaluated. Atty. Gearreald expressed that he wants to know in Mr. MacDonald's opinion is the value today more or less than it was in 2007. Mr. MacDonald said that in his opinion the value of the property has dropped.

Atty. Gearreald asked if any improvements have been made since April 1, 2007.

Mr. MacDonald confirmed that no improvements have been made since 2007. Atty. Gearreald confirmed with Mr. MacDonald that the condo documents have still not been submitted. Atty. Gearreald explained that the Board would want to know what Mr. MacDonald feels the value of his property was on April 1, 2007.

Mr. MacDonald feels that since the condo process was not completed the value should be the same that it was assessed at in 2006.

Chairman Lally confirmed that the Assessor did discount 25% on the parcels.

Chairman Lally stated that since the other Board members were not present the Board would take it under advisement and have answer for Mr. MacDonald next week.

IV. Minutes of January 12, 2009 – No corrections

Mr. Nichols MOTIONED to accept the minutes of January 12, 2009. Mr. Workman SECONDED.

VOTE: 3-0-0

V. Old Business

1. Town Manager’s Report

Added that the Town is still negotiating with the Cable Company and any residents who have any input should provide that information to the Town.

Discussion:

Mr. Nichols pointed out that at the Public Hearing on Thursday there was some discussion about changing the wording of the article for Street Improvements. It was felt that it was important for people to know that the cost is coming from an existing fund as opposed to raising taxes. Mr. Welch confirmed that the wording would be changed and it would be upfront so that people would understand that there is essentially no cost.

Mr. Nichols pointed out that the Teamster wage schedule on the website is not legible. Mr. Welch said that it would be fixed on Tuesday.

Mr. Nichols also asked if a meeting had been set up with the Trustees of the Trust Funds. Mr. Welch is going to invite them to the first meeting in February.

2. Warrant Articles

Mr. Welch informed the Board that the Warrant Articles will be put together sometime this week. The Board will need to schedule a time to come in and sign the warrant. The Board agreed to come in on Thursday at 5 to sign the warrant.

VI. New Business

Chairman Lally would like to discuss a dedication for the Town Report. He would like everyone to think about this and they can discuss it next week. There are also pictures for the Town Report to be reviewed by the Board.

VII. Closing Comments – None

VIII. Adjournment

Mr. Nichols MOTIONED to adjourn. Mr. Workman SECONDED.

VOTE: 3-0-0

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM

Chairman

On a roll call, motioned with all members present and voting unanimous, the Board of Selectmen entered into to a Non-Public meeting with Legal Counsel under RSA 91-A:3., II., (a)