

Town of Hampton



Board of Selectmen Agenda January 10, 2022

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7:00 p.m. Board of Selectmen's Room

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 - a Age Friendly Communities Project
2. Chief McMahon, Fire Rescue Department
 - a Departmental Update
3. Kristi Pulliam, Finance Director
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PRESENT: Russell Bridle, Chairman
Charles Rage, Vice-chairman
Regina Barnes, Selectman (on phone)
James Waddell, Selectman
Richard Sawyer, Selectman
Jamie Sullivan, Town Manager

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TM Sullivan discussed the High St. bond noting to open the public hearing.

Chairman Bridle opened the public hearing and asked for public comment. There were none.

Sel. Waddell asked the finance director about interest rates. Dir. Pulliam noted the quoted rate at 2.5, noting they quote on the high side. Sel. Waddell discussed how important this is and noted support needed.

Sel. Barnes asked if people were there, and the answer was yes. She noted if people have further questions they can be answered at the deliberative session and this work is needed and she is looking to see support for the article.

Hearing was closed at 7:03.

Hearing for WWTP Upgrade opened. There were no public comments.

Sel. Waddell discussed this need, noting this is phase 2.

Sel. Sawyer noted this is big money but must be spent now or we will spend more down the road. He noted with town growth we need to take care of infrastructure.

Sel. Rage agreed and noted, when we have to come back to do something, like the marsh, it costs more money. He noted the cost of borrowing being cheap right now.

Sel. Barnes noted her agreement and discussed the study and the phase 1 completion.

Hearing was closed at 7:04.

II. Public Comment [Time limitation of three (3) minutes]

Nancy Stiles, 1 Hayden Circle, noted a later agenda item and thanked the Board for their support of senior issues. She noted space at Tuck field and putting the possibility of a community center on the CIP. She noted the data that will be discussed and asked the Board to consider.

III. Announcements and Community Calendar

Sel. Sawyer announced the passing of John Valhouli and offered condolences to the family.

Sel. Barnes agreed with the condolences for the Valhouli family and noted the cold for tomorrow.

IV. Approval of Minutes - None

V. Consent Agenda

1. 2021 Second Half Tax Warrant Corrections eleven (11) abatements

Sel. Waddell MOTIONED to APPROVE the Consent Agenda, SECONDED by Sel. Rage. VOTE: 5-0-0

Chairman Bridle MOTIONED to APPROVE Sel. Barnes participating electronically, SECONDED by Sel. Sawyer. VOTE: 5-0-0 (Chairman Bridle declaring unanimous)

VI. RSA 41:14-a First Hearing

1. 809 Ocean Blvd Map 197, Lot 37/1 Release of Deed Restriction #4 for setback, single family, and subdivision restrictions.

Sel. Rage noted he owns property nearby and should he abstain. Chairman Bridle noted he is fine, as long as he is not an abutter.

Tocky Bialobrzkeski, Stockton Services, noted she prepared the application. She discussed the request, noting the property with two structures and two different street addresses. She outlined the request of property and building use.

TM Sullivan noted this is the first hearing.

Sel. Barnes asked about the Heritage Commission weighing in. TM Sullivan noted that has not taken place on this and he will follow up.

Ms. Bialobrzkeski noted they are not proposing a change to the buildings.

Hearing was closed at 7:11.

2. 16 River Avenue/7 Concord Street Map 296, Lot 92B Release of Deed restriction #4 for front and rear setbacks, and the subdivision of land.

The hearing was opened at 7:12.

Atty. Tim Phoenix was present with property owner Connie Lynch. He referenced an enlargement drawing of a plan that detailed the request. He detailed the deed restrictions and discussed a prior subdivision into a condominium. He discussed the Lynch's purchasing, and a building coming down and subsequently finding the need for the permission of the Board.

He discussed the footage needs, and, noted other board's approvals. He summarized the request.

Sel. Waddell noted hearing this at the Planning Board and their approval to go to the selectmen.

Chairman Bridle noted this is the first hearing.

Hearing was closed at 7:15.

VII. Appointments

1. Scott Bogle, Senior Transportation Planner Rockingham Planning Commission a Age Friendly Communities Project

Mr. Bogle noted he was present to discuss an age friendly community initiative that is being developed by the Rockingham Planning Commission. He noted looking to see if Hampton would be interested in participating. He defined the term age friendly. He noted grant funding, and discussed parties involved. He discussed the goal of understanding needs of older adults in communities. He discussed working with the community to gather information that can be useful. He discussed an AARP model and discussed the 8 dimensions of age friendly communities, (the 8 items pictured on a slide). He discussed the age population increasing and noted the transportation needs of those no longer driving. He discussed the proposed scope of the project and the number of communities being worked with. He noted pilot projects in year 2. He discussed the format for community assessments, noting local steering committees. He discussed the regional steering committee and those involved.

Sel. Barnes thanked Mr. Bogle and noted Hampton's efforts in this area. She discussed surveys and discussed Hampton looking for physical space. She asked if Hampton moved forward with this, how much would it cost. Mr. Bogle discussed there is no cost to any town. She asked about Meals on Wheels, and he discussed they are the fiscal agent. Sel. Barnes noted not being sure how another survey would be received, but we should look into. She noted Hampton's older population.

Sel. Waddell thanked Scott for the presentation and noted something he is in favor of.

Sel. Sawyer agreed, noting that we have been discussing for years.

Sel. Rage thanked Scott for the presentation and noted he keeps hearing about transportation needs.

TM Sullivan discussed looking at this and that he highly recommends getting involved in this.

Sel. Waddell MOTIONED to APPROVE the TOWN of HAMPTON Becoming involved with the Rockingham Planning Commission Age Friendly Communities Project, SECONDED by Chairman Bridle. VOTE: 5-0-0

2. Chief McMahon, Fire Rescue Department a Departmental Update

Chief McMahon gave a wrap up of 2021. He discussed personnel changes and noted trainings and classes attended. He discussed calls for service, mutual aid given and received, structure fires, and aid to Seabrook. He discussed EMS calls, which are 65% of call volume. He discussed that CPR and First Aid programs resumed in 2021. He discussed ACLS and Pediatric Advance Life Support programs and training. He discussed challenges and

opportunities with regard to Covid19, noting vaccine and booster clinics. He discussed fire prevention inspections and permitting. He discussed the open house and education. He discussed resuming fireworks at the beach. He discussed communications and numbers of calls. He discussed the ongoing work on the issues in the fire study.

Sel. Sawyer noted great report, he asked that when we assist other communities, they assist with ours. The Chief discussed those workings. They discussed wages and reporting.

Sel. Waddell noted excellent report as always and asked with the structure fires, do they find the cause. The Chief noted generally and discussed several that were discarded smoking materials. The Chief also discussed the dangers of space heaters, referencing the fire in the Bronx and encouraged all to close doors. Sel. Waddell asked if most places have working detectors, and the answer was generally with commercial buildings, and private is hit or miss.

Sel. Rage noted good report and he is thrilled with the quality of work the department puts out.

Sel. Barnes reiterated that the fire and medical services are top notch. She reiterated caution with smoking materials. She asked about overdoses comparable to last year. The Chief noted there are not any significant changes that he has heard. She clarified for the public that the fire dept. has been asking for additional staffing for some time. She discussed funding and the Chief noted the grant process has started for federal funding and he is working on that.

Chairman Bridle reiterated the importance of the grant which is funding for three years, and he mentioned the fire truck. The Chief expounded on the fire truck and the need for two, but, asking for one. The Chief discussed if the engine passes, with ordering and lead time we may not see it till 2024, and he noted the engine that was in the accident should be back this month. Chairman Bridle reiterated the hours worked for the clinics and those funds coming back to the town. The Chief noted much has already been received. Chairman Bridle noted the town report overtime listings will reflect that, and he discussed the dispatch position not filled and the changes that may have to happen for positions in these times.

3. Kristi Pulliam, Finance Director
a 2021 Year-end expenditures

Fin. Dir. Pulliam noted being there for approval to carry over amounts of purchase orders and warrant articles. She noted they should have received the listing. She noted purchase orders are \$1,156,786.00 with the general fund being \$920,829.00 of that amount. She discussed the Warrant Articles at \$1,982,068.00. She discussed Warrant Articles being returned at the amount of \$92,682.00.

Sel. Waddell noted it seems like a lot of money, but isn't really, due to large items. Dir. Pulliam agreed. He asked if we know how much we are getting in rooms and meals tax. Dir. Pulliam noted it was received in Dec. and was \$1,116,000.00.

Sel. Rage asked about the budget for rooms and meals. Dir. Pulliam noted we budget what was received the previous year, but DRA knows the actual amount when setting the tax rate.

Sel. Barnes commented thanks for the explanation. She noted this is pretty standard, and the finance director agreed, and noted we need a motion.

Sel. Sawyer MOTIONED to APPROVE the AMOUNTS to bring forward as stated, SECONED by Sel. Waddell. VOTE: 5-0-0

VIII. Town Manager's Report

1. The Covid latest numbers were announced, those in Hampton and in the State, the highest we have seen since reporting.
2. The deadline for petition warrant articles is tomorrow.
3. The Budget Committee's public hearing will be on Thursday.
4. The Deliberative Session will be Feb. 5th.
5. Please use caution in tomorrow's very cold temperatures, taking special care using space heaters.

IX. Old Business

1. 2022 Warrant

TM Sullivan discussed an item from the Library Director. They would like the article they presented to be pulled and rather than risk it fails, they will find operating funds.

Sel. Sawyer MOTIONED to APPROVE the REMOVAL of Article #33 of the Library, SECONDED by Sel. Rage. VOTE: 5-0-0

There was general discussion on how to handle any money articles that come in by the deadline. The consensus was a meeting Wednesday at 3:00.

Sel. Barnes asked about the speed limit and sign posting on Winnacunnet Rd. TM Sullivan noted he thought it was taken care of and he will follow up with DPW tomorrow. She discussed plowing and noted the town does an excellent job but noted that the sidewalks on Winnacunnet are not plowed as of today. TM Sullivan noted the staffing issues they are dealing with.

X. New Business

1. Selectman Barnes requests

Sel. Barnes noted she will put off the finance questions. She commented on the town manager contract not being on the website. TM Sullivan noted he will take a look. She discussed the HR policy, and that is says non-union employee's contracts after Aug. 2011, must be signed by the Board of Selectmen and she asked if we have those. TM Sullivan noted the policy review is underway as we speak, and he addressed the contract issue, referring to a retirement at that timeframe and has not been done since. Sel. Barnes asked the status of the cable negotiations. TM Sullivan noted the status has not changed and it is still being negotiated. She asked about Consolidated Communications as she has heard they are putting up infrastructure in other seacoast towns. TM Sullivan noted he is not aware of that. She discussed the solid waste collection policy from last April, noting the section on service agreements. She noted a discussion with Dir. Hale that those have not been brought forward and it seems we are not in accord with our own policy. TM Sullivan reiterated how busy DPW has been, and those agreements do need to be completed. He discussed the crux of the policy is being done and the documents will be completed when possible.

2. Renaming Town Office

Sel. Waddell discussed Sen. Bob Preston and read a portion of his eulogy.

Sel. Waddell MOTIONED to APPROVE the name of Sen. Robert F. Preston affixed to the Building, in recognition of his efforts to secure a facility for our new town hall, SECONDED by Sel. Rage.

Chairman Bridle noted this is a good motion and discussed how much Sen. Preston did for the community.

Sel. Barnes asked if it will not be the Hampton Town Office anymore. Chairman Bridle noted it will still be. Sel. Waddell clarified that the motion reads, to affix the name to the building. Sel. Barnes noted it should still be called Hampton Town Office, but she has no problem with memorializing Sen. Preston.

TM Sullivan asked for clarification on if Sel. Waddell wants this to go to town meeting or use the authority as Board of Selectman. Sel. Waddell commented he would like it under the Board's authority. Sel. Sawyer agreed. TM Sullivan noted an adjustment to the motion should be made. There was general discussion.

Amended: Sel. Waddell MOTIONED to APPROVE the changing of the name of the Hampton Town Office to the Robert F. Preston Building, with the name of Sen. Robert F. Preston affixed to the building, in recognition of his efforts to secure a facility for our new town hall, SECONDED by Sel. Rage. VOTE: 4-0-1 (Barnes)

3. Bond release 9-11 I Street/99-101 Ocean Blvd for \$2,985.20

TM Sullivan discussed the release of the final ten percent. There was discussion on the amount.

Sel. Waddell MOTIONED to APPROVE the Bond release 9-11 I Street/99-101 Ocean Blvd for \$2,958.20, SECONDED by Sel. Sawyer. VOTE: 5-0-0

TM Sullivan discussed the Board's discussion of the prior week with regard to sick time pertaining to Covid. He noting he has put together a draft of a policy. He read from the policy that employees may receive up to two weeks paid leave and the stipulations regarding such.

Sel. Sawyer asked about the test, should it be further defined. TM Sullivan discussed the home testing, the challenges and taking a second look if needed. He noted other documentation attached and outlined those, discussing household contact. He asked the Board how they wish to proceed.

Sel. Waddell noted we should follow the guidelines. TM Sullivan noted retro active to last Monday and noted the number of employees affected.

Sel. Barnes asked about employees who have had to use their own time. TM Sullivan referenced the Board's previous vote. She asked about the two-week timeframe. TM Sullivan noted he used the federal law guideline.

Chairman Bridle noted his concern of fire service and it being a household thing and their communal areas. TM Sullivan discussed that circumstance. There was general discussion on that.

Sel. Waddell MOTIONED to APPROVE the COVID SICK POLICY as presented with the Firefighters addendum, SECONDED by Sel. Sawyer.

Sel. Barnes noted she does not understand about the weeks and what about weekends. There was general discussion about it being 80 hours.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Sel. Rage noted there is no meeting next week due to the holiday.

XI. Adjournment

Sel. Waddell MOTIONED to adjourn the meeting, SECONDED by Sel. Rage. VOTE: 5-0-0



Russell Bridle, Chairman