

March 18, 2019

7:00 PM Public Meeting

PRESENT: Rick Griffin, Chairman
Jim Waddell, Vice-chairman
Rusty Bridle, Selectman
Regina Barnes, Selectman
Mary-Louise Woolsey, Selectman
Frederick Welch, Town Manager

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Chairman Bridle opened the meeting.

I. Oath of Office – Swearing in of Elected Officials

1. Town of Hampton Elected Officials

Chairman Bridle swore in Shirley Doheny as the Hampton Town Clerk.

Hampton Town Clerk Shirley Doheny swore in the following individuals as Elected Officials of the Town of Hampton.

Sel. Barnes asked to make a public comment before her swearing in. She spoke of being happy with the election results. She spoke of the budget process and Board involvement. She then discussed her mission statement for her second term. This would include being more vested toward the schools. She asked if the Board would allow her to be representative to a possible visioning committee and to the Land Lease Committee. She stated she would decline nomination to the Budget Committee. She then stated her topics of concern, being: Cable Committee franchise fees and Comcast in general. Flood Mitigation and Sea Level Rise: HBAC, DPW, and CHAT. All DPW projects. Appointed commissions and committees by the Board of Selectmen. PB, ZBA, and the BOS, with regard to concerns between the parties. Town of Hampton and State of New Hampshire, with regard to solving the ongoing issues and negotiations.

With the statutory oath, Regina Barnes was sworn in as a Selectman of the Town.

With the statutory oath, Joyce Skaperdas was sworn in as a member of the Budget Committee.

2. Hampton School District Elected Officials

Hampton School District Clerk Shirley Doheny swore in the following individuals as Elected Officials of the Hampton School District.

With the statutory oath, Ginny Bridle-Russell and Les Shepard were sworn in as members of the Hampton School District Board.

II. Reorganization of the Board of Selectmen

1. Election of Chairman & Vice-chairman

Chairman

MOTIONED by Selectman Woolsey to nominate Selectman Griffin as Chairman SECONDED by Selectman Barnes.

VOTE: 4-0-1(Griffin)

Vice-chairman

MOTIONED by Selectman Woolsey to nominate Selectman Barnes as Vice-chairman. There was no SECOND.

MOTIONED by Selectman Bridle to nominate Selectman Waddell as Vice-chairman. SECONDED by Chairman Griffin.

VOTE: 3-0-2(Woolsey & Barnes)

2. Appointment of Member and Alternate Member to the Budget Committee

Selectmen's Representative

MOTIONED by Selectman Waddell to nominate Selectman Bridle as the Selectmen's representative SECONDED by Selectman Barnes.

VOTE: 3-0-2(Bridle & Woolsey)

Alternate Representative

MOTIONED by Selectman Barnes to nominate Selectman Woolsey as the alternate representative SECONDED by Selectman Waddell. Sel. Woolsey declined being alternate.

Sel. Barnes stated she would be the alternate and Sel. Waddell SECONDED.

VOTE: 5-0-0

3. Appointment of Selectmen's Representative and Alternate to the Planning Board

Selectmen's Representative

MOTIONED by Selectman Bridle to nominate Selectman Waddell as the Selectmen's Representative SECONDED by Chairman Griffin.

VOTE: 3-0-2(Woolsey & Barnes)

Alternate Representative

MOTIONED by Selectman Barnes to nominate Selectman Woolsey as the Selectmen's Alternate Representative SECONDED by Selectman Woolsey.

VOTE: 5-0-0

III. Closing Comments

Sel. Woolsey stated this was a waste of time. Meetings following elections in the past have been full working meetings. She has several items for the agenda. She stated all of those items and her annoyance with a short meeting on a Monday night. Sel. Waddell agreed that all of the work Sel. Woolsey mentioned needs to be done and he mentioned the vote to meet every other week and that this was a special meeting. Again, he agreed to the need for all the work to be done and suggested possibly meeting every week for a time.

Sel. Barnes had a comment on meeting every week. She discussed the process of the agendas and it's scheduling. She also discussed time constraints with regard to her getting information and talking with people and the work that the Town Manager's office has to do to prepare agendas and get ready for meetings. She suggested always meeting twice a month regardless of holidays and that meeting every week means not getting anything done. She suggested much better planning for items that are needed for agendas, appointments, and what the Board needs done. She discussed meeting every week leads to some selectmen possibly missing two meetings in a row if they need to be away for a length of time.

Sel. Bridle stated he agreed with Sel. Barnes. He agreed more is getting done meeting every two weeks. He stated to Sel. Woolsey that with regard to her emails he has told her he would not answer her emails due to blind copies to other people. He also agreed to the amount of work that needs to be done and stated that meeting every two weeks gives the Town Manager and the staff time to do what needs to be done.

Chairman Griffin made a request that the members of the Board give to Kristina a list of their top five items for the agenda. He stated he would be liberal with what is on the agenda, but there are times items should not be and he takes his guidance on that from Mr. Welch and the town attorney. Mr. Welch agreed with Chairman Griffin.

Sel. Woolsey addressed Sel. Bridle's comment about email. She objects to not meeting every Monday night unless there is a holiday. She mentioned again discussing waste issues with the business community. Chairman Griffin restated to her to submit her five items and that she is a member of a board of five with regard to the meeting schedule.

Chairman Griffin discussed the public comment section of the meeting and the fact there is no response at that time. He asked for input on that issue and to discuss it in two weeks.

Sel. Woolsey asked why not meet next week and Chairman Griffin said they are meeting next week. Chairman Griffin asked that if anyone needed to contact him, to use his private email instead of his town one. He stated anyone can text or call him at any time. He stated he will be meeting with Mr. Welch and Kristina Ostman with regard to meetings and a plan. He further discussed the need for a plan on how they do things going forward. Sel. Woolsey and Chairman Griffin discussed the Route 1 project and Mr. Welch noted DPW is on the agenda for next week.

Sel. Barnes stated that the DPW updates can be in the form of an email communication. The Board can then inform the public.

Sel. Woolsey again mentioned a meeting with the business community on trash and glass and asked Chairman Griffin about him getting a memo out to them. Chairman Griffin stated it will be mentioned at the precinct meeting on March 29th.

Chairman Griffin asked Mr. Welch about boards and committees. He mentioned Sel. Barnes wanted to be a representative to the school board. Mr. Welch stated it is up to the selectmen to appoint someone. Chairman Griffin asked about their wanting someone to be a representative. Mr. Welch stated what is generally done and Chairman Griffin asked him he would contact them regarding the board having a non-voting representative. Mr. Welch agreed to do so.

Sel. Bridle asked Mr. Welch when he thought Public Works would be ready to discuss the trash issue. Mr. Welch stated the time frame is not known but he has contacted other towns and they are in the same situation. He has ordered the plans for Hammerhill crushing glass to have on hand should we need it, also noting that process takes months. Chairman Griffin and Sel. Bridle discussed the possibility of a public forum or public hearing on the subject, taking place when the DPW is ready.

Sel. Woolsey mentioned the issue with businesses dumping grease. Mr. Welch stated they are not dumping, they are cleaning their grease traps. Mr. Welch stated grease traps are inspected. Sel. Woolsey asked about last year and Mr. Welch mentioned the cleaning of the pile of grease that had to be done. He mentioned the possibility of more fines to address the problem.

Sel. Barnes asked about businesses hiring someone to take away grease. Sel. Bridle asked about an ordinance and Mr. Welch said we have one. Chairman Griffin stated this information should be brought forth in the larger discussion.

Chairman Griffin again mentioned the two week discussion plan. Sel. Bridle stated they are meeting next week and the next meeting would be two weeks after that. Chairman Griffin suggested a special meeting. It was agreed to do that on April 1st.

IV. Adjournment

Selectman Bridle MOTIONED to adjourn the public meeting at 07:46 PM SECONDED by Selectman Barnes.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Rick Griffin
Chairman