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April 5, 2021

7:00 PM Board of Selectmen - Hybrid Meeting by teleconference

As Chairman of the Hampton Board of Selectmen, I have determined that due to the State of Emergency declared by the Governor as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with the Governor's Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, that to properly ensure the safety of the public and that of several of the Board members who are within the CDC guidelines needing to take special precautions, this public body is authorized to meet electronically.

Please note there is no physical location to observe and listen contemporaneously to this meeting, which was authorized pursuant to the Governor's Emergency Order. However, in accordance with the Emergency Order, I am confirming we are:

We are utilizing a teleconference service for this electronic Meeting. All members of the Board have the ability to communicate contemporaneously during this meeting through this platform, and the public may join this electronic meeting by calling **1-857-444-0744** and use the code **156034**. If anybody has a problem, please call **603-929-5805**.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

I. Roll Call

Chairman Bridle asked each member state their presence and location.

Sel. Rage, present, Selectmen's Meeting Room

Chairman Bridle, present, Selectmen's Meeting Room

Sel. Sawyer, present, Selectmen's Meeting Room

Sel. Barnes, present, Selectmen's Meeting Room

Sel. Waddell, present, Selectmen's Meeting Room

Town Manager Jamie Sullivan, present Selectmen's Meeting Room

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

Gayle Young, Highland Ave., noted being an elderly taxpayer, discussed having no driveway, needing parking on the street. She asked the board to make it resident only, putting her street into phase 1.

Rose Gigliotti, 16 Highland Ave., noted her concern that Highland is not being considered for resident only parking. She noted year-round residents and not having driveways. She discussed the Ashworth hotel and staff and guests parking on the street. She noted Highland

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is one of the first streets seen, and, asked that it be put into phase 1 for resident only parking. She discussed signage. She noted people driving the wrong way.

Kevin Casserly, 35 Highland Ave., discussed a petition regarding resident parking. He discussed how well traveled Highland is, and is asking for the same consideration for the parking. He noted people living there year-round.

Sel. Barnes, 95 Presidential Ave., stated the following: As a Hampton inhabitant I would argue that the resident only conversion should of been discussed longer and in more depth with the general public, a vote to accept the initial presentation by public works and the chief of police was rushed, it seemed the decision was based on persuasions of certain town constituents, of course residents would be in favor of doing something that directly benefits them. That does not make it right for the long-term survival of our seaside community. In essence, the board has just converted a large portion of public property into private property. One of the complaints was the narrowness of the numbered streets, well that is because the town has allowed for encroachments onto most of the town roads in the north shore neighborhood, without any penalties. The board may argue that 60 residents phoned in to show their support, hence their action, however, just a few months ago, the board had Mrs. Emma Donnelly phone in during a Comcast renewal public hearing, I would bet her organized statement represented what 1,000s of Comcast paying residents wanted to message to the board and here the board decided to delay any action and renewed the contract without any amendments for another 6 months. As an individual selectman, I would of preferred to see more discussion and “option weighing” done prior to the vote for any resident parking. We just completed a town meeting, why are we making this decision directly after it??.

James Waddell, spoke regarding a video that came to his attention regarding communism. He noted people should know what they are talking about. He suggested people google Regina Barnes and Joe McCarthy.

III. Announcements and Community Calendar

Chairman Bridle commented he hoped everyone had a great Easter.

IV. Approval of Minutes

1. March 22, 2021

Selectman Waddell MOTIONED to APPROVE the Minutes of March 22, 2021, SECONDED by Selectman Barnes.

Roll call vote: Sel. Rage: yes, Sel. Waddell: yes, Sel. Sawyer: yes, Sel. Barnes: yes, Sel. Bridle: yes. VOTE: 5-0-0

V. Consent Agenda

1. Cemetery Deeds: Christine Burnham 28/I-1/1/1; Matthew & Theresa Evans 26/I-2/4/1-4 (1 Swap); George & Hellen Snow 16/G/2/2&4 (lost deed)
2. Welfare Lien Release Map 102, Lot5-4
3. Elderly Exemptions: Daughtry, Elmer & Marcia; Fantini, Marianne; Paras, Judith
4. Total Disabled Veterans Renewal: Cronin, Deborah J.; Davis, Edith; Mcniff, Family Rev Trust; Prive, Mark & Laurian
5. Veterans Vet Vet: Howe, Maura & Stephen

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6. Veterans Renewal: Bailey, Robert, Brady; Richard F Rev Liv Trust; Byrne, Thomas; Cahill, Patrick & Ellen; Callihan, Family Rev Trust of 1995; Casper, Ronald & Gayle; Castor, Family Rev Trust; Cook, Thomas; Corcoran, Wendy; Cyr, Nicholas & Hannah; Heestand, Christopher; Journeay, Rev Trust of 2020; King, Cecile T.; Lausten, Douglas; Loopley, Frank W Rev Trust; O'Neil, Kevin; Quandt, Family Rev Trust; Ross, Peter D.; Snyder, Francis; Wilbur, David M Rev Trust; Beal, William

Selectman Waddell MOTIONED to APPROVE the Consent Agenda, SECONDED by Selectman Barnes.

Roll call vote: Sel. Rage: yes, Sel. Waddell: yes, Sel. Sawyer: yes, Sel. Barnes: yes, Sel. Bridle: yes. VOTE: 5-0-0

VI. Appointments

1. Chris Jacobs, DPW Director and Jen Hale, DPW Deputy Director
 - a. Residual Waste Disposal Agreement

Dir. Jacobs discussed what residual waste is, and discussed the Waste Management company collecting wastewater, sometimes known as sludge. He discussed a contract for the board to review, and, noted costing. He noted not many options in the area, and discussed what Concord does. He noted the contract is similar to four years ago.

Sel. Barnes noted the same contract as 2016 but with higher cost, and Dir. Jacobs agreed, noting Waste Management very reasonable.

Selectman Sawyer MOTIONED to APPROVE the Residual Waste Disposal Agreement, SECONDED by Selectman Rage.

Roll call vote: Sel. Rage: yes, Sel. Waddell: yes, Sel. Sawyer: yes, Sel. Barnes: yes, Sel. Bridle: yes. VOTE: 5-0-0

Dep. Hale noted a waiver needed.

Selectman Sawyer MOTIONED to APPROVE the WAIVER for Purchasing Policy to the Residual Waste Disposal Agreement, SECONDED by Selectman Rage.

Roll call vote: Sel. Rage: yes, Sel. Waddell: yes, Sel. Sawyer: yes, Sel. Barnes: yes, Sel. Bridle: yes. VOTE: 5-0-0

- b. Closed Landfill Groundwater Permit Renewal and Testing Requirements

Dir. Jacobs discussed the permit renewal for the groundwater. He summarized the latest permit and noted volatile organics. He noted the state says this is no longer needed, as well as reduced testing for chemical compound dioxane and reporting times. He discussed the Pfas chemicals and testing with May and November scheduled. He noted May has groundwater. He discussed keeping the testing schedule, his reasoning, and that it is his recommendation.

Sel. Sawyer asked about the information from testing and if it could be used if there were an issue with an abutter, and the answer was yes. Dir. Jacobs discussed drinking water standards, and that we are testing groundwater and there is not a standard for that yet.

Sel. Waddell agreed.

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Sel. Rage agreed.

Sel. Barnes noting agreeing with this and remembered the recommendation to start testing for Pfas.

Selectman Barnes MOTIONED to APPROVE the Closed Landfill Groundwater Permit Renewal and to Continue Testing Requirements, including May and November, SECONDED by Selectman Waddell.

Roll call vote: Sel. Rage: yes, Sel. Waddell: yes, Sel. Sawyer: yes, Sel. Barnes: yes, Sel. Bridle: yes. VOTE: 5-0-0

c. Work to be done in April, for information purposes.

Dir. Jacobs read information regarding the WWTP upgrade, which discussed the aeration tanks, and reduced daily treatment capacity. He discussed the need to do before summer, and, wanted to inform the board.

Sel. Waddell asked what if you did have to postpone, and the answer was it would delay it, and can go a few weeks, but if longer it would have to wait till after summer season.

Sel. Barnes asked how long the lull would be and the answer was about three days.

TM Sullivan noted no impact to daily operations. There was general discussion of being on schedule.

Sel. Rage asked about Highland Ave. TM Sullivan noted Highland is on the list to order signs and phases have been discussed but the board has not yet voted on implementation. Sel. Rage noted it is a busy road and kind of dangerous, noting it should be part of resident parking.

Dir. Jacobs discussed a resident of Highland coming to see him.

Chairman Bridle noted we need to order signs and we need to know what they are going to say.

Sel. Rage noted thinking it should be Memorial Day to Columbus Day.

Dep. Hale discussed Charlie talking with her about matching what the state does.

Sel. Sawyer noted what was done last year, going out to Columbus Day, noting all the events and agreed it should go to Columbus Day.

TM Sullivan asked about dates on the signs and Dep. Hale discussed the signage and them being permanent and how they should read.

Sel. Barnes discussed an email from Alex Loiseau at Harris realty, asking about the placard system.

TM Sullivan noted tonight's discussion is to get the signs ordered due to the lead time, and the policy and direction of placards is being worked on.

Sel. Barnes asked about the main beach and we are not doing anything and TM Sullivan noted that has yet to be determined. She discussed last years signs and cars being parked for months at a time. There was general discussion on the process for cars parked for a length of time. Sel. Barnes noted Chief Hobbs discussing staffing shortages.

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Sel. Waddell asked about phasing in all the streets, including Highland. Chairman Bridle outlined the streets.

TM Sullivan reiterated the phasing process.

Sel. Sawyer recommended, let's vote on the signs to get them ordered and discuss where and when later.

Selectman Sawyer MOTIONED to APPROVE the Order of Signage Reading May 15 to Oct 15 for the Resident Parking, SECONDED by Selectman Barnes.

Roll call vote: Sel. Rage: yes, Sel. Waddell: yes, Sel. Sawyer: yes, Sel. Barnes: abstain, Sel. Bridle: yes. VOTE: 4-0-1

Dep. Hale discussed once signs are ordered, they will work on a policy that can be discussed before approval. She discussed the number of signs and streets, and the initial order.

Sel. Rage asked about ordering all the signs at once being cheaper and the answer was the bracket we are in is fine, so no additional cost to do supplemental orders. There was general discussion on installation and people being patient, it will take some time.

Dep. Hale updated that the DOT is doing test borings in the harbor. She discussed the process and plans should anything unforeseen happen.

TM Sullivan thanked the Seabrook town manager and Seabrook board for all their help.

VII. Town Manager's Report

1. A report of the COVID-19 numbers for the state.
2. Vaccine shot appointment sign ups seem to be going well and there will be another clinic at Loudon.
3. Our folks have been asked to help out with vaccines at Walgreens.
4. Lt. Anthony Azarian was sworn in this week, and congratulations on his promotion.
5. Two new employees at the Town Offices today: in Conservation, Kara Campbell and in Building, Steve Bancewicz.
6. There was notification of a state issue with the budget and state grants being defunded with the budget bill, and it may affect projects we are currently working on.
7. Continuing to work with Congressman Pappas's office on funding and will be making a presentation on Friday.
8. A reminder of the DOT public hearing, regarding the environmental impact.

Sel. Barnes asked about the new rental housing inspector, and TM Sullivan clarified it is the part time position. She discussed the March building report and permits up by 3%, but fees collected and inspections are down, and will the new employee help that. TM Sullivan noted he will be doing rentals and we are still searching for an assistant building inspector. Sel. Barnes noted the discussion with Congressman Pappas' office and discussed that 13 states, including NH, are bringing suit against the Biden administration regarding the American Rescue Plan and just wanted to report that.

VIII. Old Business

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Sel. Barnes discussed the flood reporting and will the board address. TM Sullivan noted everyone reviewing information and discussion will be in the future. She noted it looks extensive and expensive and asked about the seawall in Salisbury. TM Sullivan noted he had no idea. They discussed that issue for Hampton. She noted Janet Stevens giving them quarterly reports and Aquarion is on for receiving a grant for Pfas treatment, noting it good news.

Sel. Waddell clarified that the parking discussion was just about signs and policy is still being worked on and the answer was yes. He asked about freeing up spaces in the municipal lot at the end of High St., for public parking, due to three businesses there. TM Sullivan noted there has been no direction yet and they will look at, and, can discuss when we come back with the plan.

Chairman Bridle asked about going to bi-weekly meetings. TM Sullivan discussed working around Monday holidays, and Chairman Bridle noted going back at budget time.

Sel. Waddell noted wanting to see a schedule before voting and noted the option to meet at any time. There was general discussion to start in May. TM Sullivan noted he will work out a schedule.

IX. New Business

1. Bond Acceptances 349 Lafayette Road Auto Service Station

TM Sullivan discussed it has been signed off by planning, finance and public works.

Selectman Barnes MOTIONED to Accept the Bond for 349 Lafayette Road Auto Service Station, SECONDED by Selectman Sawyer.

Sel. Waddell asked what this is for, and the answer was the construction of the service station at the lot on Winnacunnet Road.

Roll call vote: Sel. Rage: yes, Sel. Waddell: yes, Sel. Sawyer: yes, Sel. Barnes: yes, Sel. Bridle: yes. VOTE: 5-0-0

2. AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities

TM Sullivan discussed a program with a grant available from AARP regarding seniors, and we would make a statement that we are a livable community for seniors, noting we would write a letter to that.

Selectman Waddell MOTIONED to APPROVE the joining the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities, SECONDED by Selectman Sawyer.

Roll call vote: Sel. Rage: yes, Sel. Waddell: yes, Sel. Sawyer: yes, Sel. Barnes: yes, Sel. Bridle: yes. VOTE: 5-0-0

Sel. Barnes asked if the Rec. Dept., has decided what they are doing with the donation money they received, and the answer was it is still being discussed.

X. Closing Comments - None

XI. Adjournment

At 19:56 PM, Selectman Waddell MOTIONED to adjourn, SECONDED by Selectmen Rage, which was passed unanimously by roll call vote.

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Russell Bridle, Chairman