

July 12, 2021

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

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

PRESENT: Russell Bridle, Chairman
Charles Rage, Vice-chairman
Regina Barnes, Selectman
James Waddell, Selectman
Richard Sawyer, Selectman
Jamie Sullivan, Town Manager

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

Norma Collins, 6 James St., discussed the signage for resident parking at Plaice Cove. She noted people do not park on the street at Plaice Cove, noting the signs seem like an open invitation to park. She discussed the birders who come to James St. and wanting to make sure they have a place to park.

Effie Favreau, 23 Ancient Highway, discussed being there to deliver a petition regarding parking in the area. She discussed fire lane signage and how the road is used and noted the many families in the neighborhood. She discussed the safety of the community. She noted the petition is for not installing the resident only signs.

Dave Conners, 31 Beach Plum Way, discussed the houses on Beach Plum Way, noting plot lines and setbacks. He referenced the fire hazard in the area. He discussed children playing in the area and the traffic danger. He noted opposition to any advertised parking in the area.

Tammy Beers, 7 Shaw Street, discussed the invitation to street parking and noted people having to turn around on the narrow Beach Plum Way. She discussed the sanitation trucks coming down the street and construction vehicles blocking them, noting that is where signage will say it is ok to park, noting her concerns.

Peggy Conners, 31 Beach Plum Way, discussed fire hydrants on the street and how narrow the streets are. She discussed the need to keep everything open so fire engines can get through the street.

Deb Sullivan, 3 Ancient Highway, discussed having pictures of where the signs were posted. She noted the signs were right in front of mailboxes and concern of mail not being delivered. She referenced what everyone else has said about the streets.

Dave Connors, Beach Plum Way, discussed the issue of lawncare trucks and trailers needing to park to service customer's lawns. He noted the same would happen with construction vehicles, and with people parking to go to the beach, there will be no room. He discussed trucks parking in the right of way.

Effie Favreau, 23 Ancient Highway, discussed the residences having beach grass or sand, inviting people to park, and the little parking the residents currently have. She reiterated the safety issues.

Sharon Marrama, 4 Shaw St., noted she spoke to the workers putting up the signs. She noted they had a map and where signs were going on Shaw St., noting it is both sides of the street.

II. Announcements and Community Calendar

Sel. Barnes noted they had the USS Virginia committee meeting earlier, noted members attending the Experience Hampton golf tournament, they will be assisting with the playground painting project at seasons end, Cinnamon Rainbows will be hosting a surfing equipment and training day, and Adventure Golf will be hosting a couple outing days for the committee. She noted their participation at the upcoming Seafood Fest and Christmas tree lighting. She announced Blue Ocean Society seeking volunteers for beach cleanups, with more information at blueoceansociety.org.

Sel. Rage announced the start of Monday night movie nights on the beach.

III. Approval of Minutes

1. June 21, 2021
2. June 28, 2021

Sel. Rage MOTIONED to APPROVE the Minutes of June 21, 2021 and June 28, 2021, SECONDED by Sel. Barnes.

Sel. Barnes noted an edit to June 21st.

Sel. Waddell MOTIONED to APPROVE a Two-minute recess, SECONDED by Sel. Barnes. VOTE: 5-0-0

Sel. Barnes discussed her edit for June 21st, noting to remove at "Church St. parking lot" to read just "Church St." as she was talking about the street in general.

Sel. Barnes MOTIONED to APPROVE the Minutes of June 21, 2021, AS AMENDED, SECONDED by Sel. Rage. VOTE: 5-0-0

Sel. Barnes MOTIONED to APPROVE the Minutes of June 28, 2021, SECONDED by Sel. Rage. VOTE: 4-0-1 (Waddell)

IV. Consent Agenda

1. Cemetery Deed: Salvatore Cilluffo 30/I-2/4/1-4 RD 12, Daniel Nicholson 33/F/4/5-8 RD 11, Lynnley & Kevin Whitehead 34/I-1/1/1 RD 12
2. Dance Hall Permit: Hampton Beach Casino Ballroom, Charlies Tap House
3. Intent to Cut Wood or Timber: Map 14, Lot 8 Exeter Road
4. License for Coin Operated Amusement Devices: Tidewater Campground LP

5. Letter of No Objection: Zheng Garden Beachside 339 Ocean Blvd - Beer and Wine License
6. Parade & Public Gathering Licenses: Children's Festival Parade 08/20/21, Hampton Half Marathon & 5k 10/03/21
7. Road Closure Permits: Edgewood Drive, Steve Miller 09/18/21, Hampton Half Marathon & 5k 10/03/21,
8. Use of Town Property: Fire Dept. Boot Drive 07/18/21, Hampton Half Marathon & 5k - Ashworth Ave./Church Street/Island Path Parking Lots 10/03/21

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

V. Appointments

1. Chief Marinucci
 - a Fire Department Study

Chief Marinucci thanked the board and introduced Greg Flynn. He noted the report and discussed the fire department wanting to do well and noted challenges in the fire business. He discussed parameters and making recommendations. He discussed looking at management, operations, and looking to the future. He discussed taking a team approach, who they talked to, and gathering information. He noted team member Lisa Jones and her qualifications. He discussed the layout of the report. He discussed community risk reduction and assessment. He discussed response and noted two communities with the beach in summer and discussed the close proximity of homes at the beach. He discussed NFPA standard 1710. He noted response recommendations. He discussed training and it being essential and continual, and noted NFPA 1001 and discussed training recommendations. He discussed fire prevention with commending the department and noting the extreme workload due to the building boom and noted the NFPA standards. He discussed fire prevention recommendations. He discussed emergency management, noting NFPA standards and recommendations. He noted all recommendations are found at the end of the report. He discussed community responsibility. He discussed reorganizing and recommitting with a structured plan.

Sel. Waddell thanked them for the report and noted a couple important things: the report is objective, more details on some of the items that were stated to be lacking, and the lack of communication and leadership and that it needs to be looked at seriously. He noted it important for the department to digest the report. He noted being positive and looking ahead. Chief Marinucci agreed and noting it is good to just hit the reset button and discussed communication improvement. Mr. Flynn described what was studied in the terms of unity of command.

Sel. Barnes thanked them for the report. She noted the objective and many things already brought up, and the community support of the fire department. She discussed many things mirrored a letter from the fire union. She noted the topic of NFPA standards, notably staffing, and the 1500 standard. She asked the chief to explain that in more detail. The chief noted that 1500 is the overall umbrella standard of the health and safety of the department and noted it helps to create a plan and explained how. Sel. Barnes noted the May thru Sept. increase of people and the amount of development in town, noting congestion everywhere

and it being all year round. She noted the fire department not having a season, they are busy all the time. The chief commented by discussing run volume, noting aging population and more traffic, and he noted that when a call comes in, all else is forgotten and they get the job of helping people done.

Sel. Rage thanked them for the report. He discussed communication, finding out after the fact, and needing more communication. He discussed we have a great fire department, and he has seen them in action. He noted the need to set up a conduit for the communication.

Sel. Sawyer commended the chief and his staff for grasping what goes on in the community so quickly. He noted our fire department is outstanding, and all work well together. He noted reading the report and that there is no smoking gun or failure of the department. He noted the need to address staffing issues. He discussed that although the product is great, we didn't need to spend money to have someone tell us what we already knew.

Chairman Bridle noted this gives us a point to move forward from. He noted the recommendations and some of them used to be done. He noted it gets back to staffing, and discussed getting rid of the extra fire prevention officer in 2005. He discussed moving forward and noted fire prevention is very busy. He discussed EMS doing a great job, and many departments in town needing additional manpower.

TM Sullivan thanked them and noted a pleasure to meet them. He thanked them for the outside set of eyes which is always helpful. He discussed our challenge now on how to move forward. He noted we can all strive to do better and discussed all stepping up to move forward.

Chief Marinucci noted they are available for any further needs. There was general discussion that the report will go on the town website for all to read.

Sel. Barnes discussed the cost of the study, being hesitant, and that the report is good as it is another set of eyes.

Sel. Waddell noted we are in full support of the fire department and going forward, cooperation is important, and having open minds with communication.

2. Amanda Reynolds Cooper, Director, Stacey Mazur, Assistant Director Lane Memorial Library & Rene Boudreau, Director Parks & Recreation
 - a Hampton Collaborative Community Center

TM Sullivan gave an overview on discussions that lead to this proposal. Ms. Reynolds Cooper did introductions and noted appreciation for the time to speak. She noted the topics they will be covering. She noted the objective of wanting to build a community center and doing it collaboratively. She discussed the goal of being included in the CIP. She discussed the board of trustees willing to commit to some funding and noted future fundraising. She discussed the library and recreation departments working together and noted this project is a way for all in the community to be working together. She discussed a shared authority agreement between the board of selectmen and the board of trustees. She gave other community collaboration examples. She discussed the "third place" concept of community, giving the definition and description. She noted not enough third places in Hampton and discussed the population.

Ms. Mazur discussed the library as being a third place for the Hampton community since 1910. She discussed meeting the needs of the community and the formation of a planning process and committee in 2017. She noted a vision with strategies, wants and goals and highlighted the goals. She discussed town campus potential. She reiterated the third place concept.

Dir. Boudreau discussed the UNH assessment. He noted the recreation department being an integral part of the third place concept. He discussed how recreation bus trips add to it. He further discussed the UNH study, noting the lack of facilities. He discussed working with the library as a team with similar needs. He noted percentages of people who use the parks and recreation. He discussed indoor space requirements and Hampton's limitations. He noted the study showed what the people of Hampton want. He discussed the collaboration would address the UNH summary of needs.

Ms. Reynolds Cooper discussed information from the master plan that is in progress and noted some phrases that have come out of it. She noted it also references the third place concept. She discussed the two departments doing one building and the benefits to that. She summarized the priorities for the next few years.

Sel. Rage noted it is great, we have needed a senior center for some time. He noted hearing rumors of a warrant article for next year. Ms. Reynolds Cooper discussed prior bits and pieces proposed and not having the full planning processes complete. Sel. Rage discussed possible endowments and funding. TM Sullivan noted this would be not just a senior center, but more the whole community.

Sel. Waddell noted kudos to them, and noted they are including everybody. He noted it a great vision and the collaboration was super. He discussed liking the idea of all the planning.

Sel. Barnes noted it was excellent and asked if anything is needed this evening. TM Sullivan noted nothing specific, just general statement of support. Ms. Reynolds Cooper reiterated being a part of the CIP process. TM Sullivan explained the process. Sel. Barnes asked about a copy of the slide show and Ms. Mazur discussed making it a video for posting. Sel. Barnes asked where the area would be. Ms. Reynolds Cooper discussed not wanting to nail anything down, just talking potentials. Sel. Barnes reiterated the process good and noted hearing the warrant article rumor and this is a better option.

Sel. Sawyer noted prior warrant articles being defeated. He noted the two entities and using the CIP important, and noted their discussion and planning to date is a sound foundation.

TM Sullivan discussed this is the long-term vision and there are short term needs with something being discussed for that.

Chairman Bridle noted the plan is excellent, a great concept and he is excited to see what comes of it.

Sel. Waddell MOTIONED to APPROVE adding the Hampton Collaborative Community Center to the CIP process, SECONDED by Sel. Sawyer. VOTE: 5-0-0

3. Rene Boudreau, Director Parks & Recreation
 - a Departmental update

Dir. Boudreau discussed the increase in numbers from 1st to 2nd quarter, noting adult and youth. He noted the numbers are amazing as some Covid restrictions are still in place. He

discussed some activities, senior kayaking, paddle boarding, tennis, pickleball, and noted two boat trips to the Isle of Shoals. He noted an August trip out on the Gundalow, and a whale watch for September.

He discussed summer camp, basketball programs, and good news that the strawberry festival is scheduled. He discussed working with the school to see what fall programs will look like.

Sel. Barnes thanked him and noted her earlier meeting was at the Tuck building and it was good to see all the cars there. She asked the date of the strawberry festival, and the answer was July 22nd at noon.

Sel. Sawyer noted thanks for the report, great focus on outdoor sports, and not sure what pickleball is but the seniors love it.

Sel. Waddell noted good job, good report and Brandon and Beth doing a great job.

Sel. Rage noted great report.

Chairman Bridle noted ditto and noted the social media posts being successful.

b Donation from Suzies Sweets for \$800 towards Tuck Camp

Dir. Boudreau discussed the donation for Tuck Camp which will cover t-shirt costs.

Sel. Waddell MOTIONED to ACCEPT the Donation from Suzies Sweets for \$800 towards Tuck Camp, SECONDED by Sel. Barnes. VOTE: 5-0-0

Sel. Barnes asked about the \$10,000.00 donation for the seniors and TM Sullivan noted it has not been committed yet, noting a surveying process.

VI. Town Manager's Report

1. Aquarion has lifted the water ban.
2. Unutil will be doing the herbicides in August. Maps are available at the town office.

Sel. Barnes asked the status of the HR position. TM Sullivan noted how busy the hiring process has been. They are waiting for final acceptance and the new deputy public works director starts on Monday. He noted more open positions and that many have been recently filled. She asked about news regarding the American Recovery Act funding. TM Sullivan noted he heard today that the money will be going out in batches, and we are still waiting.

VII. Old Business

1. Short Term Rental Parking

TM Sullivan discussed this is the potential for short term rentals receiving placards for parking. He noted taking it on would be a big project and asked the board how they would like to proceed.

Sel. Sawyer noted he thinks it would be unmanageable and not the direction to go and discussed the issue it would be for police and parking enforcement.

Sel. Barnes agreed and noted pandora's box and discussed resident's families. She noted parking enforcement putting warnings out.

Sel. Waddell asked about the petition presented tonight and if there was always parking there. TM Sullivan noted if it is not a fire lane, it is open to anyone to park. There was general discussion on the parking in that area, the signage, an invitation to park, and fire lanes and safety.

Sel. Rage asked about a warrant article for no parking. TM Sullivan noted that it would mean no parking at all and he heard they need some, for landscapers etc. There was continued general discussion.

Sel. Barnes noted speaking to them over the weekend, noting they just want it untouched. She noted the fire lane on North beach, noting encroachment and zoning in town. She noted the contractors stopping putting up the signs and asked what the status was. TM Sullivan noted he will follow up.

Sel. Waddell noted landscapers have to park and saw one getting a ticket. TM Sullivan noted those are the challenges. He encouraged the board to receive more information before taking action.

Sel. Sawyer discussed 15-minute parking, referencing Farr's Chicken. He noted a similar request from KB's Bagels.

Selectman Waddell MOTIONED to APPROVE A 15 MINUTE PARKING AREA, 50 feet, FOR KB'S BAGELS, SECONDED by Selectman Barnes. VOTE: 5-0-0

Sel. Barnes discussed Rt. 1A, the west side, noting people checking in or construction going on, and Sel. Sawyer noted that is still on the books as state DOT and explained that policy and that it is a loading zone. She asked if people are being ticketed and Sel. Sawyer answered only if it is abused. She asked for verification that the new signage is not effecting that and the answer was it is not.

Sel. Rage noted the prior discussion of shops putting their things on sidewalks. He discussed the chamber giving notices and officers giving tickets and he offered thanks.

VIII. New Business

1. Vote to accept and expend the Piscataqua Region Estuaries Partnership (PREP) 2021 PREPA Grant in the amount of \$10,000 [PH on January 25, 2021 RSA 31:95-b,III (a)]

TM Sullivan discussed Planning applying for this grant and it was awarded.

Sel. Waddell MOTIONED to APPROVE the acceptance of and to expend the Piscataqua Region Estuaries Partnership (PREP) 2021 PREPA Grant in the amount of \$10,000 [PH on January 25, 2021 RSA 31:95-b,III (a)], SECONDED by Sel. Sawyer. VOTE: 5-0-0

Sel. Barnes discussed State Rep. Edgar having a video about the recently passed budget and how it effects Hampton. She noted thinking it was very good and received very well. She thanked him and asked the board if they could have him in to discuss the video. Consensus was to invite him. She discussed the housing appeals board in Concord, and noted a decision that Francistown may be appealing to the NH Supreme Court. She discussed other towns filing an amicus brief in support. Sel. Sawyer asked the details of the case and Sel. Barnes noted she would get that. TM Sullivan noted it would be prudent to have council look at as well.

Sel. Waddell noted that when inviting Rep. Edgar in, he would like it to be partisan. Consensus was to invite all representatives.

TM Sullivan asked Sel. Waddell about a conversation with council, and noted it was to give Atty. Miller direction to ask for a formal proposal from Atlantic Broadband.

Selectman Waddell MOTIONED to APPROVE to Authorize outside council Atty. Kathryn Miller of Donahue, Tucker, and Ciandella to FORMALLY REQUEST a PROPOSAL for a non-exclusive cable franchise from Atlantic Broadband, SECONDED by Selectman Barnes. VOTE: 5-0-0

IX. Closing Comments

Sel. Waddell noted it was a very positive meeting and Chairman Bridle agreed. Sel. Waddell noted the fire study and the recreation and library collaboration all very positive. Sel. Barnes agreed and noted two huge items covered.

X. Adjournment

Sel. Sawyer MOTIONED to adjourn, SECONDED by Sel. Rage. VOTE: 5-0-0

Russell Bridle, Chairman