

August 9, 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. Badge Ceremony for the appointment of the Fire Chief

The badge ceremony for Fire Chief Mike McMahon took place.

Chairman Bridle and the Board offered congratulations to the Chief.

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

Leo Pizzano, 10 Greene St. discussed his opposition to the resident only parking. He discussed his family history of going to the cottage on Greene St. He discussed the recent resident only parking ordinance and reaching out to the Board and being in contact with Sel. Barnes. He noted discussion with the Town Manager regarding the ordinance. He discussed how the parking affects his family. He questioned the Board and Town Manager on where his family should park.

Kathryn Hall, Georgetown Ma. Ms. Hall noted Mr. Pizzano was her brother. She discussed the family cottage and noted the resident only parking. She discussed the police giving out tickets and noted the water issue at the cottage. She reiterated there is no where to park. She asked the Board for a non-resident pass.

III. Announcements and Community Calendar

Sel. Sawyer announced the passing of Officer Bill Cronin and offered condolences.

Sel. Waddell congratulated the Hampton State Lifeguards for winning the New England championship.

Sel. Barnes announced she had a Heritage Committee meeting and noted the historic marker program. She noted forms available at the Town Offices for those interested.

Sel. Rage announced children's week at the beach next week, noting lots of free activities.

IV. Approval of Minutes

1. July 26, 2021

Sel. Barnes MOTIONED to APPROVE the Minutes of July 26, 2021, SECONDED by Sel. Rage. VOTE: 5-0-0

V. Consent Agenda

1. Parade and Public Gathering License: Seafood Festival 5k 09/12
2. Road Closure Permit: Ashworth Avenue and Brown Avenue MDA Boot Drive 08/15, Philbrook Terrace and Mill Lane/Ann's Lane Sanderson Wedding 08/21

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

VI. Appointments

1. Dave Hobbs, Police Chief and Dep. Chief Alex Reno
 - a Stanton K-9 Grant

Chief Hobbs noted the passing of Officer Cronin, a difficult day for the department. He noted Officer Cronin's caring way and he will be missed.

He discussed the Stanton foundation and the K-9 program. He read a letter to the Board regarding what is being presented and what the grant entails. He noted requesting permission to apply for this opportunity and future support. With a power point presentation, he discussed benefits of the program, the grant agreement and funding, and the timeline. He noted cost as a concern and discussed a possible charitable foundation. He discussed the overtime involved for the officer training. He discussed policy to reduce liability.

Sel. Barnes noted it sounds great. She asked if you have to find a certain dog, and the answer was the foundation would assist in that process. She asked about dogs out there and the Chief noted we will get one young dog and the dog and officer will be trained. She asked if a current officer could be trained with a canine, and the Chief said he was not aware of one. TM Sullivan discussed the Stanton foundation and what they do. Sel. Barnes asked if they agree tonight, could they get going right away, and they Chief noted he could apply right away. They discussed other dogs in the area. TM Sullivan discussed the procedure.

Sel. Sawyer noted he is familiar with the Stanton grant and noted a great program and he fully supports it.

Sel. Waddell asked about the foundation, if it has been around awhile and is solid, and the answer was yes. They discussed that it is a K-9 foundation. Sel. Waddell asked about research people can see, and the Chief suggested the Stanton foundation website. He asked what happens to the dog after he is done police work, and the answer was retirement.

Sel. Rage noted it would be a huge plus for Hampton and he is all for it.

Chairman Bridle agreed regarding support for the program and noted the benefit of a charitable organization.

Sel. Waddell MOTIONED to APPROVE the Police Chief to apply for the Stanton K-9 Grant, SECONDED by Sel. Barnes. VOTE: 5-0-0

b NH DOJ Grant

TM Sullivan gave a preview of the NH DOJ grant, the funding available and what the chief wanted to propose.

Chief Hobbs discussed overtime and staffing issues. He noted the grant could cover additional staffing. He discussed adding sergeants and noted the need for addition supervision. He discussed the benefits of having the supervision they need. He noted adding a sergeant to make the staff number 37. TM Sullivan discussed the grant would be funding for 2 years with some limitations. He discussed the process of applying and approval.

Sel. Sawyer noted he fully supports this and complimented the Chief and deputy for the use. He noted the challenges of personnel with retirements and many new people joining the ranks. He discussed prior issues that were a result of no supervision. TM Sullivan noted the purpose of the grant and the relation to the stresses of dealing with the Covid pandemic.

Sel. Barnes noted the help to us, and TM Sullivan reiterated the reasoning and the recovery of our tourism. She asked the annual cost. Chief Hobbs noted the usual would be \$100,000.00 for an officer, so about \$120,000.00. TM Sullivan reiterated the cost. She asked what would be looking for in dollars for the grant, \$250,000.00 and TM Sullivan noted probably more and explained. She noted she supports doing this.

Sel. Rage noted he supports it.

Sel. Waddell noted he supports it totally. He asked what happens after the two-year grant, we pick it up and what happens if it isn't. TM Sullivan explained it is not like the Cops grant with a requirement, but it would be the intention to go forward in our budget process.

Chairman Bridle MOTIONED to APPROVE the Police Chief to apply for the NH DOJ Grant, SECONDED by Sel. Sawyer. VOTE: 5-0-0

2. Rene, Boudreau, Director Parks and Recreation
 - a Purchasing Policy Waiver Section § 718-4.B.(3) Bid 2021-005 Repair Re-surface Reline 4-Bituminous Concrete Courts (2)

**Being tabled for more information

VII. Town Manager's Report

1. Line striping painting continues, issues have been resolved and we are moving forward.
2. The parking lot kiosks have been installed, running this weekend with a couple of hiccups.
3. A reminder that the ten-digit dialing goes into effect in October, you should change your saved phone numbers and noted the reasoning of the new 988 Suicide Prevention Hotline.
4. There is a recommendation that in Sept., rather than every week meeting, and due to me being out for a couple weeks in Sept., that we do not meet on Sept. 20th.

Sel. Sawyer MOTIONED to APPROVE that the Board will not meet on Sept. 20th of 2021, SECONDED by Sel. Waddell. VOTE: 5-0-0

5. We have an invitation to the Board and myself, from American Legion Post #35, to attend the Sept. 11th memorial and dedication to the Global War on Terrorism, and two more names will be added to that. It will be at 6:00pm.

Sel. Waddell asked if there was any movement on the resident parking signs that were gone. TM Sullivan noted he checked, and they were not removed by us or our contractors, and we are continuing to monitor and track as we go.

Sel. Barnes asked if the initial resident parking was going to O Street or N Street. TM Sullivan noted he thought N Street. She noted a comment regarding P Street having one sign and she confirmed that, noting they would like another. TM Sullivan noted to forward those questions to the Public Works Director. She discussed information regarding both sides of Greene Street were fire lanes. He noted the petition process and when asked where someone should park, the answer is any legal parking spot. He noted there are challenges.

Sel. Waddell reiterated his question on the signs coming down. TM Sullivan noted it is a crime to take them down and if a place is not properly signed, you will not get a ticket. Sel. Waddell asked if they were going back up and the answer was not at Ancient, but at White's Island. They discussed police and fire having taken a look. There was general discussion on parking practices there.

Sel. Sawyer discussed safety issues, and, noted those are town roads paid for by all taxpayers. He discussed residents having access to the beach. He reiterated the safety and the fire lane there.

Sel. Waddell noted it is a town road and we made an ordinance, and it is not up to individuals to change the ordinance.

Sel. Rage noted he agreed with Sel. Waddell, and he hadn't heard from many people.

Sel. Barnes noted receiving the petition. TM Sullivan discussed the petition, and noted they discussed possible tweaks may be needed.

Sel. Barnes discussed Ancient Highway area not abusing parking on the roads. She noted this request coming from the whole neighborhood, and they are discussing the way things have been. She discussed the job of selectmen doing what the public wants. She noted she will discuss with Mr. Pizanno that his neighborhood should bring their concerns. She highlighted not punishing them because a few people did something they shouldn't have done.

Sel. Waddell noted not punishing anyone and discussed if there is a change to parking, they should change the ordinance, noting it would be opening a Pandora's box.

Sel. Sawyer noted not wanting to punish anyone, they passed an ordinance, and it's not perfect. He noted people feeling emboldened, when not liking what the rules are. He mentioned the tone at the top from social media and noted breaking the rules. He noted having a problem with people breaking rules because others do.

Sel. Barnes noted it now being personal, and when has she removed a sign. They discussed. She noted she has not broken any laws.

Sel. Rage reiterated thinking he would get a lot of calls and he didn't. He noted not liking people taking matters into their own hands. He noted he is fine if they want to change to make it open parking. He noted not wanting to keep going back and forth.

Sel. Waddell MOTIONED to APPROVE the Board Changing the Resident Parking Ordinance to reflect the Petition Received, SECONDED by Sel. Sawyer.

Sel. Barnes reiterated the discussion on the people who took down the signs.

Vote: 5-0-0

TM Sullivan clarified they were excluding the Ancient Highway area from the ordinance.

VIII. Old Business

None

IX. New Business

1. Loy Drive Bond reduction to \$64,937

TM Sullivan discussed the usual process of bond reduction to retain 10%, noting it is recommended by DPW and Planning.

Sel. Sawyer MOTIONED to APPROVE the Loy Drive Bond reduction to \$64,937, SECONDED by Sel. Barnes. VOTE: 5-0-0

2. American Recovery Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) Update - Town Manager

TM Sullivan noted the form he put together that they all had a copy of. He highlighted the glossary and resources. He detailed what the ARPA is. He discussed Hampton's portion at \$1.6 million in two equal parts, and we have received the first portion. He discussed the funds are available to use in approved categories and highlighted the four. He discussed one of the categories for lost revenue and that was not the case in Hampton, and we will need to use another category. He discussed Dir. Hale, in a past visit, had been discussing a major problem at the WWTP, and noted them doing research, and it being a cost of approximately \$1.3 million. He discussed the particulars of the influent pump situation Dr. Hale discussed. He noted the rest of the money recommended to be used for PPE and Welfare spending as it has been economically impacted and upgrading air filters in buildings. He discussed our responsibility to audit and be responsible and in compliance.

Sel. Waddell asked that if we don't use the funds correctly, they can ask for the money back and the answer was yes.

Sel. Rage asked, what is the time frame, and TM Sullivan explained start times and deadlines.

Sel. Barnes asked if we could start the WWTP project with the funds we have received. TM Sullivan discussed the lead time on that project. He discussed his recommending a public hearing for input. He noted the WWTP project will need to be addressed one way or another. They discussed the next time DPW will be in to discuss the project. Chairman Bridle asked about having a public hearing after hearing from Dir. Hale again. TM Sullivan agreed noting it should be fairly soon. There was general discussion on when to hold the public hearing. TM Sullivan elaborated that the public could do emails etc., for input.

Sel. Waddell agreed with an open period for input. TM Sullivan noted he would take care of and set up that process and noted for the next meeting.

Sel. Barnes noted the public input should go past the time that Dir. Hale speaks on the project.

3. 2022 Municipal Budget Guidance

TM Sullivan discussed it is budget time and they are due to him by tomorrow. He asked the Board for their direction and what they want to see in the process and discussed his guidance that went to departments.

Sel. Waddell asked about a good feeling on where we are with revenue and taxes. TM Sullivan noted yes, but not a good feeling on what rooms and meals will be and noted a reduction on road revenue. Sel. Waddell noted the American Recovery money will help us not go in deficit, and the answer was yes. TM Sullivan expanded on revenues collected and noted ebbs and flows to be expected, and he discussed revenues from the state. Sel. Waddell noted to stay prudent with the process.

Sel. Barnes discussed Dir. Hales projects submitted to the Clean Water Fund. She noted seeing a draft priority list for that and discussed where some Hampton projects are on that list. She asked about the Sun Valley sewer line, noting the bridge. TM Sullivan noted it was an issue and will have to be hung or relocated when the bridge work done. She discussed how crucial the infrastructure is. She asked to discuss with the Governor and Executive Council to see how to work things better for both sides and referenced the 1933 agreement. She discussed a possible annual appropriation for Hampton infrastructure, with the Board of Selectmen having authority for expenditures, noting criteria be for only infrastructure. She referenced the issue with the marsh pipe. She discussed failing infrastructure impacting everything and reiterating discussing with officials in Concord and appropriated funding. She discussed non-union raises and that they should be done in the form of a warrant article. She noted the Town Manager's idea about the budget is great.

Sel. Sawyer noted his concern about years 23, and 24 when recovery money will not be there. He discussed the chairman and Town Manager doing negotiating. He noted negotiations in a public setting do not work. He concurred we need to explore the 1933 agreement.

Sel. Rage noted he heard people liked the smaller amount of warrant articles and he would like to see the smaller items in the budget. He and the Town Manager discussed.

Sel. Barnes discussed the Heritage Committee in the process of reviewing a MOA regarding the bridge and are requesting to have Town Counsel take a look at it. TM Sullivan stated to send to us, and we will take a look. There was a discussion on emails. She asked if Town Counsel could give a summary on HB 108.

X. Closing Comments

None

XI. Adjournment

Sel. Waddell MOTIONED to adjourn at 20:36, SECONDED by Sel. Rage. VOTE: 5-0-0

Russell Bridle, Chairman