

August 31, 2020

5:00 PM Board of Selectmen - Electronic 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 toll free **1-857-444-0744** and use the code **156034**. If anybody has a problem, please call **603-929-5805**.

#### I. Roll Call

Chairman Waddell asked each member state their presence and location.

Sel. Rage, present, Selectmen's Meeting Room  
Sel. Bridle, present, In my living room  
Sel. Woolsey, present, Selectmen's Meeting Room  
Sel. Barnes, present, Selectmen's Meeting Room  
Chairman Waddell, present, Selectmen's Meeting Room

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

Donna Northam, 1 Bradford Ave. called to thank the BOS for accepting Chief Sawyer's recommendation to extend resident parking to Columbus Day. She noted how positive resident parking has been and stated the parking enforcement officers have done an excellent job.

Matthew Belliveau, Nantucket Ma., noted he was a street performer that has been on the Blvd., and commented on how much he appreciates being able to perform there this summer, noting everyone being courteous.

Charles Morrill, 3 Cole St., he discussed a board directive from 5/15/2020 for 369 Ocean Blvd., to restore the property to before violations and removal of boundary wall. He noted it has been 3 months and wonders why they are allowed to continue to be in violation. He

asked about discussion with the board and Chairman Waddell offered for him to call the town manager.

Sel. Barnes, not speaking as a selectman, but as a taxpayer, read an email from a taxpayer who was unable to be there, his address being 6 O Street. He asked the email be read on behalf of some residents and taxpayers. The email asked that questions for HBVD be addressed and asked about the Management's Discussion and Analysis report and dates and an incomplete table. The email discussed wanting detailed revenues, information on the new parking lot, and the Culture and Recreation category to be broken down. The email asked about a time frame for tax rebates, and asked that all the answers be provided before the next HBVD meeting.

Ms. Barnes noted the emails had been submitted to the board, and continued reading, with the email discussing an outcry from residents, a petition led by Sen. Robert Preston, and warrant articles that are being prepared. The email discussed the task force, the closing of Ocean Blvd., and the adverse conditions of that closure. The email discussed selectmen owning businesses on Ocean Blvd., Hampton's code of ethics and looking for a response from the board members regarding that code. The email discussed a possible change of town government, selectmen presenting themselves as a team, the premise of a five member board, and it being a possible time to get away from this form of government.

### SALUTE TO THE FLAG

#### III. Announcements and Community Calendar

Sel. Rage announced a reminder of the HBVD annual meeting and anyone with concerns is welcome to come, it is at 7pm on Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>.

Sel. Bridle announced a reminder that the sand sculptures are this weekend at the beach.

Sel. Woolsey noted the email from the Sec. of State regarding the upcoming two elections.

Chairman Waddell noted the planning board still has the master plan survey on the website, and discussed the importance of it and that it is the taxpayers plan. He encouraged all to fill out.

Sel. Woolsey noted she filled it out.

#### IV. Approval of Minutes

#### V. Consent Agenda

##### 1. Dance Hall Permit: Casino Mini Golf

Selectman Rage MOTIONED to APPROVE the Consent Agenda, SECONDED by Selectman Bridle.

Sel. Woolsey asked if this was a double permit and TM Sullivan noted the permit covers amusements and all, and is annual.

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

#### VI. Appointments

Chief Sawyer, wanted to let the board know that they have had their meetings with NH DOT, and Public Works regarding planning for the opening of Ocean Blvd., which will be Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>. He noted he hoped it would be open by noon on that day, and they are on schedule.

Sel. Woolsey noted that is election day, isn't that an awkward time to do that. TM Sullivan stated we told everyone we were going to do it that day and we are going to get it done.

Sel. Barnes stated sounds great.

Sel. Rage stated sounds great. He commented we need to make sure merchants have stuff off of roads and sidewalks. The chief stated they are being notified and officers will be reminding them this weekend, and noted fencing can be stacked and will be picked up Tues. or Weds.

Sel. Woolsey asked about residents getting to go vote and the chief noted they will absolutely be able to do so, there should be no issues.

## VII. Town Manager's Report

1. DPW will be presenting information on the first version of the flood engineering report, on Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm on Microsoft Teams. If the board approves, we will schedule and set up for public comments.
2. The town office is open for town clerk work and absentee ballots, and supervisors of the checklist to register to vote. The final construction of the other service window should be later this week, and after the holiday, should be able to open to other business.
3. Locke Rd. work continues, and with the board's permission, would like to schedule Aquarion to come in for quarterly presentation.

Sel. Rage asked about the rest of the town opening up, police and fire. TM Sullivan commented we have always been open, the chiefs have had a good plan, and there is a little more public access at the fire dept. with fire prevention.

Sel. Woolsey asked about a problem with Aquarion at Little River Road. TM Sullivan wasn't aware of what she was discussing and noted they are working on treatment issues and if she has specific questions, she can ask them.

Sel. Barnes asked when the town office opens to other business will it be limited people and the answer was yes, we have spacing issues like everyone else and noted the stickers for social distancing and the line process, and discussed the second floor will remain appt. only.

TM Sullivan asked for consensus on Aquarion and the flood presentation, and consensus was yes.

## VIII. Old Business

### 1. Proposed Costs for Gravesites

TM Sullivan noted that after the last discussion there was more information needed. He noted Dep. Welch's recommendation to raise the cost of a gravesite. He corrected the previous information, stating the recommendation is for the cost to be \$1200.00 per gravesite, and there can be up to four sites in one lot, which would make that four times the

\$1200.00. He gave some surrounding town costs. He discussed if the board wishes to do this, there will need to be a public hearing.

Sel. Rage asked about pricing for those unable to afford, or veterans, and the answer was that there is one price for everyone, there may be welfare instances that can be looked at, and commented that there was an increase in 2018. TM Sullivan also explained the funds go to perpetual care.

Sel. Woolsey asked about the two deep, and the answer was this price is for each site and that we will soon need to lay out a new section with roads, etc. She commented on High Street looking weird with all the trees down.

Sel. Barnes noted concern about how much of an increase but noted being more comfortable with a public hearing.

Chairman Waddell brought up old business regarding Mill Road. He discussed the crude sign, and the freedom of speech issues, but with rights, there are responsibilities. He made a motion that as a board, they ask for the sign to be removed.

Chairman Waddell MOTIONED to APPROVE the Asking of a Sign on Mill Road to be Removed, SECONDED by Selectman Rage.

Sel. Woolsey noted it an insult to adults and kids.

Sel. Barnes asked if anyone from the board has gone to talk to the couple that put the sign up, and the answer was unknown. She noted she would be abstaining.

Sel. Rage agreed with Sel. Woolsey about the kids.

Roll call vote: Sel. Rage: yes, Sel. Bridle: yes, Sel. Woolsey: yes, Sel. Barnes: abstain, Chairman Waddell: yes. VOTE: 4-0-1(Barnes)

## IX. New Business

### 1. Acceptance of CARES Act Funding in excess of \$10,000 RSA 21-P:43

TM Sullivan discussed this has to do with another funding source of the Cares Act. It discussed that it is a grant with regard to processing an absentee ballot, due to the significant increase in them. He read the motion for the board and noted also needing signatures.

Sel. Woolsey asked if there is a lump sum for this year.

Sel. Barnes commented the maximum is \$40,208.00 with a required match of \$8000.00, and she clarified that this is for absentee ballots. TM Sullivan said for elections, primarily for absentee, how many above your norm. They discussed the numbers of absentee ballots in 2018 compared to this year.

Sel. Woolsey asked if this were for both elections, and the answer was yes.

Chairman Waddell asked that this is to accept money, we are not spending any money and the answer was to remember the match that was required. TM Sullivan discussed the process.

Sel. Woolsey asked about this being a draw down. TM Sullivan discussed the multiple sources of funding available to us and detailed them.

Selectman Woolsey MOTIONED, To authorize the acceptance of CARES ACT funding for elections (Funding opportunity Number: DC20101CARES) or other CARES act funding opportunities as unanticipated revenue under NH RSA 21P:43 and further authorize the Town Manager as the designated signing authority on the Town's behalf for all documents involved in the acceptance of these funds, SECONDED by Selectman Bridle.

Sel. Barnes asked if the 20% match would come out of regular budget and the answer was a grant revenue fund that will offset.

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

## 2. Award of Printing of Annual Report & Purchasing Policy Waivers

TM Sullivan discussed this comes from Kristina, the town manager's office administrative assistant, it is an annual thing, noting this is the same printer that has done the report for many years and looking for the waiver to the purchasing policy under 718:5.1, best interest of the town.

Selectman Woolsey MOTIONED to APPROVE the Award of Printing of Annual Report & Purchasing Policy Waivers, SECONDED by Selectman Barnes.

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

## X. Closing Comments

Sel. Rage reminded people to get out and vote next week.

Sel. Woolsey gave thanks for scheduling tonight's meeting.

Sel. Barnes discussed a news item about absentee ballots, and if you request one, you need to do it through your city or town clerk. She noted some absentee ballots that were sent out that the NH Atty. Gen. declared should never have been done.

Chairman Waddell offered a Happy Birthday to Sel. Rage.

## XI. Adjournment

At 17:39 PM, the Selectmen adjourned the Public Session on MOTION of Selectman Rage, SECONDED by Selectman Woolsey.

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

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James Waddell, Chairman