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September 27, 2021

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

### SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Chairman Bridle called for a moment of silence for three people who had passed, who meant a great deal to the people of Hampton: Jack Doheny, James Barrington, and Richard Troffater.

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

Deb Parlee, 27 L Street, discussed the situation on L Street, noting singing with explicit language coming from the Tavern at 5:30. She discussed the same at the Goat, and noted discussing it with them and they referenced free speech. She discussed the ordinance of disorderly conduct and profane language. She noted volume is still an issue and that the hours have gotten better. She discussed an issue with tour buses and noted the ordinances regarding such. She discussed having to stay awake to protect their property. She noted the fire show went well, but the rest rooms were closed for people who had attended.

\*Note: Items II and III were reversed in order.

#### II. RSA 41:14-a Second Hearings

##### 1. 16 L Street

Atty. Tim Phoenix represented the owner of 158 Ashworth Ave. who is the applicant. He discussed the approvals and variances that had been approved. He discussed the fence and accessory dwelling requests.

Deb Parlee, 27 L Street, discussed being at the Planning Board meeting regarding the request. She discussed the noise and light and the fence request. She discussed the plans, details of them, and the opening gate. She discussed the approval process. She discussed the entertainment and the engineer's opinions. She discussed trash cans and the driveway. She noted L Street turning into Salisbury of the past.

TM Sullivan asked Atty. Phoenix if the language for the proposed amendments had been worked out with Town Council Atty. Gearreald, and the answer was no. He suggested that been done to formulate the motion for next weeks meeting.

Public Hearing closed at 7:13

##### 2. 715 Ocean Blvd

Public Hearing opened at 7:13.

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TM Sullivan noted this is the second hearing with action being taken next week.

Public Hearing closed at 7:13

### III. Announcements and Community Calendar

Sel. Rage reminded everyone of the master plan meeting at the Hampton Academy. He announced there will be road closures on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, due to the half marathon.

Sel. Waddell reiterated the master plan meeting and discussed how important the input is. He also discussed the road closures, noting post cards went out and it is on the web.

Sel. Barnes reiterated the master plan meeting and that it is this Wednesday. She announced a group of citizens starting a petition for the BoS and she read the petition: "Shall the following provisions pertaining to elections be adopted: All voting shall be by paper ballot, and all ballots shall be hand counted only, rather than by use of optical scanning or any other types of programmable electronic counting devices." She noted they will meet every Weds. and every Fri.

Chairman Bridle thanked Dave and Kara Hartnett for the event they threw for the town and state workers, noting they are a great part of this community.

### IV. Approval of Minutes

#### 1. September 13, 2021

Sel. Barnes noted a correction to the minutes Page 3 of the minutes, 4th paragraph from the bottom, to add "Sel. Barnes thanked Mike Carle for his update, especially since our legislatures have failed to come in and provide regular updates."

Sel. Waddell MOTIONED to APPROVE the minutes of September 13<sup>th</sup>, as amended with addition stated by Sel. Barnes, SECONDED by Sel. Rage. VOTE: 5-0-0

### V. Consent Agenda

1. Cemetery Deed: Kevin & Jean Sheehan 29/I-1/2/1-3 RD 12; Veronica Ventura 31/I-1/1/3 RD 12
2. Donation to Conservation Commission: Barkley Conservation Easement for \$400 by Quandt Family
3. Parade & Public Gathering License: Experience Hampton Christmas Parada 12/4/2021
4. Timber Tax Assessment and Yield Tax Levy - 105 Towle Farm Road

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

### VI. Appointments

1. Julie Glover, HR/Administrative Services Director and Mary Blackwell, Welfare Administrator
  - a. Welfare Guidelines

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Ms. Glover noted the Board should have received a copy of the proposed welfare guidelines and stated the last time they were updated was 2006. She noted NHMA and NH Welfare recommendations, and discussed not many changes, but updating language and clarifications.

Sel. Barnes noted not receiving the proposal and asked if there were any operational changes and the answer was no.

Sel. Waddell asked about the process. Ms. Glover discussed much of the work was done by Ms. Blackwell before she arrived.

TM Sullivan gave a nod to Ms. Blackwell for the work done on this, as well as Ms. Glover for helping.

Sel. Waddell MOTIONED to APPROVE the Welfare Guidelines, SECONDED by Sel. Sawyer. VOTE: 4-0-1 (Barnes abstain)

2. Kristi Pulliam, Finance Director  
a Monthly Financials

This is the eighth report of 2021, and the expenditure target is 66.67%. When you review the attached Revenue report you can see the differences in revenue from 2020 to 2021. The 2021 revenue is lower than 2020 revenue by \$138,758. This gap has closed from last month when we were under by \$296,133. The month's total income was \$817,451. Of that total, motor vehicles came in at \$328,766; Interest on Taxes at \$10,855; Building Permits at \$22,513; Highway Subsidy at \$91,098; State Water Pollution Control at \$57,330; Departmental at \$41,151; Rye Sewer Agreement at \$23,230; Parking Lots at \$159,401; and Real Estate Trust at \$66,366.

On the expense side you will find that we are 65.74% spent or under budget by \$253,292. In August of 2020 we were underspent by \$586,399. Executive is at 55.19%. Town Clerk is at 60.51%. Financial Administration is at 61.53%. Legal is at 42.25%. Personnel Administration is at 72.89%. Planning & Zoning is at 65.33%. General Government is at 50.63%. Cemetery is at 46.27%. Municipal Insurance is at 69.5%. Parking Enforcement is at 68.25%. Police Department is at 67.48%. Fire Department is at 66.83%. Building Department is at 57.9%. Other Safety Services is at 99.05%. Street Lighting is at 42.32%. Public Works is at 59.74%. Animal Control is at 59.91%. Welfare is at 56.51%. Parks and Recreation is at 59.35%. Library is at 66.81%. Conservation is at 30.91%.

Recreation has a balance of \$188,549. Cable Committee has a balance of \$637,039. Private Detail has a balance of \$132,262. EMS has a balance of \$186,183. Recycling has a balance of \$147,792. Wastewater System Development Charge has a balance of \$192,426.

Sel. Rage asked for an explanation of other safety services. Ms. Pulliam discussed the hydrants, and two payments are made for the year, and they have both been paid.

Sel. Barnes noted the parking revenues for August much better than July, and noted we are down from last year and 2019. She noted parking ticket revenue down as well and Ms. Pulliam agreed, from last year. She noted needing to watch and asked about street lighting, and Ms. Pulliam noted electric bills.

Sel. Sawyer asked about personnel administration and the answer was it covered employee separation and sick buyback.

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Sel. Waddell noted revenue is down and asked Ms. Pulliam if she projects that to continue. Ms. Pulliam discussed not seeing a big difference in budgeted revenue and noted end of the year revenue like rooms and meals. She noted closing the gap in half in the one month of August.

TM Sullivan reiterated end of year revenue and noted the rainy weather contributing to lower parking lot revenue.

Sel. Waddell noted all departments doing well, still staying within budget.

Sel. Rage noted the change in rooms and meals tax and asked if she expects any change in the revenue. There was general discussion on rooms and meals tax dropping a half of a percent.

Chairman Bridle noted the parking lot revenue and that the Casino has about fifteen more shows and noted the machines collecting. He asked about street lighting and if there is a difference now that we have the LEDS. Ms. Pulliam noted not tracking it, but with it at 42 percent we are seeing some.

3. Jen Hale, DPW Director
  - a Sun Valley Sewer Pipe/Hampton Seabrook Bridge

Dir. Hale discussed DOT moving the bridge, noting the bridge going west and the force main which is also west. She noted a letter to the state regarding responsibilities and that the response from them was unclear. She discussed two statements from them, one discussing non-reimbursement and then, what would be reimbursed. She reiterated it is still not clear and if our expense, it would be great. She noted she is still in the process of working on this with more calls in, but she wanted to update everyone and for the Board to be aware.

TM Sullivan reiterated they wanted it on the radar due to it being a critical issue.

Sel. Waddell asked about the congressional delegation. TM Sullivan noted we haven't contacted them but are watching infrastructure funding and he outlined our position of the state should pay, as well as many avenues we are researching.

Sel. Barnes noted being on top of this and discussing with Sen. Shaheen the pipe issue. She noted the senator discussed federal funding. She discussed agreeing with the Town Manager that if this is critical to the project, it should be part of the project. There was general discussion of the date of the public hearing. Sel. Barnes discussed sending a letter from the Board. There was general discussion on the project being state funded. She asked if it were outside funding, would it have to go on the ballot. TM Sullivan noted we don't think so, and he explained the law and reimbursable expenses, and he reiterated the position of it being a project cost.

Chairman Bridle noted his agreement that we have the right of way. He asked about talking with Seabrook and Dir. Hale discussed having met with them.

4. Chief Hobbs and Deputy Chief Reno, Police Department
  - a Departmental Update

Chief Hobbs opened with the search for missing person, Andrew Parker. He discussed the progress of the search and the agencies helping. He encouraged the public to please contact

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the department with any information. He noted canine search and rescue. He asked the public to please check their properties.

Chairman Bridle noted private citizens assisting in the search and thanked them. Chief Hobbs noted coordination with them, and they will be back this weekend.

Chief Hobbs discussed the second quarterly review. He noted the promotion of Anthony Azarian to Lt. and Chris Keyser to Sgt. He noted other promotions, new SRO officers, and the drug task force. He discussed part-time staffing levels and discussed the hiring process. He noted the next testing process begins on Sat. He discussed civilian personnel, with no changes during the second quarter. He discussed training and recruitment and the six part-time officers who graduated in the spring of 2021, and he discussed all the training they received. He discussed operations and the summer season with large gatherings.

He discussed social media driven events and discussed outside agency assistance in dispersing those crowds. He discussed an incident involving a high-speed chase. He discussed alcohol compliance checks held. He discussed continued work with IT in updating and the new website under construction. He discussed community outreach.

He discussed activities for the quarter and noted increases in most as compared to the previous year. He noted drug incidents down, but two fatalities. He noted that 2020 is a difficult year to compare to due to the Covid circumstances. He highlighted the significant increase in DWIs, with a five-year comparison. He noted officers tackling the problem of impaired drivers, but he is still concerned. He noted parking tickets were difficult to compare as well, and it was more in line with previous years.

Sel. Rage asked if parking ticket numbers were what was written, or what was paid, and the answer was they are what is written.

Sel. Barnes noted DWIs concerning and asked about motor vehicle stops. The Chief noted again that 2020 was tough to compare and he did not look at other years, but it is probably up some. Sel. Barnes discussed the alcohol compliance checks and noted 12 citations given which would lead to some DWIs. She noted working at the beach and people going to L Street for last call.

Sel. Sawyer noted the DWIs concerning but it goes along with the increase in motor vehicle stops. He asked about the increase in felonies, and the Chief noted it is consistent with what is happening nationally. Sel. Sawyer thanked him for the personnel for the drug task force and discussed counterfeit drugs.

Sel. Waddell asked if the DWIs are due to overserving, and the Chief noted he could speculate a number of areas. Sel. Waddell asked about the language over public speakers that was discussed earlier at public comment. Sel. Sawyer mentioned the sign on Mill Road. Sel. Waddell mentioned the tour buses and asked if anything can be done. The Chief discussed one night of complaints and didn't recall any others, and he noted speaking to the complainant and to the business.

Chairman Bridle asked if there is an idling ordinance and the Chief answered this was not an idling problem, it was a generator. Sel. Sawyer noted a refrigeration ordinance and an idling ordinance pertaining to town vehicles.

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Sel. Barnes asked if there was an update on the canine grant. The Chief noted the final application approved with a handler appointed, Det. Brandon Whitehead and explained the final process.

Chief Hobbs discussed the part time staffing levels, noting 14 conditional offers, with 4 candidates. He noted this continues to be a problem for the department. He discussed changes in the process and that it will impact staffing levels. He noted having to look at fulltime during the budget process.

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## VII. Town Manager's Report

1. A thank you to the Board and the staff as they covered while I was out.
2. The ten-digit dialing will be mandatory Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>.
3. The DOL will be back for one or two more visits to finish their inspection process.
4. Covid cases continue to increase although active cases in Town have dipped.
5. The budget will be coming to you in the next two weeks.
6. We are invited to the 10<sup>th</sup> District Court dedication of courtrooms tomorrow.

## VIII. Old Business

Sel. Sawyer discussed the budget committee meeting. He noted discussions on requests for information and encouraged the Board to watch the meeting and gave an explanation. He noted thinking it will be a difficult process.

Sel. Barnes noted watching the budget committee meeting and hearing a comment that surprised her, which was Hampton is filled with rich people. She noted speaking with people concerned about paying their property tax. She discussed hoping to work on getting off setting revenues in this year's budget process, with an emphasis on state revenues. She reiterated that there are people in Hampton who struggle every day.

## IX. New Business

1. Printing of Annual Report Award
  - a Country Press

TM Sullivan discussed the need to commit to the process due to supply and demand issues this season. He noted asking for a waiver of the purchase policy to go with our current vendor.

Sel. Waddell MOTIONED to APPROVE the Printing of Annual Report Award to Country Press and to Waive the Purchasing Policy, SECONDED by Sel. Sawyer. VOTE: 5-0-0

2. USTA Grant application up to \$1000.00

TM Sullivan explained looking for approval to pursue this grant for the Rec. Dept.

Sel. Barnes MOTIONED to APPROVE Parks and Recreation to apply for the USTA Grant up to \$1000.00, SECONDED by Sel. Rage. VOTE: 5-0-0

3. Kennerson
  - a Permission for Unitil to install test hole over Sewer

TM Sullivan noted they have seen this before and this has been approved by DPW.

Sel. Waddell MOTIONED to APPROVE to give Permission for Unitil to install test hole over Sewer, with a waiver of the 5-year policy, SECONDED by Sel. Barnes. VOTE: 5-0-0

Sel. Rage announced the Village District meeting has been changed to Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>.

Sel. Barnes referenced the resignation letter of the Chairman of the Mosquito Control Commission. She asked about outsourcing. TM Sullivan noted we already outsource the activity, but noted we should consider it putting under one of our departments and noted looking at options. He discussed the resignation is for the end of the year. They discussed the SAU letter requesting to meet with the BoS at the next meeting.

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Sel. Rage asked if they can still call in if they are away, and the answer was yes.

X. Closing Comments

Sel. Barnes stated she hoped to see people at the forum on Wednesday.

XI. Adjournment

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

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Russell Bridle, Chairman