

**TOWN OF HAMPTON FALLS**

**PRESENT:** M. J. Caruso, Chairman; P. G. Robart, F. J. Ferreira, Jr., Selectmen; E. N. Small, Town Administrator; L. A. Ruest, Administrative Assistant

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

**MOTION:** To approve the minutes of the March 10 meeting as written.

**MOTION:** F. J. Ferreira, Jr.

**SECOND:** P. G. Robart

**Unanimous**

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:** E. N. Small reported a General Fund balance of \$483,000. The state school tax warrant was paid and it was later learned that it is not owed. The check in the amount of \$105,957 has been returned.

**SELECTMEN'S REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES:** F. J. Ferreira, Jr. has volunteered to be the Selectmen's Rep to the Library Trustees.

**COMMITTEE AND BOARD APPOINTMENTS:**

**MOTION:** To appoint all recommended appointees on the list provided.

**MOTION:** F. J. Ferreira, Jr.

**SECOND:** P. G. Robart

**Unanimous**

John Colliander has expressed an interest in serving as Alternate Member to the ZBA.

**MOTION:** To nominate John Colliander as Alternate Member to the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

**MOTION:** F. J. Ferreira, Jr.

**SECOND:** P. G. Robart

**Unanimous**

**REVISED BUDGET WORKSHEETS – CHANGES FROM TOWN MEETING:** E. N. Small provided the Board with revised pages to the budget that include the changes made at town meeting.

**SELECTMEN'S PERMIT – NH LUNG ASSOCIATION:** The Board signed a Selectmen's Permit for a bike tour.

**TOWN CLERK – ADVERTISEMENT FOR ASSISTANT:** E. N. Small informed the Board that the Town Clerk is advertising for an assistant as Sue Sprague has given her notice.

**DELIBERATIVE SESSION MINUTES:** A copy of the final draft of deliberative session minutes was provided to each Board member.

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**ABATEMENTS:** Two recommendations made by Diana Calder were approved by the Board. One represents a reduction in value for a retail condo unit on Route 1 and the other adjusts land area based on a survey. Both forms were signed by the Board.

**ASSESSED RATIO FOR 2003 – 94%/LETTER TO DRA:** A letter has been received from the DRA indicating the assessed ratio for 2003. Assessor Diana Calder has submitted a request for reconsideration with the hopes that this ratio can be increased.

**BLYTHE CASE – MARCH 23, ROCKINGHAM SUPERIOR COURT:** E. N. Small and L. A. Ruest attended this court hearing. This matter has been taken under advisement.

**ACOUSTICS:** The acoustical panels have been installed and there is a great improvement.

**SEACOAST CHIEF FIRE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION:** Information was provided to the Board with respect to updating the mutual aid agreement. This will be part of the town warrant next year.

**POLITICAL SIGN ORDINANCE:** R. B. Vigneau has submitted a request to Attorney John Ryan with respect to the current political sign ordinance.

**UNDERGROUND DRAINAGE IN WETLANDS 100' SETBACK:** Request was made to Attorney Mark Belliveau for input with respect to a drain pipe to be installed in the 100' buffer as part of the Avery Ridge Lane subdivision. Information received from Attorney Belliveau will be forwarded to the applicant and Planning Board.

**NOTICE: REAL ESTATE AGENCIES – NEW SIGN ORDINANCE – REAL ESTATE SIGNS:** The Board signed a letter prepared by R. B. Vigneau requesting compliance with this ordinance.

**LETTER OF REPLY – M. WOOLLES – IMPACT FEE ORDINANCE:** R. B. Vigneau prepared a letter of reply to Mark Wooles and Karen Chamberlin with respect to questions they raised about the impact fee.

The Board requested E. N. Small write a letter to the Planning Board outlining reasons for reconsideration of the methodology of assessing the impact fee. Discussion took place with respect to the impact fee not affecting additions, tear downs or alterations. It was also felt that the fee should be a flat fee collected when the building permit is issued. Concern was raised with the fact that property owners will be discouraged to pull building permits given the impact fee. The intent of the impact fee is currently not working the way it was intended. The Planning Board was commended for its efforts to get this in place, however, reconsideration is requested. Suggestion was also made that the impact fee be suspended completely as it is becoming apparent that the fee is being assessed primarily to existing property owners and not new (grandfathered) subdivisions such as Linden, Marston/Swain and Starvish.

**FLOOD CONTROL AT SANBORN ROAD AND KING STREET:** E. N. Small reported that flood control measures are taking place at these locations.

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**OIL RECYCLING CONTAINER – ADVANCE LIQUID RECYCLING – JAY LORD:**

The two containers at the dump have been emptied at a cost of \$100.

**SPRING CLEANUP – COASTLINE AND SIMPSON:** E. N. Small is working with Coastline and Simpson to prepare for the spring cleanup. The Board requested three working compactors. The hours are 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**LIBRARY/TOWN NEWSLETTER MEETING:** A meeting will be scheduled to discuss setting rules for the content of the newsletter. Suggestion was made to prepare the newsletter four times a year rather than six. E. N. Small will report back to the Selectmen.

**TOWN'S PARTICIPATION IN WHS BONDING – NH MUNICIPAL BOND BANK:** E. N. Small reported that he has received information from the bond bank. This information can be used for other bond issues such as the conservation open space and school land.

**DOT – ROUTE 1 PAVEMENT PROJECT:** A letter has been received indicating that the pavement project is complete.

**APRIL 7 MEETING AT HAMPTON FALLS TOWN HALL – TEMPORARY ONE WAY TOLLS ON I-95:**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**NEW POSTING OF SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES:**

**2004 LOCAL OFFICIALS WORKSHOP – EXETER TOWN HALL – JUNE 2:**

**NEXT SELECTMEN'S MEETING – APRIL 7, 7:30 A.M.:** This date and time was acceptable to the Board.

**POLE LICENSE PETITION – DRINKWATER ROAD:** Signed by the Board.

**BONDING OF TOWN OFFICIALS:** The bonding schedule for elected officials for 2004 has been received from the insurance company. The Library Treasurer has been added to the list.

**REVISE THE SUBDIVISION ROAD SECURITY AGREEMENT:** Based on Planning Board counsel's advice, the security agreement will be updated. Circuit Rider Planner M. Carriel is to provide samples of agreements used by other towns.

**RECYCLING OF COMPUTERS, TELEVISIONS:** Information has been provided to the Solid Waste Committee for review and recommendation with respect to placing a container for the collection of computer, televisions and other appliances.

**SPRING CLEANUP – REFRIGERATOR/COPY MACHINE:** E. N. Small will make arrangements with the Highway Department to remove the refrigerator and copier from the Town Hall. It has also been suggested that should a working refrigerator be available that it be considered for use at the Town Hall.

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**FIRST FRANCHISE FEE FROM COMCAST:** A check in the amount of \$8,300 has been received. F. J. Ferreira, Jr. added that he received a call of complaint regarding the reduction in channels and increased cost. He received this call as the bill indicates that the Board of Selectmen should be contacted regarding cable service.

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION:** It has been also determined that bills for legal services relating to negotiations with Applecrest should be paid from the Conservation Commission fund.

**MOTION TO GO INTO NON-PUBLIC SESSION  
UNDER 91-a AT 7:36 PM TO DISCUSS WELFARE,  
PERSONNEL AND LITIGATION**

**MOTION: F. J. FERREIRA, JR.  
SECOND: P. G. ROBART  
Unanimous**

**MOTION TO GO OUT OF NON-PUBLIC SESSION  
AND ADJOURN AT 7:54 PM**

**MOTION: F. J. FERREIRA, JR.  
SECOND: P. G. ROBART  
Unanimous**

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