

TOWN OF HAMPTON FALLS

PRESENT: S. C. Volpone, Jr., Chairman, T. C. Tocci, S. C. Hanson, Selectmen;
E. N. Small, Town Administrator; L. A. Ruest, Administrative Assistant

EAST ROAD: The Board reviewed correspondence between C. Merrill and the Town Office. J. McEachern reported one morning he was working salting town roads when a call came over the portable radio indicating an auto accident on Route 95. He drove to East Road and salted the area to the emergency access gate to Route 95. He stated that C. Merrill was putting his rubbish out, flagged him down, and informed him that he had never seen anyone salting the road. J. McEachern informed him that it had been done before. C. Merrill began swearing at him at which time he drove away. Two answering machine messages were left by C. Merrill on J. McEachern's home phone.

In response to Board members' questions, J. McEachern reported that he started plowing for the Town about 1992. He noted that this area of roadway is not always plowed or salted but that when there's a call to Route 95, that area of East Road is cleared. He added that there is a water source for fire fighting in this area as well that is kept cleared. He stated that salt, sand or a mix has been used. S. C. Volpone, Jr. inquired as to using only sand and its effectiveness. J. McEachern stated sand will not melt snow or ice, however, would allow vehicles to travel the roadway. He further stated that the trucks are loaded with materials treated with Magic Salt. In order to sand only, efforts would need to be made to prepare a separate truck with just sand and this would affect the timing to service in the event of an emergency.

On advice of counsel, E. N. Small proposed that the Board consider declaring this area of roadway an emergency lane. This will allow for the area of roadway to be maintained in emergency situations, without affect to the agreement with the property owner(s). A public hearing will need to be held. T. C. Tocci stated it is important to keep this area of road open to allow emergency access to the gate at Route 95. The Board requested E. N. Small contact counsel to prepare a public hearing notice.

E. N. Small requested direction with regard to the additional inquiries submitted by C. Merrill. The Board requested that E. N. Small prepare a letter to C. Merrill for their signature to address the questions asked and the plowing/salting of a portion of East Road. E. N. Small added that he has plans to work with persons from UNH regarding the Highway Department/Road Agent and develop a program with regard to projects and the bidding process. S. C. Hanson offered to assist.

FROST BAN: It is anticipated that the frost ban can be lifted after Sunday/Monday's northeaster. The Board approved.

WAGE STUDY: E. N. Small provided the Board with a copy of a wage study that was conducted for the 2005 pay plan as requested. E. N. Small reviewed some of the factors that were used in this study. He added that R. Dirsa provided information with regard to a ranking officer's pay rate at that time and it was added to the pay plan. The information addresses those costs of hiring a person who needs training over an experienced officer.

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The signing of the 2007 Pay Plan was postponed last meeting waiting for this information. Following review, the Board approved and signed this pay plan. It was noted that a study of compensation will be conducted along with a review of benefits by a committee. Suggestion was made to have five members on the committee: three Selectmen, the Police Chief and a fifth member to be determined.

BUILDING INSPECTOR: E. N. Small has initiated an evaluation for K. C. Kelley in order to recommend him for permanent full-time status. Input will be solicited from the Planning Board and ZBA Chairmen.

In conjunction with this, department heads are being asked to identify goals to be accomplished in 2007. E. N. Small will meet with all department heads on Tuesday, April 17, to explain the requirement of goal setting and achievement. T. C. Tocci suggested that the status of goals be reviewed on a quarterly basis.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:

Library: S. C. Volpone, Jr. noted a potential conflict with S. C. Hanson as Trustee and T. C. Tocci as Selectmen's Representative to the Library Trustees. Should a matter pertaining to the Library Trustees require approval of the Board of Selectmen, two would be unable to act. S. C. Hanson stated that he would be willing to step down as Library Trustee so that T. C. Tocci could serve on the Library Trustees as Selectmen's Representative. The vacancy on the Library Trustees can be filled in accordance with RSA 69:75 (appointed by the Board of Selectmen).

MOTION: To assign T. C. Tocci as Selectmen's Representative to the Library Trustees in conjunction with S. C. Hanson stepping down as Library Trustee.

MOTION: T. C. TOCCI
SECOND: S. C. HANSON
UNANIMOUS

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

MOTION: S. C. VOLPONE, JR.
SECOND: T. C. TOCCI
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