

TOWN OF HAMPTON FALLS

PRESENT: P. G. Robart, Chairman; S. C. Volpone, Jr., Selectman;
E. N. Small, Town Administrator; L. A. Ruest, Administrative Assistant

BIDS FOR PAINTING TOWN HALL: E. N. Small reported that one bid from F. A. Gray in the amount of \$8,495 has been received. This contractor completed the painting of two sides of Town Hall last year. The bid was opened and provided to the Board for review. It was agreed to take this matter under advisement. The deadline for bids was April 19 at 4 p.m. This matter will be added to the next agenda.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION – CONSERVATION EASEMENT FOR APPLECREST FARM ORCHARDS – MAY 4 HEARING: The Board announced a scheduled public hearing for May 4, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall, to accept comment from citizens for the proposed purchase of conservation easements from Applecrest Farm Orchards. Conservation Commission Member L. Smith was present and provided a packet of information to the Hampton Union reporter.

BUILDING INSPECTOR – REPORT ON SMALLPOX BIOTERRORISM: This matter will be added to a future agenda.

OLD BUSINESS

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the April 6 meeting as written.

MOTION: S. C. VOLPONE, JR.

SECOND: P. G. ROBART

FINANCIAL REPORTS: E. N. Small reported a general fund balance of \$69,200. An updated cash flow spreadsheet was provided to the Board. The Treasurer reported \$79,500 in revenues collected for March. The Highway Department budget has \$32,400 available after the costs of the winter storms. Request is made by R. Robinson for signature for tax purposes with regard to donated work to install a culvert across Brown Road. R. B. Merrill will be asked to verify the work before signature is provided.

THANK YOU – STANLEY HAMEL DONATION OF 1847 HAMPTON FALLS

CHECKLIST: The Board signed a letter of thanks for the donation of this historical document.

ELDERLY EXEMPTION: The Board signed approval of a qualified request for elderly exemption.

APPLICATION FOR BOND ISSUE \$3,189,000: E. N. Small provided information with respect to applying, obtaining and investing this bond issue. He provided documentation outlining the costs of 20, 25 and 30 year bonds. The Board suggested taking this matter under advisement to allow time to review the figures.

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APPLICATION FOR CURRENT USE ASSESSMENT: The Board signed approval of an application for property on Martha's Court to place 28.7 acres in current use.

INVESTMENT OF EXCESS FUNDS: The Treasurer provided information on her research of current interest rates. Recommendation is to continue to invest in the Provident Bank, NH Deposit Pool and Fleet Bank. The Board approved.

TAX BILLS: Tax bills are expected to be processed on or about May 15 and mailed soon thereafter.

NEMRC: A representative of NEMRC has made his first visit to evaluate, upgrade and obtain information to update the tax receivables software.

ABATEMENT OF TAXES FOR MARSHLAND RECENTLY DONATED TO THE TOWN – BETTY MERRILL: A quitclaim conservation deed has been received from Betty Merrill for this donation of marshland. Taxes will be abated.

CHERRY V. HAMPTON FALLS – RESCHEDULED TO AUGUST 1 – ROCKINGHAM SUPERIOR COURT: This case has been rescheduled from April 25 to August 1, 2005.

APPOINTMENT PROCESS FOR BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT: E. N. Small stated that there is a need for a process for appointment. The Board of Selectmen appoints to the ZBA. There is a need for diversity and attention to conflict.

APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE TO ROCKINGHAM PLANNING COMMISSION: An appointment is being considered by the Planning Board. Once recommendation is received, the Board can make an appointment.

DAVID WEST – DESIGNATED CIRCUIT RIDER PLANNER FOR HAMPTON FALLS:

APPOINTMENT OF TED TOCCI – CIP/MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE: The Board signed an appointment.

TOWN CLOCK: Preparations are being made to repair the Town Clock as approved by warrant article. Suggestion to gold leaf the numbers/letters is being researched. The contractor is asking that the Town provide the cut outs. P. G. Robart is to meet with American Steeple and Tower Clock to discuss the work to be done.

LETTER TO NH BUREAU OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT RE: SPILLWAY FOR WHITTIER POND DAM: A copy of a letter prepared by Fire Chief J. M. Lord seeking state or federal funds to upgrade the spillway gate at the dam for Whittier Pond was provided to the Board.

SANBORNROAD CULVERT BIDS DUE MAY 4, 4:00 PM:

INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT WITH APPLECREST FARMS FOR OLD STAGE ROAD: Chairman Robart signed this agreement on behalf of the Town.

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MOTION: To authorize the Chairman to sign an indemnification agreement on behalf of the Town.

MOTION: S. C. Volpone, Jr.
SECOND: P. G. Robart

NEW BUSINESS

NH SELECTPERSON INSTITUTE – FOUR SESSIONS – CONCORD, NH: E. N. Small provided the Board with information regarding this training.

GOALS AND PRIORITY LIST FOR TOWN ADMINISTRATOR: E. N. Small reported on the tasks he is currently addressing.

INTENT TO CUT: An application for intent to cut for P. Wagner for Avery Ridge subdivision was signed by the Board.

APPLICATION FOR VETERAN’S EXEMPTION: The Chairman signed approval of an application for a qualified taxpayer.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS FOR MARCH 2005: An updated listing of transfers was provided to the Board. This listing is now prepared by the Tax Collector.

AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE BYWAY SIGN AT THE OLD LIBRARY: E. N. Small showed the Board the small sign requested to be placed at the Old Library. The Board approved.

COMCAST COMMUNICATION – ON DEMAND PROGRAMMING AND HBO: E. N. Small referred the Board to a copy of this communication.

OTHER:

LCHIP – HURD FARM: Conservation Commission Member K. Ayers is working with counsel reviewing the wording of this project agreement. The Board will need to endorse the project agreement and easement by Chairman signatures.

MOTION: To authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Town.

MOTION: S. C. VOLPONE, JR.
SECOND: P. G. ROBART

**MOTION TO GO INTO NONPUBLIC SESSION
AT 7:30 PM TO DISCUSS LITIGATION,
LAND ACQUISITION, WELFARE, PERSONNEL**

MOTION: P. G. ROBART
SECOND: S. C. VOLPONE, JR.

**MOTION TO SEAL THE MINUTES AND GO OUT
OF NON-PUBLIC SESSION AND ADJOURN
AT 8:07 PM**

MOTION: S. C. VOLPONE, JR.
SECOND: P. G. ROBART