

**TOWN OF HAMPTON FALLS**

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

**BUILDING INSPECTOR:**

R. B. Vigneau referred the Board to his report for the month of April noting that activity has increased now that spring has arrived. He reported a concern of a homeowner cutting trees from the town right of way on a scenic road. He explained how this occurred and added that the homeowner plans to rebuild the stone wall across the front of the property and plant new trees. The Board requested R. B. Vigneau send the property owner a letter outlining the corrective action that is to take place to correct this matter. R. B. Vigneau also referred the Board to his Code Enforcement report and outlined the status of each item. The issue of structures in the setback has been resolved and closed. Other items remain open.

R. B. Vigneau attended a seminar on Asian Flu and learned the intentions of the state should this become a health concern nationally. He will attend a seminar relating to smallpox and bioterrorism on May 11 with Fire Chief J. M. Lord.

R. B. Vigneau has been working to obtain estimates for the widening of the ramp to the addition and also to replace the doors. A door bell is suggested to allow for assistance to those who cannot enter the building unassisted. The issue of the replacement of the doors and automatic door openers has been placed on hold given the significant cost and that there is no requirement to have them.

E. N. Small informed R. B. Vigneau and the Board of a proposed date to hold Lifeline screenings at the Town Hall. This screening has been held at the Baptist Church in the past. E. N. Small will follow-up and confirm.

R. B. Vigneau and J. M. Lord are working to place screens on the venting system for the Town Hall heating system as birds have nested and repairs have been required.

**ROAD AGENT:**

R. B. Merrill reported that the tree logs and brush along roadsides as a result of winter storms have been cleaned up. Grinding of the stumps will be held off until the budget allows. FEMA has informed that Hampton Falls qualifies for grant assistance for two 2005 winter storms. L. A. Ruest is preparing the information now. E. N. Small stated there may be a need to request additional funds through the Department of Revenue Administration. Crack sealing is taking place at this time. R. B. Merrill would like to continue this on a number of roads to help hold them together until scheduled paving can take place.

E. N. Small has contacted Jeff Simpson to remove the brush from the Brush Dump and Waste Management has been notified and is to provide containers for White Goods Day on May 14. Bids for culvert work are due today and estimates for paving are expected.

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R. B. Merrill and R. B. Vigneau informed the Board of a hazardous situation with respect to an insect infested tree on Drinkwater Road. Recommendation is to remove the tree, however, it falls within the need for scenic road alteration permit. The Board concurred with the indication of the hazardous situation and agreed it should be removed.

**MOTION:** To deem the large pine tree on Drinkwater Road hazardous as recommended by the Road Agent.

**MOTION:** F. J. FERREIRA, JR.

**SECOND:** S. C. VOLPONE, JR.

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**FIRE CHIEF:**

J. M. Lord referred the Board to the Department's report for April noting that calls are down, however, service calls for burn permits have increased. He reported that state regulations for burning have changed to include a need for a permit for chimineas and fire pits. J. M. Lord is working on an outdoor burning ordinance for the Town.

J. M. Lord has contacted agencies with respect to providing funding to assist with the spillway on Route 1 at Whittier Pond. D. Deporter of DOT District 6 has indicated this matter is not part of their long-term plans at this time but that he would check into the matter and call back. J. M. Lord will follow up with the Board at that time. The Board approved the request to stencil mark the oil recycling container at the brush dump with information and contact number.

J. M. Lord provided the Board with information regarding SAFER grants. This grant relates to staffing for first responder personnel. Program details were provided to the Board. J. M. Lord stated he would use this person during the daytime hours when volunteers are unavailable. Following discussion, the Board stated they would be willing to discuss this matter further should the award be granted.

A letter of thanks to L. Anderson's efforts in grant writing was signed by the Board.

**POLICE CHIEF:**

R. Dirsa distributed his report for April to include statistics, incidents and the plan for the delivery of the new cruiser. A request for door-to-door distribution of business literature was discussed. R. Dirsa stated that he has talked with the applicant and suggests setting a deadline. E. N. Small recommended obtaining a letter from the company, making the permit contingent upon locating in Hampton Falls, setting a six-month deadline and seeking proof of identification. Following discussion, the Board signed conditional approval of the request. Chairman Robart signed the permit on behalf of the Board.

**STEVE AND KAREN SABATINI, 192 EXETER ROAD, PURCHASE OF Map 4, Lot 35:**

Steve and Karen Sabatini were present. E. N. Small informed the Board of their interest to purchase a one-quarter acre parcel owned by the Town that abuts their property. E. N. Small noted that it has been the Board's position in the past not to sell town-owned land as there may

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be a future need for it. Mr. & Mrs. Antippas have shown an interest in purchasing this parcel in the past.

S. Sabatini stated that he has resided at this location for 10 years and that the parcel would become contiguous with his property. He noted that the parcel had been notched out of his lot. He questioned what other use there would be for the lot and noted that he currently maintains it by mowing to allow for site distance on Route 88. The Board agreed to visit the site and discuss it further at a future meeting. This matter will be added to the May 18 agenda to set a date and time for a site visit.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

The minutes of the April 20 meeting will be reviewed at the next meeting.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:** E. N. Small reported a negative balance in the General Fund. Certain payments are being withheld pending issuance of the tax bills. The Town Clerk reported \$58,100 collected in April.

**APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS:** T. Tocci has already been appointed to the Rockingham Planning Commission. No action is needed by the Selectmen at this time. Recommendation has been received from the Planning Board.

**HAMPTON'S WASTE WATER PLANT:** E. Small presented the Selectmen with a copy of Hampton's policy which permits area towns to have sewage disposed at Hampton's facility.

**NH MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S MEETING – MAY 20, CONCORD:** E. N. Small plans to attend this meeting.

**APPLICATION FOR BOND ISSUE:** The approval for bond issue has been received. E. N. Small will work with bond counsel. The Board needs to make a decision with respect to the open space bond before May 18. A meeting was set for Thursday, May 12, 7 p.m. to decide on this matter.

**2004 TAX LIEN:** A copy of the 2004 tax lien as prepared by the Tax Collector was provided to the Board.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND SYMPATHY – FORMER BOA MEMBER BRYAN RICHARDS:** The Board acknowledged the passing of Bryan Richards and signed a sympathy card to the family.

**RECYCLABLES – COLLECTION PROBLEMS – APRIL 22:** E. N. Small reported that he continues to keep record of problems with collection.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MAY 4, 2005**

**7:30 AM  
TOWN HALL**

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**HURD FARM EASEMENT:** This easement has been completed.

**HEARING ON APPLECREST FARM CONSERVATION EASEMENT – WEDNESDAY,  
MAY 4, 7 PM**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**2004 EQUALIZED VALUATION – DEPT. OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION: ?????**

**WORKFORCE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN EXETER – GRAND OPENING,  
MAY 9, 10 AM**

**RECOMMENDATION FOR APPOINTING AN ALTERNATE TO THE BOARD OF  
LIBRARY TRUSTEES:** A letter of recommendation dated April 25, 2005 was reviewed by the Board. The appointment form was signed by the Board.

**MOTION:** To appoint Hugh Schrier as Alternate Member to the Library Trustees.

**MOTION:** F. J. FERREIRA, JR.  
**SECOND:** S. C. VOLPONE, JR.  
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**MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES, TOWN COMMON, MONDAY, MAY 30, 9 AM**

**MOTION TO GO INTO NONPUBLIC SESSION  
AT 9:03 AM TO DISCUSS LITIGATION,  
LAND ACQUISITION, WELFARE, PERSONNEL**

**MOTION:** P. G. ROBART  
**SECOND:** F. J. FERREIRA, JR.  
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**MOTION TO SEAL THE MINUTES AND GO OUT  
OF NON-PUBLIC SESSION AND ADJOURN  
AT 9:23 AM**

**MOTION:** F. J. FERREIRA, JR.  
**SECOND:** S. C. VOLPONE, JR.  
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