

PRESENT: T. C. Tocci, S. C. Hanson, M. J. Farinola, Selectmen;
E. N. Small, Town Administrator; K.Sabatini, Deputy Town Clerk

IZIP GRANT APPLICATION:

C. Brown, Planning Board Chair, requested the support of the Selectmen regarding its applying for an IZIP grant. The grant would be used for professional help to re-work parts of our current Elderly/Multi Family Housing Ordinance to include a guarantee component that would insure continuance of the workforce housing. C. Brown stated that Rockingham County has been selected to help with the program and stated that we need a plan for workforce housing. C. Brown said the grant could be as high as \$9,000 but the Planning Board was seeking \$7,000. S. C. Hanson asked who would attend the workshops. C. Brown indicated that Planning Board members would attend workshops. M. J. Farinola stated that there are no current restrictions to fifty five plus housing and we have no control that is legal so they stay under our ordinances. T.C. Tocci would like the committee to look into ordinance. S.C. Hanson agreed and seeks to keep it affordable. A signed letter of support was given to C. Brown with Selectmen's approval.

OLD BUSINESS

WORKSHOP ON COMMUNICATION – Local Government Center;

E. N. Small indicated that he is scheduling time to attend this workshop. E. N. Small plans to attend an evening session which lasts approximately one hour. E. N Small is hoping to attend the workshop on June 21.

2007 TAX LIEN

Tax Collector Mary A. Hill presented an affidavit of Execution of Real Estate Tax Lien. M. A. Hill certified that she gave notice of the impending lien on March 17th 2008 in accordance with RSA 80:59 for Levy 2007. The execution date will be April 21, 2008.

RECOMMENDATION FOR THE DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR:

E. N. Small advised the Board that five applicants have been interviewed and a decision was made to hire Abigail Tonry as Deputy Tax Collector. M. J Farinola said it would be far better to cross train existing positions rather than adding people to payroll. M. J. Farinola alluded to the situation in North Hampton where one person maintains the position of Town Clerk/Tax Collector. E. N. Small said the immediate difference in North Hampton's example is one that was voted by residents. M. J Farinola claims there are many people on payroll and cited several examples of people in Hampton Falls doing multiple jobs. Tax Collector M. A. Hill said hours of operation of the Tax Collector's office are longer than stated and there was the issue of part time employees working on per-diem basis versus full- timers who get benefits. M.A Hill stated changes have to be done by town vote.

MOTION: To accept Abigail Tonry as Deputy Tax Collector on a six-month probationary basis.

MOTION: **S. C. Hanson**

SECOND: **T. C. Tocci**

UNANIMOUS

LETTER – PROCEDURE FOR REVIEW OF PROPERTY VALUATIONS

The Selectmen reviewed a memo of steps involved when a property owner requests to review property values used in determining their property tax bill. The memo was approved and signed by the Selectmen.

CASH FLOW SPREADSHEET

Selectmen reviewed cash flow revised on 4/20/08. S. C. Hanson stated that according to the estimates we are over budget. Tax Collector M. A Hill was asked about payment of tax bills. M. A. Hill said that after bills are sent there is a cluster of payment, a slow period then another spike as due dates approach.

HERITAGE COMMISSION:

Five (5) Volunteer Applications have been received to serve on the Commission. T.C. Tocci would like to meet the applicants and requested that E. N. Small invite the applicants to the Selectmen meeting of May 21. S. C. Hanson agreed. M. J. Farinola questioned when voting would be done. Selectmen agreed to select members at the June 4 meeting. B. Mutrie, raised concern and said applicants need to be qualified under RSA 6743A. B. Mutrie requests that applicants demonstrate what they can do for the Commission.

2007 AUDIT

T. C. Tocci reported that the 2007 audit would soon be delivered from the town's auditors Plodzik & Sanderson. M. J. Farinola asked how long the town had done business with the same auditor and suggested a new firm to provide a fresh look. S. C. Hanson said that he thinks that establishing a relationship is important and is in support of using the same firm. S. C. Hanson would like to get quotes from other firms to be sure Hampton Falls is getting a good price. M. A. Hill said that there are existing problems with several NH town auditors and many auditors are being audited. M. J. Farinola asked if we need a forensic audit.

COALITION COMMUNITIES

T. C. Tocci indicated that the Coalition Communities group of the Seacoast is looking for support from the town. S. C. Hanson made note of an article in a newspaper referring to SB539 and thought that students would receive more funding. Hampton Falls is not a donor community and an increase in property taxes could be raised between 48 cents and \$2.48.

REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR DAMAGED MAIL BOX IN February 2006

A letter from resident William Kenney was received stating that town snowplows had torn up grass and knocked over his mailbox on Oak Drive. Mr. Kenney is seeking reimbursement from the town for damages. Selectmen, T.C. Tocci, S. C. Hanson and M. J. Farinola agreed to reimburse Mr. Kenney \$20 for his damages in accordance with the damaged mailbox policy.

CARDBOARD RECYCLING

T. C. Tocci stated that we continue to have problems at the brush dump where residents/non residents are disposing unwanted trash, tires, cardboard, etc. Police Chief R. Dirsra contacted resident/consultant Eugene Keller for a recommendation. Mr. Keller suggested installing a surveillance camera at the dump site. S. C. Hanson questioned if there is an ordinance for fines if caught illegally dumping and suggested perhaps placing a non active camera with a sign that is posted. M. J. Farinola suggested that during white goods day the area be cleaned and raked perhaps that would discourage after hours dumping at the site closes.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

T.C. Tocci reviewed the flyer that was issued in regard to Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day held on Saturday, May 10, 2008 sponsored by Southeast Regional Refuse Disposal.

NEW BUSINESS

LETTER OF RECOGNITION TO STUDENT, PONTBRIAND– STATE MATH COUNTS

T. C. Tocci acknowledged Mr. Pontbriand as number one (#1) in the state and requests that a letter of recognition be done and presented to Mr. Pontbriand at the next Selectmen's meeting.

LETTER RECEIVED FROM TOWN RESIDENT REGARDING PUBLIC COMMENTS

Resident Susan Smylie submitted a letter dated April 14, 2008 to the Board of Selectmen expressing distress over the fact that during the April 2, 2008 Selectmen's meeting comments were made that there would be no time allotted for public comment on the agenda. The Selectmen have agreed that public comment would be allowed after Old Business was addressed and would restrict comments to five minutes to allow other discussion. M. J. Farinola commented that in the interest of the issue we should welcome all comments. T. C. Tocci noted that if we did not have the answer during the meeting the issue/s may need to be re-addressed at the next meeting.

PERAMBULATION OF BOUNDS WITH THE TOWN OF HAMPTON

Selectmen received a letter from Hampton Town Manager, Frederick Welch stating that the town lines need to be perambulated in accordance with provisions of New Hampshire Revised Law Annotated, Chapter 51 Town Lines and Perambulation of Boundaries. The

Hampton Board suggests that the perambulation between the towns be carried out in October or November 2008. T.C. Tocci questioned E. N. Small on required attendance. E. N. Small claimed that the entire board is not required to attend. However, Hampton Falls (3) Selectmen have expressed interest in attending. E. N. Small to establish with Hampton the dates of: September 29th, October 6th and November 3rd as possible dates.

SPECIAL APPRAISAL OF RESIDENCE IN COMMERCIAL ZONES RSA 75:10 AND 75:11

The Selectmen reviewed the Title V Taxation definition and Residences in Industrial or Commercial Zones. Owners of record of any residence located in an industrial or commercial zone may apply for a special appraisal on or before April 15th of each year. The Selectmen motion to allow eligible residences who correctly complies. M. J. Farinola asked how residents are notified. Residents are notified via letter.

HIGHWAY'S

OWNERS OF LAND AROUND SWAIN DRIVE

Jared F. Gove submitted a formal request that Swain Drive remains a private road. Mr. Gove is prepared to accept responsibilities of road maintenance and upkeep. M. J. Farinola requested that the Planning Board reviews the original plans and asked if Mr. Gove owns other land that touches the road. C. Brown is concerned that future access to the abutting land would land lock the parcels if this road remains private. Selectmen agreed that no decision would be made until further review.

REPORTS OF THE SELECTMEN'S REPRESENTATIVE ON THE;

PLANNING BOARD – S. C. HANSON

S. C. Hanson reported that five applications were received the largest being the Raspberry Farm which is expected to be accepted during the month of May. S. C. Hanson also stated that a permit to rebuild a rock wall along a scenic road. The Planning Board also received two other proposals one for a fish market and another for an amendment to rebuild commercial condos damaged in a fire..

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT – M. J. FARINOLA

M. J. Farinola reported that one application that was submitted was denied. M. J. Farinola also stated that three other applications have been submitted one for a repair to correct a roof, a correction of a septic system and the other to open real estate along Route 1.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION – T. C. TOCCI

T. C. Tocci reported that the town clean up will take place around Earth Day and that a meeting was set to discuss the wetland set back plan around Swain Road. The Commission is looking to see what can be done with regard to recycling light bulbs.

FIRE DEPARTMENT – M. J. FARINOLA

M. J. Farinola reported that a meeting was held to vote for officers. M. J. Farinola also commented that there is public interest in the Department.

ENERGY COMMITTEE – S. C. HANSON

S. C. Hanson reported that the Committee's first meeting was to introduce the team and work on a mission statement and come up with an ultimate goal. Each member of the Committee was assigned a task to bring to the table for town buildings and individuals. The Committee will review possibilities with respect to grants and programs without costs. S.C. Hanson said that the Committee will meet on May 15th and that he would like the team to meet with the Selectmen.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Previous minutes will be reviewed at the next Selectmen's meeting on Wednesday, May 21st, 6:30 Town Hall.

Meeting Adjourned 7:30pm

Respectfully Submitted, Karen Sabatini