

TOWN OF HAMPTON FALLS

PRESENT: S. C. Volpone, Jr., Chairman, T. C. Tocci, S. C. Hanson, Selectmen;
E. N. Small, Town Administrator, Peter Robart.

Chairman S. Volpone called the meeting to order at 7:34 a.m.

Recreation - Workshop – Governor Weare Park (GWP)

This workshop was organized to understand and resolve issues over the use of the playing fields at GWP, specifically the soccer field (hereinafter called the “right field”) that is adjacent to the baseball field.

Peter Robart, instrumental in the development of Governor Weare Park, was present to provide the Board with a history of the plans for these athletic fields. P. Robart presented the original plan for the “multi use fields,” which included two soccer fields (west and right fields) and a baseball field, along with a forty car parking area. Lacrosse games are now played on the right field.

The original plans had soccer being played on the left field during the soccer season and that the soccer would also be played on right field in the fall and baseball in the spring and early summer. The right field and the baseball field overlap and when baseball is being played, it needs to use part of the right field as the outfield and vice versa.

Selectmen have met with representatives of the Hampton Youth Association (HYA) and had been told there was no conflict in scheduling baseball during the spring and early summer. As a result of several meetings, the Board has revised the proposed Agreement and has hired town counsel review it.

In the meantime, the Board learned from Jim MacVane of Hampton Attack that the right field is used in the spring for soccer games and lacrosse practices and games. Lacrosse needs a larger field than soccer and that’s why Lacrosse uses the larger right field. T. Tocci and S. Hanson were concerned that they were not made aware of the potential conflict in the timing of the use of the soccer fields.

The problem arises due to plans for installing a temporary fence in the outfield which interferes with soccer and lacrosse. S. Hanson asked if the outfield had to have a fence.

Peter emphasized that Jim MacVane has been made aware that eventually baseball would be played on the field and that it would limit the use of the right field.

Peter recommended that the scheduled soccer games should not be interrupted this season and that the HYA may not install the temporary fence this year. He will confirm with HYA. He pointed out that there are about 70 children from Hampton Falls that participate in little league baseball.

The Board agreed that the Recreation Commission is responsible to work with the athletic organizations to develop a plan for the use of Governor Weare Park. Selectmen asked E. Small

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to contact the Recreation Commission to meet with the Selectmen on Monday May 14, 6:30 pm to discuss its role with GWP.

The Board made the following plans:

- 1. P. Robart will contact Mark Lane of HYA about the plans for fencing.**
- 2. Selectmen will meet with the Recreation Commission on Monday, May 14, 6:30 p.m.**
- 3. Selectmen will meet with all parties at the Selectmen's meeting on Wednesday, May 16, 7:30 am at the Town Hall. Invitations to attend will be made to Jim MacVane of Hampton Attack, Mark Lane of HYA and the Recreation Commission.**

Peter Robart said Larry Smith and he will fertilize and lime the Town Common and GWP on Wed or Thursday of this week.

E. Small will check with Dodge's Agway about fertilizing and how long it would take before the treated areas can be used. The time period is 3 days. Signs should be posted to warn the public of the fertilizer.

Peter said that Dick Robinson plans to install the drainage to the right of the baseball field within a short time once the area becomes dry.

With Larry Smith's appointment, there will be six members on the Recreation Commission and the Selectmen would like to appoint a seventh member. E. Small will check to see if Larry Smith's appointment has been signed.

OLD BUSINESS

Employee Benefits - Compensation Committee

Selectmen are looking for a fifth person to serve on the newly created Compensation Committee. P. Robart declined the offer to serve on the Committee due to availability.

S. Hanson recommended Susan Hemlepp of 30 Crystal Drive. She works in human resources at D. G. O'Brien in Seabrook. Shawn will ask her if she is willing to serve.

Fire / Police - Workshop on Emergency Lane Public Hearing

The Board will review the emergency lane proposal at its workshop on May 24.

Solid Waste - White Goods Day - June 9

E. Small will make all the arrangements for the White Goods Day on June 9, including brush removal, roll offs/compactors, electronics recycling and the removal of all collected material, including Freon, metals, tires.

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Conservation – Biggi File

S. Hanson is taking the TA's files on the Biggi property in preparation for the upcoming meeting between the CC negotiation team and Pam Biggi.

NEW BUSINESS

Executive – Contracts and Agreements

E. Small explained that funds are set aside in the Financial Administration for clerical help. He would like to get the Agreement and Contracts files re-organized, along with other files in the TA's office. E. Small will first talk with Marietta Garavaglia, who is the TA's Clerk, and if she declines, he will talk with others on the town hall staff.

Welfare – Fair Hearing Request

Selectmen agreed to hold the hearing on Monday, May 14, 7 a.m. E. Small will consult with the Welfare Association as to the format and procedures for this public hearing.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Minutes taken by E. N. Small

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