

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

**JIM MACVANE – SOCCER GAMES AT GOVERNOR WEARE PARK:**

**GENERAL MEETING OF ALL ORGANIZATIONS WITH AN INTEREST IN  
GOVERNOR WEARE PARK. – RECREATION COMMISSION, HAMPTON ATTACK  
AND HAMPTON YOUTH ASSOCIATION**

- 1. ROLE OF RECREATION COMMISSION AND USE OF GOVERNOR WEARE PARK**
- 2. USE OF THE FIELDS IN 2007**
- 3. TEMPORARY FENCE IN THE OUTFIELD**
- 4. AGREEMENTS WITH ATHLETIC ASSOCIATIONS USING GWP**
- 5. FERTILIZE FIELD IN 2007?**
- 6. DRAINAGE ON EAST SIDE OF BASEBALL FIELD**

J. Macvane explained to the Board that Hampton Attack uses the fields at Governor Weare Park for both soccer and lacrosse and that there are requirements for field sizes for each sport as well as each age group. Over the years, he has provided schedules to the Recreation Commission Chairman. He stated concern with placing a fence for baseball as it will preclude Hampton Attack from use of the larger field which would ultimately eliminate the use of the field for the older age group as well as continuing with spring sports.

Peter Robart stated he spoke with J. Macvane regarding concerns and stated that he was unaware of the lacrosse program. In the past, fall was the major sports time for soccer and there was access to both fields. J. Macvane explained that lacrosse needs an area behind the goals; thus the need for the larger field. A seasonal fence for baseball would take up 30% of the field needed for lacrosse.

Discussion took place with regard to placing and removing the fence each game or each Sunday. J. Macvane noted that Hampton Attack needs the fields for game time and could practice around the fence (if the schedule is perfect) taking into consideration that there will be make-up games. Referees, other towns and the weather all play into using the fields.

Larry Smith empathized with J. Macvane stating there are not enough fields available for use in the area noting that the younger teams only play games without practices. L. Smith stated he felt the baseball field would be used consistently with a fence in place and that it is critical that the field be available for baseball. This would prohibit soccer in the spring. Question was raised as to whether there is a safety concern with repeatedly installing and removing the fence. The Board reviewed photos of a proposed fence that is also used at Knowles Field in North Hampton. Mark Lane presented information similar to this fence.

Pam Fitzgerald inquired as to the number of players on the teams. J. Macvane reported approximately 150 (100 lacrosse/50 soccer); 15 lacrosse and six soccer players are from Hampton Falls). It was noted that approximately 50 Hampton Falls' children participate in the HYA baseball program. P. Fitzgerald noted that the use of the fields on Sundays does not affect the neighboring church.

Discussion of the ability to use and the availability of other area fields took place to include Lincoln Akerman School, Knowles Field in North Hampton and others. Suggestion was made to consider the Fire Department field in Hampton Falls. J. Macvane stated that the sport of lacrosse has requirements for specific field dimensions per age group.

Although there is no plan to interfere with this year's schedules, the matter needs to be considered for next year. S. C. Volpone, Jr. asked whether compromises could be made by Hampton Attack and Hampton Youth Association in order to work around the use of the baseball field. He stated he would like to see alternatives for use of other fields.

T. C. Tocci noted that this matter was originally presented to the Selectmen when, in fact, it belonged with the Recreation Commission. Additional members have since been added to the Commission to assist with the handling of the playing fields at Governor Weare Park. S. C. Hanson stated he would like to see a compromise regarding the use of the fields and the fence issue and further indicated he is not interested in the fence given its preclusion to use of fields.

E. N. Small reported that the Selectmen are currently working on the agreement with the Hampton Youth Association and stated they would like to obtain agreements from all groups using Governor Weare Park playing fields.

At this time, it is necessary to get to a position where all can compromise. There is a need to determine the portability of the fence and the issue of Sundays.

**TOWN COMMON IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE – PROGRESS REPORT:** P. Robart and L. Smith applied lime to the Common per John Dodge's recommendation. J. Dodge has provided specific recommendation. Plan is to apply lime again in the fall and follow J. Dodge's other recommendations. J. Dodge does not recommend irrigation. E. N. Small reported that arrangements will be made with Unutil to assist with the monument and painting of the flag pole.

**AMERICAN LIBERTY ELMS – PROGRESS REPORT:** L. Smith reported he received a call from the WalMart representative who requested a letter from the Town. The letter has been sent. A check is to be forwarded so that the trees can be obtained. P. Robart is donating a truck to pick them up. There will be additional cost to dig up one tree. P. Fitzgerald stated that S. Merrill would prefer one elm be planted at the Town Common in Dick's memory. The Selectmen are to authorize the costs and locations to plant. E. N. Small will schedule a meeting with D. Deporter of District 6 for plantings on state roads.

L. Smith restated that he would like to continue with this Elm project and reviewed how it works with the Board. T. C. Tocci suggested it be part of the Town Common Improvement Committee's responsibilities.

- **OLD BUSINESS**

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**      **5-1-07 / 5-2-07 / 5-8-07**

**MOTION:** To approve the minutes of the May 1 and May 8 meetings as written.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
TOWN OF HAMPTON FALLS**

**MAY 16, 2007  
7:30 AM**

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

S. C. Hanson amended the minutes of May 2, specifically, page six, to read:

**“HYA BASEBALL FIELD AGREEMENT:** In conjunction with counsel, E. N. Small revised this document to remove the word “exclusive” from the approved use (ref #2). S. C. Hanson noted concern with the fields being used by soccer and lacrosse during the time allotted for baseball and suggested this be brought to the attention of the Recreation Commission. Signage is to be provided by the Hampton Youth Association ~~and once the fence is installed, it might solve the problem of use of the (outfield) soccer field.”~~

**MOTION:** To approve the minutes of the May 2 meeting as amended.

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

**FINANCIAL REPORTS-GENERAL FUND BALANCE:** Tax bills are to be mailed this week and are due July 2, 2007.

**ACTION ITEMS FROM MAY 1, 2, 8, MEETINGS:** An updated listing was provided to the Board. T. C. Tocci requested that the category of Town Common be revised to remove the words “and fertilize.”

**SELECTMEN’S MEETING WITH THE FIRE & POLICE DEPARTMENTS:** This matter will be added to the next agenda.

**RESPONSE TO CHRIS MERRILL’S INQUIRES OF 3-22-07 AND 4-6-07:** The Board signed a letter of response to C. Merrill’s inquiries. A subsequent letter has been received dated May 9, 2007. S. C. Volpone, Jr. noted its C. Merrill’s intention to submit his concerns to the Attorney General. The Board requested E. N. Small answer the May 9 letter checking with Town Counsel before answering the question relating to personnel.

S. C. Hanson requested background on the disposal of the Building Inspector vehicle last year. It was explained that the vehicle was in such a condition that it couldn’t be given away and arrangements were made to remove it. S. C. Hanson suggested the Board establish a policy, describing a process, for the disposal of town property. T. C. Tocci requested E. N. Small draft a policy for the Board’s consideration. E. N. Small noted that a warrant article approved in the past authorizes the Board to handle some matters. He will research this as well.

**SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES – REVISED 5-13-07:** A revised schedule was provided to the Board and posted.

**COALITION – LETTER SENT TO HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE –  
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**

**PLANS FOR FIRST MEETING OF THE COMPENSATION COMMITTEE – MAY 30, 2007, 4 PM:** This meeting is for the Selectmen to meet Susan Hemlepp and to conduct an interview for consideration as member of this committee.

**SPECIAL PERMIT FOR HAMPTON FALLS FOR MOSQUITO CONTROL PROGRAM IN 2007:** The mosquito control program permit has been received from the State. E. N. Small provided the Board with a sample ordinance for Mosquito Control. This matter needs to be reviewed with the Health Officer. S. C. Volpone, Jr. stated he is not in favor of adding another ordinance at this time. He suggested waiting until a problem arises. Board members will review and provide comments to E. N. Small.

**WETLANDS BUREAU COMPLAINT – DES INSPECTION – 49 LAFAYETTE RD:** A copy of a notice of complaint letter to the owner of Map 7, Lot 58 was provided to the Board.

**MASS CASUALTY INCIDENT DRILL CONTRACT – JAY LORD:** Notice of a meeting of May 21 at 10:00 a.m. was provided to the Board. There is no need for Selectmen to attend.

**FEMA GRANT APPLICATION:** L. A. Ruest will work with J. M. Lord and R. B. Merrill, Jr. to prepare the paperwork relating to the May storm, review it with the FEMA representative and submit it for consideration.

**SITE VISIT TO FRYING PAN LANE:** E. N. Small suggested the Board visit this site as well as other concerns in Town to determine whether action is necessary. The Board agreed to visit sites following the June 13 meeting. E. N. Small will inform the Frying Pan Lane resident of the date and approximate time and will also prepare an itinerary.

**UPDATE ON ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE JUNE 9 WHITE GOODS DAY:**

**FREON UNITS (REFRIGERATORS / AIR CONDITIONERS) MUST BE SEPARATE FROM ALL OTHER METALS**

R. B. Merrill, Jr. will provide safety cones and will also assist with white goods collection. E. N. Small contacted North East Resource Recovery with regard to removal of metals. Request has been made to line up the appliances for Freon removal and not mix them with others. E. N. Small will contact J. M. Lord to make arrangements to remove the trailer from the Brush Dump. S. C. Volpone, Jr. asked E. N. Small to make arrangements for a general cleanup of the Brush Dump at the same time removal of other items is done. Name tags will be prepared for the participants and volunteers. E. N. Small provided the projected costs for Waste Management to provide containers and compactors. There is a separate cost for the electronics recycling container.

**OTHER**

**HIGHWAY SAFETY:** E. N. Small has reviewed meeting minutes and reviewed signage issues with the Road Agent. Two street signs have been ordered to address a matter of confusion on Weare Road and also one to replace the missing sign at Old Stage Road.

- **NEW BUSINESS**

**PART TIME CLERK TO THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR:** Marietta Garavaglia has taken over coordination of the Road Committee and Conservation Commission and has agreed to work on additional projects.

**SELECTMEN'S MEETINGS IN JUNE. – RESCHEDULE TO JUNE 13 AND 27? (JUNE 20-22 -TA –ANNUAL NHMMA MTG):** Discussion of conflicts and the scheduling of upcoming meetings took place. S. C. Hanson noted that resident(s) have mentioned they are unable to attend morning meetings and requested that the Board consider meeting nights.

The Board agreed to meet:

June 13, 7:30 am

June 27, 7:30 am

Summer Schedule:

July 11, 7:30 am

July 25, 7:30 am

August 1, 7:30 am

August 15, 7:30 am

**VERIZON IN HAMPTON FALLS:** A resident has inquired about this service. Verizon telephone and internet are available, however, television is not. S. C. Hanson reported that he continues to review the Town's telephone and internet services.

**ELECTION FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE – REPLACE REP. O'KEEFE:** Hampton Falls is part of the District this Representative falls under. The Town of Seabrook has notified the State to hold an election.

**TRANSFER OF DOMAIN NAME – EMAIL:** L. A. Ruest reported that the Town's domain name of hamptonfalls.org has been placed with Arten Technology for management at a lower cost.

**INCREASE IN TOWN'S TAXABLE VALUATION – \$11,500,000**

**TASC - TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE FOR SEACOAST CITIZENS:** T. C. Tocci reported that he attended a NH Planning Seminar where the main speaker talked about the changing demographics in New Hampshire to include how much older the population is getting and the growing need for services.

T. C. Tocci mentioned this program to the Board last year. He reviewed the program with the Board and noted that town churches generally contribute; however, the local church in Hampton Falls did not. T. C. Tocci noted concern of not supporting the Town and nonprofit organizations and suggested the Board consider making a donation to the organization. E. N. Small will diary this matter for consideration of a warrant article at budget time.

**REPAIRS TO LIBRARY (ATTIC VENT ON NORTH SIDE) TOWN HALL  
(STRUCTURAL WORK ABOVE CENTER WINDOW IN GRANGE HALL) – PRICING:**

E. N. Small reported on the need for repairs. He obtained an estimate for the repair to the front window of the Town Hall. Money is available through existing warrant articles. The Board stated that if the costs are minimal, there is no need to obtain bids. However, if found to be significant, bids will be obtained.

R. B. Merrill has been asked to prepare figures for the work to remove the bulletin board and shrubbery at the front of the Town Hall.

**FIRST ENERGY TRAINING WORKSHOP – JUNE 7, PORTS. PUBLIC LIBRARY –  
sponsored by the Rockingham Planning Commission**

**DEARBORN SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE TO MEET AT TOWN HALL ON MAY 21  
to decide on scholarship awards.**

**COMPLAINT FORM RE SEPTIC SYSTEM AT 28 KENSINGTON RD:**

**ANNUAL MONITORING OF THE APPLECREST FARM EASEMENT BY NANCY  
ROKA OF THE ROCKINGHAM COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT:** N. Roka conducted the annual monitoring and will submit her report.

**OTHER**

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER:** K. Ayers reported concern with a misstatement made in a recent newsletter. Suggestion was made to include an article in the next Town newsletter clarifying the issue. S. C. Hanson will follow up with the Conservation Commission and request that something be submitted for inclusion in the next newsletter.

**NEXT SELECTMEN’S MEETING – WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13, 2007, 7:30 AM, TOWN  
HALL**

**MOTION TO GO INTO NONPUBLIC SESSION  
AT 9:23 AM TO DISCUSS WELFARE, PERSONNEL,  
AND ACQUISITION OF LAND**

**MOTION: S. C. VOLPONE, JR.  
SECOND: S. C. HANSON  
UNANIMOUS**

**MOTION TO GO OUT OF NON-PUBLIC SESSION  
AND ADJOURN AT 9:40 AM**

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