

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
JUNE 19, 2006**

**9:00 AM
TOWN HALL**

TOWN OF HAMPTON FALLS

PRESENT: F. J. Ferreira, Jr., Chairman; S. C. Volpone, Jr., T. C. Tocci, Selectmen;
E. N. Small, Town Administrator; J. Devers, Building Inspector; Jay Lord,
Fire Chief; Robbie Dirsra, Police Chief.

Meeting started at 9:05 am.

Purpose of the Meeting: To discuss compliance of the sign ordinance and the possible denial of access to Whittier Pond to the public and the town.

Doug Abrams owner of the "Big Bill's Wholesale Furniture and Mattress" on Route 1, called E. Small on Thursday, June 15, to complain about the way the Building Inspector had approached his store manager. Building Inspector J. Devers had been to the store twice about the removal of a temporary sign "Mattress Sale," as it violated the Hampton Falls Zoning Ordinance. D. Abrams said that he would deny access to Whittier Pond.

Chief Lord explained that there are two dry hydrants that draw water from Whittier Pond, one from Route 1 and the other from the landing which is on Abrams' property and within the 100-foot setback from wetlands.

Water from the pond is used to suppress fires on properties along most of Route 1, Depot Road, Page's Lane, Brimmer's Lane, including the school and church. It is the largest source of water for firefighting in Hampton Falls. There are other dry hydrants to draw from but they are a longer distance away.

Selectmen authorized E. Small and J. Lord to have a phone conference with Attorney Bart Mayer to obtain his opinion regarding what rights D. Abrams has to withhold access to the pond.

The Board agreed that Mr. Abrams must comply with the sign ordinance. E. Small will call him to make him aware of the Board's decision.

Meeting adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

Minutes taken by E. N. Small.

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