

TOWN OF HAMPTON FALLS

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

ROAD AGENT:

SWAIN DRIVE- RELEASE OF ESCROW FUNDS: E. N. Small referred to the Board to Jones and Beach Engineers' review letter dated June 21, 2006. A final inspection was done and recommendation is made to release funds to the developer. The Board also needs to approve payment of the invoice for this service.

MOTION: To approve the release of \$5,000 from the Swian Drive Shoulder Fund and Marston/Swain Construction Fund and to approve the invoice totaling \$320 for Jones and Beach Engineers' services.

MOTION: T. C. TOCCI
SECOND: S. C. VOLPONE, JR.
UNANIMOUS

DAMAGE FROM TUESDAY AFTERNOON RAIN STORMS: This storm caused rocks to flow with rain water onto the roadways. R. B. Merrill stated he will be giving consideration to paving the ditch lines at Boynton Hill as a portion of the roadway broke off during this storm.

REVENUE FROM METALS REMOVAL – SPRING CLEANUP - \$974: E. N. Small reported \$974 in revenue from the sale of scrap metal. R. B. Merrill requested a dumpster be placed at the brush dump for placement of bulky items disposed of along the town's roadways. This dumpster will be for use of the Highway Department only. He also reported that he has plans to begin the work on a concrete pad at the rear of the Public Safety Building in order to relocate the cardboard recycling containers.

STRIPING OF ROADS AND TOWN PARKING AREAS: R. B. Merrill reported that striping of road lines, stop bars and town building parking lots will begin as soon as the contractor's schedule allows.

The Board agreed to include the cost of the Library lot under the budget line "government buildings" this year. S. C. Volpone, Jr. requested that E. N. Small inform the Library Trustee Chair of the cost to stripe the Library parking lot for use in budgeting in the future. The Board agreed not to bill individual departments this year. The cost to each department will be billed to each department next year.

BUILDING INSPECTOR:

SEARCH FOR BUILDING INSPECTOR – RECRUITMENT SERVICES: Request has been made to the NH Local Government Center for a proposal to assist with recruiting a Building Inspector.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

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6 LAFAYETTE ROAD – THREE LIVING UNITS IN ONE BUILDING: J. Dever will be sending a letter to this property owner regarding correcting an illegal apartment.

**SIGN VIOLATION – BIG BILL’S WHOLESALE FURNITURE & MATTRESS/
ADDRESS ALL SIGN VIOLATIONS ON RT. 1:** E. N. Small reported he spoke with D. Abrams regarding the sign in violation. He stated he feels he’s being singled out. This is not the case and suggestion is made to send a letter to all business owners regarding sign regulations.

With regard to an easement to the pond, D. Abrams indicated his concern with liability. He is willing to meet to discuss this matter further with the Town Administrator and Fire Chief.

OPEN REFRIGERATOR ON MARSH LANE – CEASE AND DESIST ISSUED: A letter dated July 11, 2006 has been provided to the Police Department for delivery to this property owner.

**COCK HILL REALTY TRUST – VIOLATION -CONDITIONS OF SUBDIVISION –
OPINION TO BE ISSUED BY B. MAYER:** Road work has begun off Drinkwater Road without conditions of subdivision approval being met.

FIRE CHIEF: J. M. Lord distributed the Fire Department report for June noting a total of 14 calls. He has been working on a response to the Department of Environmental Services with respect to the Big Dodge Pond dam. J. M. Lord also reported he met with FEMA representatives. Paperwork is to be forwarded for grant money to assist with the gate for the pond. He is also working on preparation for a mass casualty exercise planned for late summer/early fall. The two oil recycling drums have been filled and emptied. This project is going well.

FIRE CREW IN FLORIDA: J. M. Lord recently attended a Fire Crew that was scheduled to go to Utah and was diverted to Florida. He reported that he learned different ways to fight fires and also had an opportunity to practice management skills. He indicated he needs to provide instruction to the Selectmen, Town Administrator and Administrative Assistant on an incident command system for grant purposes.

POLICE CHIEF: R. Dirsa distributed the Police Department report for June noting statistics and incidents. He reported that new part-time patrolman Brian Rathman has been training and that he is pleased with the progress. The Board requested that the Chief contact the State Department of Transportation with respect to the parking of vehicles at the intersection of Brown, Exeter and Nason Roads. Request is to consider a “no parking” area at this intersection to allow for clear site distances.

WEEKLY MEETING AGENDAS: E. N. Small prepared an agenda listing of pending matters with the Police Chief.

FORMER POLICE, FIRE, BUILDING VEHICLE: R. Dirsa reported that he met with an auto wholesaler who is willing to pay \$200 for the building inspector vehicle and tow it away. Suggestion was made that the Fire Department could use it for training. J. M. Lord indicated that it is not needed for training and that if the Town can get money for it that should be done.

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MOTION: To sell the vehicle to Bill's Auto Sales for \$200 and removal from the Town.

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EXETER-HAMPTON DISTRICT COURT MEETING – 6-29-06: A meeting was held regarding the District Court and search for land.

8:30 AM

BOSTON POST CANE – PRESENTATION TO KENNETH S. PELTON: Ken and Ruth Pelton and their daughter Karen, son-in-law and granddaughter were present. On behalf of the Town, Chairman Ferreira presented Ken Pelton with the Boston Post Cane. This honor is bestowed upon the oldest resident of the Town. K. Pelton thanked the Board for the recognition. It was explained to him that a replica of the cane will be made soon and that the original cane will be placed with the Historical Society.

• **OLD BUSINESS**

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES – 6/28/06

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the June 28 meeting as written.

MOTION: S. C. VOLPONE, JR.
SECOND: T. C. TOCCI
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HAMPTON FALLS WEB SITE HITS: 5,066 – 6-6-06, 4:30 PM

FINANCIAL REPORTS-GENERAL FUND BALANCE

GENERAL FUND	2,404,000
TOWN CLERK –JUN RECEIPTS	39,300

ACTION ITEMS FROM THE JUNE 28 MEETING/2006-2007 GOALS SPREADSHEET: Updated documents were provided to the Board. It was requested that the matter with Seabrook Truck be added to the listing as well as the appraisal for the Conservation Commission regarding Map 9, Lot 9. It was requested that the fact that the Selectmen did not condone the accuracy of the appraisal go on record as it was not an independent appraisal and could be a tax benefit to the seller. E. N. Small will follow up with counsel regarding this matter.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE RIGHT TO KNOW LAW WORKSHOP: L. A. Ruest will be preparing a letter for signature of the Board.

INVESTMENT OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUE: The Board reviewed an email summarizing the discussion of investment particularly that of Certificates of Deposit. It was noted that the cash flow would not allow for this type of investment.

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TREASURER’S WEEKLY REPORT: E. N. Small provided the Board with a copy of this report.

HALF YEAR EXPENDITURE REPORTS – JAN- JUN 2006: E. N. Small reviewed this report with the Board noting over-expenditures and shortfalls that need attention.

CEMETERY TRUSTEES – GATES TO TOWN CEMETERIES: E. N. Small will research the matter of gates as required by State law as requested by the Trustees. The Trustees have also decided not to amend the by-laws restricting persons under the age of 18 from purchasing cemetery lots.

RE-VISIT THE INCREASE IN THE DUMP STICKER FEE: T. C. Tocci requested further discussion of this matter given logistical problems with the stickers already sold and changing the price mid-term. Stickers are for a three-year period – 2006-2008. It is suggested that the Board wait until the stickers expire in 2008 before increasing the fee.

E. N. Small will obtain information as to the number of stickers purchased and the number of stickers sold once expired versus the number of stickers sold mid-term, etc.

MOTION: To rescind the motion to increase the price of a dump sticker to \$10 and to ask E. N. Small to make a recommendation for 2008.

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MOSQUITO CONTROL - MAY MONTHLY REPORT: The May report was reviewed by the Board. Request was made for more detailed information regarding the species found.

THANK YOU NOTES – RECEIVED FROM AMERICAN RED CROSS, SEACOAST HOSPICE & RICHIE MCFARLAND CHILDREN’S CENTER

MINUTES OF JUNE 16 CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING were provided to the Board.

USE OF WATER FROM THE TAYLOR RIVER AND HAMPTON FALLS RIVER: A copy of a Hampton Union news article (Friday, June 30, 2006) entitled “Selectmen hold water roundtable” was provided to the Board. This news article cites water diversion from the Taylor and Hampton Falls rivers to assist Seabrook wells.

T. C. Tocci stated water issues have been before various Boards of the Town for years. He suggested the Selectmen forward a letter to the Planning Board regarding this important issue indicating concerns and the importance of addressing Master Plan Chapter 12, Water Resources. The Board agreed.

OTHER

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• **NEW BUSINESS**

HERITAGE HOUSE: This matter will be added to the next agenda.

DEFAULT BUDGET COURT DECISION:

PHOTOS FOR THE TOWN REPORT: E. N. Small reported he was able to borrow film of the apple orchards of Applecrest during the 1940s. He is working with the Historical Society to get copies made.

PROBLEMS SENDING OUT EMAIL: The Town Hall is experiencing problems with sending emails to Comcast recipients.

VETERAN'S EXEMPTION: The Board signed approval of veteran's exemption for a qualified property owner.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS- JUNE: An updated listing of property transfers was provided to the Board.

SCHEDULE A COBRA/ SCHEDULE B RETIREE -- PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT AND CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION - NH LOCAL GOVERNMENT CENTER -- HEALTH TRUST: L. A. Ruest explained that request has been made to the LGC to process the billing for COBRA, to include retirees. The forms to do so were signed by the Chairman.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM COMMITTEE – FIRST MEETING ON JULY 26

MERGER OF THE ROCKINGHAM LAND TRUST AND SEACOAST LAND TRUST: A June 23, 2006, letter informing of this merger was provided to the Board.

NEXT SELECTMEN'S MEETING – WEDNESDAY, August 2, 2006, 7:30 A.M., TOWN HALL

**MOTION TO GO INTO NONPUBLIC SESSION
AT 9:15 AM TO DISCUSS WELFARE
PERSONNEL**

**MOTION: S. C. VOLPONE, JR.
SECOND: T. C. TOCCI
UNANIMOUS**

**MOTION TO SEAL THE NONPUBLIC MINUTES,
GO OUT OF NONPUBLIC SESSION
AND ADJOURN AT 9:34 AM**

**MOTION: S. C. VOLPONE, JR.
SECOND: T. C. TOCCI
UNANIMOUS**