

TOWN OF HAMPTON FALLS

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

8 AM - PUBLIC HEARING - EAST ROAD EMERGENCY LANE ORDINANCE:

S. C. Volpone, Jr. opened the public hearing reading the notice as posted. Discussion was opened to members of the public. R. Richards of Exeter Road inquired as to whether any other roads in Hampton Falls fall under the proposed regulation. E. N. Small stated this is the only road proposed for consideration given its importance in accessing Route 95 in emergency situations. It was further explained that East Road is a Class VI road and that the Town is not responsible for maintaining East Road. There is an agreement with the property owner to maintain the road.

Sandy Richards, Exeter Road, asked if the proposed declaration would affect the end of her driveway. She was told that should she decide to replace her driveway, she would need to contact the Road Agent.

Hearing no further comments or questions, S. C. Volpone, Jr. closed the public hearing.

MOTION: To approve the declaration of East Road as an emergency lane to extend from Route 88 to the I-95 access gate.

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

8:15 AM - PUBLIC HEARING – ANONYMOUS DONATION – LIGHTING AT THE TOWN COMMON:

S. C. Volpone, Jr. opened the public hearing reading the notice as posted. T. C. Tocci noted that the Town Common Improvement Committee recommends acceptance of this donation. Discussion was opened to members of the public for comment or question. B. Mutrie asked whether accepting this money and allowing improvement to lighting binds the Town to fund the lighting. E. N. Small stated funds are budgeted for the lighting at present. T. C. Tocci reviewed specific conditions related to the donation. Suggestions were made to place a timer or sensor to control the lighting. R. Richards, Exeter Road, complimented the Town Common and encouraged acceptance to beautify the area. S. C. Volpone, Jr. expressed appreciation for the generous offer. Hearing no further comments, S. C. Volpone, Jr. closed the public hearing.

MOTION: To accept unanticipated moneys in the amount of \$8,500 for the lighting of the American flag pole and Governor Weare Monument at the Town Common.

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

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• **OLD BUSINESS**

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES – JULY 2 & 18:

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the July 2 and July 18 minutes as written.

MOTION: T. C. TOCCI

SECOND: S. C. VOLPONE, JR.

UNANIMOUS

REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS FROM THE JULY 18 MEETING: An updated listing of action items was provided to the Board.

MEETING WITH FOUR BOARDS – BOS, PB, BOA, CC: L. A. Ruest reported she received tentative dates from Attorney Mark Beliveau. Board members will be asked to tentatively schedule Monday, September 10, 6:30 p.m.

RESULTS OF THE ELECTION FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE: E. N. Small reported that Mr. Webber was elected State Representative to District 14.

ABATEMENT OF TAXES – CORRECTED COPY: The Board signed paperwork prepared by the Tax Collector making adjustment for two persons claiming ownership of the same parcel.

TOWN TREASURER: E. N. Small provided the Board with information on two bills that recently passed the House and Senate allowing Treasurers to be appointed rather than elected. E. N. Small will research how the Town would change its Treasurer position from elected to appointed.

“IMPACT FEE” MEETING WITH SCHOOL BOARD: E. N. Small is to work out a date with school officials to meet.

GOAL – PLAN FOR CLEANING UP THE ROOMS IN THE FRONT OF THE OLD TOWN HALL: The Board requested E. N. Small prepare a schedule of items needed in order to make the two front offices at the Town Hall usable. T. C. Tocci requested that the bulletin board at the front of the Town Hall be removed. R. B. Merrill, Jr. will make arrangements to remove it. Review will be done to see if the shrubs proposed for removal can be transplanted elsewhere in Town.

REPORT ON FRIDAY’S BANK ROBBERY: E. N. Small reported that the Police Department assisted with the bank robbery. More information will be provided by the Police Chief.

RT 88 WETLANDS VIOLATION: A Department of Environmental Services letter of July 17 was provided outlining inspection results and corrective actions needed with regard to DES File #2007-00909, 353 Exeter Road.

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**SCRAP METAL FROM THE JUNE WHITE GOODS DAY – RECEIVED
\$1,012.77**

SCHEDULE FOR A REVIEW OF JUNE 9 WHITE GOODS DAY: T. C. Tocci distributed copies of a booklet he prepared for the organization and preparation of future white goods clean up days. He reviewed the expenses and receipts relating to the June 9 clean up day with the Board. Selectmen complimented T. C. Tocci's efforts and thanked him for the booklet of information.

TOWN COMMON IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE- PROGRESS REPORT AND NAME CHANGE: T. C. Tocci reported that the monument, cannons and cannon balls have been cleaned. The cannons and cannon balls will have a final coat of paint applied in the fall. The Committee is recommending correcting the problem with areas of wash outs with curbing and pavement. Quotes and estimates are being obtained. The sidewalk along Route 1 and the sidewalk that crosses the Common are to be removed.

Given that there are other anticipated beautification projects around Town, it is suggested that the Town Common Improvement Committee members consider taking on the task. It is suggested to rename the Town Common Improvement Committee (to Town Improvement Committee). The Committee will be reviewing this matter for a possible recommendation.

HURD FARM ANNUAL MONITORING: The annual monitoring of this easement is being conducted. A report is forthcoming.

APPOINTMENT TO THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION: Conservation Commission members will be asked to recommend a candidate to fill the vacancy.

THANK YOU LETTER TO THE FIRST GRADE CLASS – “STUDY OF OUR COMMUNITY:” The Board previously signed a letter of thanks to the first grade students.

OTHER

GUARDRAIL DAMAGE – DRINKWATER AND KING: L. A. Ruest has submitted a letter of request for reimbursement for damages to a guardrail as a result of a motor vehicle accident.

- **NEW BUSINESS**

ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE SELECTMEN'S REPRESENTATIVE TO THE PLANNING BOARD: S. C. Volpone, Jr. stated that state statutes do not allow an Alternate Member of Land Use Boards to sit in a vacant ex officio position. An Alternate Ex Officio can be appointed. It has been traditionally handled by another Selectmen

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being appointed to sit for a Planning Board ex officio member on the occasion that the ex officio member is unable to attend. S. C. Volpone, Jr. recommended that the Selectmen with the most experience at the Planning Board sit in the ex officio position should T. C. Tocci be unable to attend. This can be addressed in the future as to the Board's composition at the time.

MOTION: That the current Chairman of the Board of Selectmen be appointed as Alternate Ex Officio Member to the Planning Board.

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

VITAL RECORDS PRESERVATION PROJECT – NH SECRETARY OF STATE: Representatives of this project visited Hampton Falls and met with E. N. Small and H. E. Knowles and viewed the records and storage at the Town Hall. There is grant money available to assist Hampton Falls with the preservation of records. A recommendation is forthcoming.

HF MUNICIPAL RECORDS COMMITTEE – ORGANIZATION OF RECORDS: E. N. Small reported that this Committee has met and request was made to see what other Towns are doing in this regard. It has been learned that there is only one other community, Keene, that has addressed records retention.

PRIOR MONTH'S PROPERTY TRANSFERS: Copies of the updated spreadsheet will be provided to the Board.

LAND USE CHANGE TAXES – LOT ON MARSTON ROAD (MAP 5, LOT 53-13) AND ROADWAY ON FOX HILL LANE (MAP 4, LOT 53): The Board signed a current use tax warrant for the referenced properties as recommended by the Assessor.

APPLICATION FOR CURRENT USE – MAP 6, LOTS 35 AND 36-2: The Board signed approval of an application for current use designation.

INTENT TO CUT APPLICATIONS: The Board signed two applications.

2008-2013 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – 8-21-07 DUE DATE FOR PROJECTS: Requests have been provided to Department Heads and school officials with regard to capital improvement projects. Worksheets are due Tuesday, August 21.

“WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA” PARADE – DEC 10, 2007- HF REPRESENTATIVE: Information on this parade was provided to the Board for review. This matter will be added to the next agenda.

RECEIPT OF QUARTERLY HIGHWAY BLOCK GRANT - \$13,356

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OTHER

CABLE SCHOLARSHIP: T. Beattie provided an update on the award of scholarships to high school graduates continuing to college. She reported that \$12,000 was awarded to eight recipients. She stated that scholarship awards are also provided by the Helen F. Scholarship and Grange Scholarship. She stated that it is hoped that a written report can be provided to the Board in the future.

**NEXT SELECTMEN'S MEETING – WEDNESDAY, AUG. 15, 2007, 7:30 A.M.,
TOWN HALL**

**MOTION TO GO INTO NONPUBLIC SESSION
AT 8:34 AM TO DISCUSS WELFARE**

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

**MOTION TO GO OUT OF
NON-PUBLIC SESSION AND RESUME AT 8:44 AM**

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT MEETING: S. C. Volpone, Jr. stated his appreciation for the meeting of the Selectmen with the Fire Department noting the importance for understanding with regard to the Selectmen's responsibility to voters. Requests for equipment are to be addressed through the Capital Improvement Program.

CURRIER FURNITURE – REQUEST FOR SIGN: It was suggested that the Town Improvement Committee consider this request in conjunction with the placement of welcome signs on the north and south town lines.

MEETING WITH POLICE DEPARTMENT: S. C. Hanson explained that he has a conflict with the meeting scheduled for today at 4 p.m. The Board agreed to reschedule.

BUDGET INQUIRY: S. C. Hanson inquired as to an over-expenditure of an Administration budget line. It was explained that a second installment payment was due for the Town Hall copier.

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:51 AM

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