

TOWN OF HAMPTON FALLS

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

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM 2008-2013: E. N. Small explained the parameters to projects that are included in this year's CIP. He noted that the plan is a tool and advisory document for use by the Selectmen and that the CIP Committee has presented this recommendation to the Planning Board that recommended it to the Selectmen as presented. Project priority is noted on the spreadsheet and bond issues cannot be amended. T. C. Tocci reviewed each project with the Board.

MONEY WARRANT ARTICLES 2008: E. N. Small referred the Board to a spreadsheet of proposed warrant articles based on the CIP and discussions held throughout the year. The document was reviewed by department and by item. The Board approved the warrant articles for placement on the ballot as presented with reductions to the amounts of the police cruiser (\$24,000) and Transportation Assistance for Seacoast Citizens (\$500). Figures for the Town Common slope curbing and pavement are to be submitted soon. The Board approved an amount in the \$15,000 to \$20,000 range.

Discussion of painting the town hall versus new siding (vinyl or hardy board) took place. The Board also discussed a multi-year leasing arrangement versus bonding with regard to the purchase of a fire truck. E. N. Small will obtain figures for consideration of the Board. E. N. Small will also check with TASC for statistics of services provided to Hampton Falls.

S. C. Hanson inquired as to a warrant article to address the Department of Revenue Administration's concern with the cable television funds used for scholarships. E. N. Small will research this matter.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:

E. N. Small provided the Board with a spreadsheet outlining the responsibilities of the Road Agent, a job description for the position of Road Agent, state statutes that relate to Highway Agents, and a photocopied section on Highway Agents of a publication entitled "A Hard Road to Travel."

The Board conducted a discussion of the current services and oversight of projects provided by the Road Agent as compared to how other towns address and pay for highway matters. Following discussion, the Board agreed to table further discussion until such time as the Road Agent can be present. E. N. Small will schedule a meeting with the Road Agent on or about the middle of January.

2008 BUDGET – SURVEY OF SELECTMEN'S WAGES: E. N. Small referred the Board to a study of wages he conducted with regard to Selectmen's wages. Different scenarios were presented based on population. S. C. Volpone, Jr. stated he felt the amount of \$2,600 should remain and S. C. Hanson stated he felt the position is one of volunteer. T. C. Tocci suggested looking at the numbers in order to consider a recommendation.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
DECEMBER 27, 2007**

**4:00 PM
TOWN HALL**

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The Board began discussion of specific questions regarding certain budget lines and determined that another work session is in order. A date and time of Thursday, January 3, 4:00 p.m. was set.

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 5:49 p.m.

MOTION: S. C. HANSON

SECOND: T. C. TOCCI

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