# BOARD OF SELECTMEN TOWN OF HAMPTON FALLS

# JANUARY 20, 2021 – 6:00 PM TOWN HALL

### **FINAL**

**PRESENT:** E. B. Beattie, Chairman; L. Gargiulo, Vice Chairman; M. R. Lane, Selectman;

L. A. Ruest, Town Administrator

**CURBSIDE WASTE COLLECTION CONTACTOR REVIEW (ELM SERVICE, LLC):** E. Beattie stated that this review is contractual and is to be held every six months during the July 1, 2020 through December 31, 2025 term in accordance with Section 4 Performance Review of the Agreement. A listing of complaints made directly to the Town, as well as requests to return to previous curbside arrangements, were acknowledged by the Board.

- J. Ziolkowski of ELM Services LLC stated he had nothing further to report at this time; the collection day has been changed to two for a three-month trial, recycling is an ongoing discussion and disposal tonnage has increased, in part, due to COVID19. He spoke to a matter of lateness of pick-ups for Drinkwater Road and indicated that this relates to a change in scheduling of route(s).
- L. Gargiulo inquired as to whether there is more tonnage in waste now that glass is part of the disposal to Covanta. J. Ziolkowski reported an approximate 1.25-to-1.5-ton increase; recycling tonnage has been reduced to half. Cardboard has been separated from the recycling disposal stream which results in per ton disposal fee savings (\$135 per ton recycling versus \$90 trash). J. Ziolkowski reported that the last load of cardboard recycling was deemed contaminated which resulted in an additional fee to the Town. He will report the reason why once known.
- J. Ziolkowski added that he receives service complaints directly to his cell phone, that the mailer was not as effective as expected and that he is aware of the reports to the Board of Selectmen.

Chairman Beattie opened discussion to the public. R. Boudreau requested that information be provided to residents as not all are aware of the changes. She also requested the Board look at recycling options to include programs of surrounding towns; most residents are looking for the reasons for the changes. Some may be willing to pay additional taxes to recycle more. Board members spoke to the issues in the industry and marketplace with regard to recycling and that it was the change to handling of corrugated cardboard that brought about the change to two collection days.

**ROAD AGENT – CORE SERVICES/INVOICE MONTHLY REPORT:** The Board acknowledged the December activity of the Road Agent and approved his invoices as presented. The proposal and estimate to address beaver mitigation was also reviewed, however, not approved.

MOTION: To approve the invoices (1220A, 1220B and 1220C) as presented.

MOTION: L. GARGIULO SECOND: M. R. LANE

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**BROWN ROAD PROPERTIES** (**FLOODING**): The Road Agent reported that he has removed the beaver leveler from the location across from the Barker residence on Brown Road which has resulted in a lower water level. This was done, in part, as a result of complaints of flooding of properties along Brown Road. R. Hilliard reports that he checks the area and found that there has been no beaver damming activity as of late. He will keep monitoring and put the leveler back in in the spring.

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JANVRIN SUBDIVISION (WOODLAWN, MAPLE, CRESTVIEW, GLENWOOD): The Board acknowledged requests from residents requesting attention to the drainage issues in this neighborhood. It was noted that this work has been addressed over time, however, engineering is in order to come up with a plan as to the best way to address the overall needs. The Board requested that Jones and Beach Engineers be contacted to initiate the work needed in order to estimate the costs of the work and obtain State permitting, etc.

WINTER ROAD MAINTENANCE CONTRACTOR 2020-2021: No report was received at this time.

**FIRE CHIEF, AMBULANCE, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – MONTHLY REPORT:** The Board acknowledged the Fire Department report for December; no questions were heard.

**POLICE CHIEF, ANIMAL CONTROL – MONTHLY REPORT:** The Board acknowledged the Police Department report for December. M. Lane inquired as to a recent specific crime activity and the schedule of patrols. He inquired as to ways to get information to the residents to be diligent as well as the possibility of changing a shift of an officer. Chief Dirsa provided the Board with information in this regard noting that the State Police have taken jurisdiction of the matter. He stated that efforts can be made to get information to the public.

**PRIVATE DETAIL RATE INCREASE REQUEST:** R. Dirsa presented a proposal to increase the Town's private detail rate based on review of current statistics and a survey of area towns. The change would become effective March 1, 2021.

MOTION: To approve the recommendation of the Police Chief to establish a new private detail rate of \$88 per hour as presented.

MOTION: L. GARGIULO SECOND: M. R. LANE

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**BUILDING INSPECTOR, CODE COMPLIANCE, HEALTH OFFICER – MONTHLY REPORT:** The Board acknowledged the Building Inspector's report for the previous month. L. Gargiulo inquired as to the status of a report of dumping he received by email. M. Sikorski stated he did not have this information reported to him directly and would follow-up. The matter of a code violation regarding Map 1, Lot 44-1 is ongoing with the court.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- 1. MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS OF BOOKKEEPER, TREASURER, TAX COLLECTOR
- 2. NH DES (FILE #2021-00015) KING STREET TAYLOR RIVER CROSSING, MAP 4, LOT 24 & 47-1

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### FINANCIAL REPORTS - GENERAL FUND BALANCE \$3,089,604.

### ACCTS. PAYABLE/PAYROLL/TREASURER/TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS WARRANT(S)

Bookkeeper	Payroll Warrant #530	\$22,656.88
	Accounts Payable Warrant #753	\$5,742.39

MOTION: To approve the warrants as presented above.

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**2021 TOWN WARRANT, MS-636 AND MS-DTB:** Board members signed these documents for posting. The Town Deliberative Session is Saturday, January 30, 2021, 9 a.m., Winnacunnet High School Auditorium, 1 Alumni Drive, Hampton, NH.

**OTHER SELECTMEN'S OLD BUSINESS:** No other Selectmen's old business was addressed at this time.

**OLD BUSINESS PUBLIC COMMENT:** B. Mutrie, Brown Road, asked when the 2020 Town and Schools reports would be available. The Board indicated March 2.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**INTENT TO CUT APPLICATION (MAP 6, LOT 20):** The Board reviewed this application and noted that it is first being reviewed for input of the Conservation Commission. The matter was taken under advisement until a report and recommendation is received from the Conservation Commission.

**OTHER SELECTMEN'S NEW BUSINESS:** No other Selectmen's new business was discussed at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public comment was heard at this time.

### REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: 1/13/21

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the January 13, 2021 Selectmen's meeting as presented.

MOTION: L. GARGIULO SECOND: M. R. LANE

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**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public comment was heard at this time.

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

MOTION: L. GARGIULO SECOND: M. R. LANE

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