

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OF HAMPTON FALLS**

**MAY 04, 2022 – 6:00 PM
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PRESENT: M. R. Lane, Chairman; E. B. Beattie, Vice Chairman; L. Gargiulo, Selectman
K. Anderson, Town Administrator; R. D. Webb, Town Secretary

GUESTS: R. Hilliard, Road Agent; B. Mutrie, Library Trustee; T. Santora, Chairman of the
Planning Board.

Chairman Lane called the meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 6:00 PM.

OLD BUSINESS:

Financial Reports – General Fund Balance \$715,821.20

K. Anderson reported the General Fund Balance.

Executive: Payroll Warrants: K. Anderson described that this Payroll is higher than usual because it contains the unused Sick and Vacation payouts for the retired Police Chief.

MOTION: To approve Payroll Warrant # 573 dated April 27, 2022, in the amount of \$44,851.93.

MOTION: E. BEATTIE

SECOND: L. GARGIULO

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Executive: Accounts Payable/ Trustees of Trust Funds/ Escrow Warrants: K. Anderson described that the Trust Fund Warrant includes \$500 from the Highway Maintenance CRF; \$520 from the PD Cruiser Fund; \$5,000 from the Tercentenary Fund and \$8,930 from the Frying Pan Lane Fund. M. Lane asked if all of these Frying Pan Lane Funds were going toward the Tricentennial, and K. Anderson responded yes, for the most part, except for the Library's balance of their appropriation from last year for their Hoopla subscription service, and \$2,000 for the history book from the Frying Pan Land Fund (there is an additional \$5,000 for the History book being paid from the Tercentenary account, for a total of \$7,000 being paid for the book).

MOTION: To approve Accounts Payable Warrants #810 dated April 27, 2022, in the amount of \$55,566.47, Trustees of the Trust Funds Warrant dated 04/19 to 04/29/2022 in the amount of \$14,950.00, and Escrow Warrant # 05 dated April 27, 2022 in the amount of \$1,712.09.

MOTION: E. BEATTIE

SECOND: L. GARGIULO

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E. Beattie reported that as of Monday's Tricentennial Committee meeting this week, the decision was made that the price of the History book is going to be \$40.00 each. Phil Chura provided a photo of the Falls for the front cover of the History book, that is the same photo used for the Town Report cover this year. The indexing of the book has started with the goal of going to print in the next two-weeks so that the Town can receive the books in time for the Tricentennial events, scheduled for the first week of August.

Highways: Winter Road Maintenance RFP Review: K. Anderson reported that she and the Road Agent, together, went over the RFP for Winter Road Maintenance and they both recommended changes that are shown in *bold* and *italics*.

- A key change is that the Road Agent has added a minimum of vehicle specifications (page 4).

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- The snow plowing still has to start at 2” on the ground, but at no time may it accumulate to more than 3” on the ground, so that is a change from 2” to 3” (page 3).
- Added snowplowing of the entrance to Governor Weare Park so that when the Ice-Skating Rink is open it will be plowed, and also added snowplowing of Raspberry Farm. Those were two locations for which calls were received last winter commenting that snow was blocking those entrances. M. Lane inquired as to who was plowing those two locations previously, and K. Anderson responded no town-contracted employee, only volunteers. She further clarified that they added those two locations verbally last winter, so they wanted to be sure to add them into the contract this year.
- Another addition to the contract was regarding substitute vehicles, specifically if they were proposed, that those vehicles had to be pre-approved by the Road Agent.
- Lastly, they added to the contract that in addition to bidding per inch of snow, that the contractor could propose an alternate bid structure (not based on per-inch).

L. Gargiulo asked about the sanding issue, that there was previously a disincentive for the contractor to go out and sand, and that an intent of this new contract was to address and fix the current disincentive regarding sanding. E. Beattie asked R. Hilliard if the proposed contract removed the disincentive regarding the sanding issue, and R. Hilliard responded saying that the contractor can respond to suggest a solution and add it in, as to what they require. M. Lane clarified that the contractor would add it onto the line labeled “any other charges, please specify”.

E. Beattie asked about the six-blades on the ground requirement during a storm, and asked if that was new, and the response was yes, that all new or changed sections of the proposed contract are shown in bold and italics. M. Lane asked how many blades did the town have last winter, and the response was four (4) or five (5), so this new requirement is at least one (1) more piece of equipment. L. Gargiulo’s concern is that there may not be many people who could bid it, with the minimum number of pieces of equipment required, that’s six (6) pieces of equipment with at least one (1) back-up and three (3) sanders. R. Hilliard responded that the proposed contract matches the criteria the Town currently utilizes. K. Anderson reminded the Board that last winter was less of an issue the number of pieces of equipment, but more an issue of the number of available drivers for the equipment. E. Beattie clarified that the equipment would be all on-site for the use of Hampton Falls only. R. Hilliard responded that this was why the section was added to have six (6) blades on the ground in Hampton Falls at all times during a snow storm, to prevent the following scenario: a contractor starting the day in Hampton Falls, then going to plow Hampton or Seabrook for part of the day, and then returning to Hampton Falls later.

M. Lane asked if there is a list of potential candidates to whom the RFP will be sent, or is it advertised, and K. Anderson responded that the Town will do both. The RFP would be sent to local contractors, in addition to advertising with the NH Municipal Association, and Seacoast Online. M. Lane asked if the current contractor will plan to bid on this RFP, and R. Hilliard responded yes, to the best of his knowledge.

MOTION: To authorize the Town Administrator to send out the revised RFP for Winter Road Maintenance for 2022-2024, as presented.

MOTION: L. GARGIULO

SECOND: E. BEATTIE

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Bev Mutrie, Brown Road, Library Trustee, asked about the future Library Walkway winter snow maintenance, and if it would be included in the contract, as the project is anticipated to be completed this summer. K. Anderson responded that it would be included as “all walkways and staircases at the Town Offices and Public Safety Buildings”. E. Beattie said that the Winter Road Maintenance Services bidders need to take a look at the length of the proposed Library Walkway.

At the Library Trustees meeting E. Beattie attended recently, there was discussion about damaged pieces of granite curbing and the connecting concrete located in between the curbing in the Library parking lot, and he requested that R. Hilliard look at that and ascertain what repairs need to be done.

Solid Waste: Reminder – Household “White Goods” day is May 14th 8AM – Noon

This is the Spring event where residents can bring almost anything; please check the Town Website for specific details at www.hamptonfalls.org, under News and Announcements, or under Departments, then Recycling & Solid Waste. Basically, each trip is a \$20 fee, with additional fees charged dependent on the item; please consult the listing for details.

Library: Trustees Request for Walkway in between the Library and the Public Safety Building:

K. Anderson stated that the Library Trustees met on Thursday 04/28/2022 and they have made a written request to the Selectmen for a walkway to be located between the Public Safety Building and the Library. They state in their request that the Library Trustees received approval in 2020 to expend \$25,000 for this proposed walkway project. They are requesting that the Selectmen send out the proposed RFP so that the walkway may be completed prior to the Tricentennial celebration. The RFP is requested to bid both with and without lighting because it will be used at night for Library programs, so the lighting component is fairly important. E. Beattie reported that the discussion with the Library Trustees about the lighting for the walkway focused on the choices of solar lighting or hardwired lighting (potentially off of the nearby utility pole) and what the costs would be for each proposal. K. Anderson included the provision that *“Installation of twelve (12) posts (approximately every 15’ on alternating sides) for post-mounted lights (light fixtures to be supplied by the town) and related electrical work for connection to existing Library lighting.”*

M. Lane asked if there was any concern that the \$25,000 was going to be enough money to be able to include lighting in the project, and L. Gargiulo shared that concern. B. Mutrie stated that the Library Trustees may just be looking for LED lights to run off of the existing pole, so the \$25,000 should be enough money for the project. M. Lane asked B. Mutrie if the Library Trustees have a plan if the project runs over budget, and she responded that a couple of years ago the Library Trustees had a quote for the project from the Engineer of \$15,000 so she did not have a concern of the work exceeding the project budget. M. Lane shared the details of the recent bid/estimate the Town received for the Brush Dump fencing, that came in much higher than anticipated, as the source of his concern.

E. Beattie reported that the Library Trustees want their proposed walkway to be ADA compliant, by making the grade/slope ADA compliant, so the distance/length of the walkway will need to be longer, and therefore the project will be more expensive than a shorter (non-ADA compliant) walkway. M. Lane asked what is the material proposed for the walkway, and B. Mutrie responded Bituminous with gravel underneath.

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MOTION: To authorize the Town Administrator to send out the RFP, on behalf of the Library Trustees, for the installation of a walkway between the parking lots of the Public Safety Building and the Library not to exceed \$25,000.00.

MOTION: E. BEATTIE

SECOND: L. GARGIULO

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Other Selectmen's Old Business: 2022 Mowing Contract (excluding the Cemeteries) for signatures, approved November 2021: The Selectmen reviewed the 2022 Mowing Contract (excluding the Cemeteries) for signatures, that they approved in November 2021. The contract is the same as used the previous year except the date and the dollar amounts were updated to match the successful bidder, Bateman Landscaping, LLC., who started work May 1, 2022.

MOTION: To sign the 2022 Mowing Contract (excluding the Cemeteries), that was previously approved November 2021.

MOTION: E. BEATTIE

SECOND: L. GARGIULO

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OLD BUSINESS PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no Old Business Public Comment.

NEW BUSINESS

Tax Collector: First-Half Tax Warrant:

K. Anderson presented the First-Half of the Tax Warrant in the amount of \$5,281,227 with a due date of July 5, 2022, for consideration by the Selectmen. K. Anderson thanked the Tax Collector, Stephanie Grant, for getting the First-Half Tax Warrant ready for this meeting, as she worked hard to get it done early. The goal was to get tax revenue coming back into the Town, even though the tax bills do not need to be sent out until June 1st.

MOTION: To sign the First-Half Tax Warrant in the amount of \$5,281,227 with a due date of July 5, 2022.

MOTION: E. BEATTIE

SECOND: L. GARGIULO

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Financial Administration: MS 535 – Financial Report of the Town:

The MS 535 has been prepared by the Auditors and is ready for the Board's signatures.

The report shows that the budgeted funds for 2021 were \$11,896,770 including the schools with expenditures of \$12,152,236. The over expenditures are the result of accepting ARPA, FEMA and Aid to Firefighters grants. Revenues totaled \$12,000,230. That impact on the undesignated fund balance was \$152,006 resulting in an ending fund balance of \$597,533.

MOTION: To approve and sign the MS 535.

MOTION: L. GARGIULO

SECOND: E. BEATTIE

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Planning: Lafayette Road Sewer Update:

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K. Anderson had a discussion with the Seabrook Town Manager, Bill Manzi on Tuesday, April 26, 2022. Also present was Curtis Stayson, their WWTP Supervisor and their engineer from TEC, Chris Raymond. Capacity in Seabrook's sewer plant was confirmed, however the Seabrook Board of Selectmen has yet to determine what they would charge Hampton Falls as an "Entrance Fee". The current Seabrook Board of Selectmen may not be enthusiastic about extending the sewer into Hampton Falls. They met yesterday morning May 3rd to discuss the potential for sewer extension to Hampton Falls, and they authorized continued discussion with Hampton Falls. Once Seabrook comes up with a number for their "Entrance Fee" it will go to the Seabrook Selectmen and then be presented to Hampton Falls for negotiation.

L. Gargiulo said what if there was no "Entrance Fee"; Seabrook paid nothing because their Sewer Plant was built entirely with Federal money, as he recalled. M. Lane asked for clarification on what was meant by the "Entrance Fee", that it would be a one-time payment, and payable by whom. K. Anderson described that the Town would need to decide how to fund it; one scenario is no impact to taxpayers by pursuing every possible grant program to fund it 100%, and, another scenario is by user fee, but we have not reached that point yet and there are numerous grant sources to pursue first.

M. Lane asked how this proposal would impact the grant application previously discussed, that could potentially help fund this process. K. Anderson responded that as soon as she gets the "yes" response from Seabrook and the answer of how much for the "Entrance Fee", then she will have more information to enter into the grant application. Today was the prioritization meeting of the Rockingham Economic Development Corporation, to which she had previously submitted the project proposal, without a dollar amount, onto the CEDS list to see if we could get prioritization as a regional economic development project. If that is approved, then it improves eligibility for State and Federal funds, such as Federal Clean Water Act monies. If Seabrook agrees, then it would likely be a joint application of the two towns, and there is grant money available now. M. Lane asked if there was always a lot of money available for this type of project, and the response was no. L. Gargiulo said that this application needs to be submitted by December 31, 2022. M. Lane said that Hampton Falls would need to know what the number was from Seabrook by Sept/October to leave enough time to get the federal application submitted by the end of December this year.

L. Gargiulo asked how many potential sewer users would be located in Hampton Falls along Route 1, and T. Santora responded approximately 125 users. L. Gargiulo asked a number of questions, such as how to fund it, unless the town gets all of it financed through a grant, if taxpayers have to pay for it, or if the users have to pay for it, how would anyone know what the users might be willing to pay, and would they only pay for it if they hooked onto it, or would the town require that they hook-up to it. E. Beattie offered that there could be a Betterment charge. K. Anderson said that those are all decisions that the Board of Selectmen can make when they get closer, whether the Town should require people to hook-in, or only require hook-up when their septic system fails and not allow any new septic systems, for example. L. Gargiulo said that basing it on a Betterment Fee means that people would need to pay up, unless there is a payment plan built in, so that the Town would have enough money to be able to pay Seabrook.

K. Anderson offered another scenario of establishing the area as a Tax Increment Finance district (or TIF), so hypothetically if a lot was valued at \$100,000 pre-sewer, and then after sewer it might be valued at \$200,000 then the taxes owed on the realized gain in value of an additional \$100,000 would be

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segregated into a separate account to specifically pay for the sewer. This gives the property owner the ability to improve their property, and the only tax payers actually paying for it are located on Route 1.

E. Beattie spoke about how there presently are a number of properties on Route 1 that alone, by themselves today, may not have much value; however, with potential sewer and the idea of potential land assembly (of adding abutting properties together) could dramatically change the value of land along Route 1. Another aspect to consider in terms of potential grant applications to the federal government is the proximity to the Marsh, as there is significant interest and focus on Marsh land, water, overflow, flooding, and sea-level-rise that are all issues high on the list of interest to the State and the Federal agencies/government. If we can get Seabrook to see that sewer extension to Hampton Falls has some urgency, to be able to meet the timeframe of the grant application by December 31, 2022, then many other initiatives can simultaneously commence.

Another option that K. Anderson is considering is a Public-Private Partnership, if we get the “yes” on sewer extension from Seabrook. The possibility exists to pursue a significant commercial entity, particularly where the old restaurant was, to partner with the Town and to put up the funds. In exchange the Town can implement a community revitalization program to incrementally spread the tax impact to that developer over several years (ex.: taxes assessed at 25% of new construction in year 1, 30% in year 2, 50% in year 3, 75% in year 4, and 100% in year 5, or spread it out over a longer number of years), so the Town gradually increases the developer’s taxes to compensate the developer for the funds they put in to the infrastructure. L. Gargiulo said that if the Town obtained the federal funds, then the property owners would not have to put in much. The critical first step is to get the number from Seabrook. Then there is the construction cost to consider. K. Anderson said that if the Town gets the grant, and it is a 90/10 split, then the Town would know how much they would need to raise regarding the Public Private Partnership. L. Gargiulo asked how the Town comes up with the construction number, and K. Anderson said that it may be easy to ascertain from other sewer extension projects to get the *average linear foot cost of sewer extension*, multiplied by the number of total possible sewer connections, to get a round number.

L. Gargiulo asked if the Town should consider adding domestic water, and K. Anderson responded no. L. Gargiulo asked if the Town should be considering adding water, and K. Anderson said that Seabrook would not be a likely candidate because they are having some water issues of their own. She continued that she knows that the Town of Kensington has a huge well, and a well area, with lots of capacity, but that is a whole other big project. E. Beattie said that one of the major aquifers here is located on the Seabrook-Hampton Falls town line, and there is always the unknown if someone is going to tap into that aquifer with a high water demand use and reduce that resource. Water is the next important thing. At one time the Town of Seabrook was interested in trading sewer for water, but not now. K. Anderson reported that in her review of materials on this subject, that she consistently read that Hampton Falls wanted just sewer and not water.

M. Lane asked if there was anything else that the Selectmen could do to push this along, asking Seabrook to provide Hampton Falls the “Entrance Fee” number by a certain date, in light of the grant application deadline/s. L. Gargiulo disagreed, and K. Anderson said that she would rather work with Seabrook to see what she can do to help them get that number.

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T. Santora reminded the Board of Selectmen that when they met with Seabrook a couple of years ago that Seabrook's intent then was to run the sewer extension proposal by their voters as a Warrant Article.

Another scenario for Hampton Falls was to develop our own sewer, and an initial analysis by an Engineer was that it was going to be very expensive to operate. M. Lane said that space would be required to site a sewer plant, and T. Santora said that there is space behind the school on a 21-acre parcel. M. Lane reported that he knew that the school is currently surveying that property, but that he does not know for what purpose. He thought that it was to just see what land is available that is not wet within the 21-acres. T. Santora said that he thought that it was for walking trails. L. Gargiulo stated that it was his opinion that to run a sewer system for Hampton Falls for just 125 users, where you have to have a full-time Engineer, and 24-hour coverage would be challenging. M. Lane offered a comparison to the Town of Newfields (where his business is located) and described a small sewer district there and thought it would be interesting to find out the number of users in that sewer system in Newfields, by comparison. K. Anderson said that she did look at some minutes from the Newfields Sewer Commission meetings and that their system does break even so that it is no cost to the Town. The revenues coming in from Newfields' users covers their costs, and their facility was built in the 1980s for approximately \$5M. E. Beattie said that he used to own property in Newfields and that he had a Betterment Fee for the sewer, and the town gave him the option of tying-in to the sewer system if he wanted to, but you still had to pay the fee every year, and once you reached the threshold total payment amount, then you could tie-in for nothing (because you would have paid your total amount). It was part of the tax bill.

M. Lane said that from a short-term perspective that this potential project of bringing sewer to Route 1 in Hampton Falls could seem overwhelming and expensive, but from a longer-term perspective that this could have the opportunity to really change the look and feel of Downtown, which is the ultimate goal. E. Beattie said that we have to look at this differently than just the numbers, but rather in terms of solving long-term problems in town, where 97% of the residential single-family properties pay all of the taxes.

B. Mutrie asked if the proposed sewer extension project area was just the southern half of Hampton Falls, or if it was the entire stretch of Route 1 from Hampton to Seabrook, and the response was the entire length of Route 1 from Hampton to Seabrook.

Planning: Legal Services for Land Use Boards:

K. Anderson reported that the Town has been notified of the retirement of the attorney who has represented the Land Use Boards. Due to the fact that the Planning Board is a separately elected Board, it is advisable that they have legal services that are separate from the Town's general counsel. K. Anderson drafted a Request For Proposals (RFP) for Land Use Legal Services that has been reviewed and approved by the Planning Board Chairman, so she will be sending out that RFP. She has received from some land use board members, names of attorneys for consideration to whom to send the RFP, and she will keep the Selectmen updated on that process.

Conservation Commission: Hiring of Conservation 2022 Summer Interns:

K. Anderson requested (and did not yet receive) an official request from the Chair of the Conservation Commission for the Board to authorize tonight, the hiring of two (2) Summer Interns. The budgeted amount is \$4,600 and there is no specific hourly-rate shown in the budget.

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E. Beattie said that when the Selectmen do move forward on that subject, that there was some concern about the rate of pay at which the Town was hiring. K. Anderson examined the budget on that subject, and there was no hourly rate listed. She reported that the budget was approved at \$4,600.00 for two (2) 2022 Summer Interns, and there was no hourly rate, nor per week rate, nor number of hours per week specified. E. Beattie said that his concern could have been unfounded, and K. Anderson responded that her understanding was that the expressed concern was regarding a different position hired by the Conservation Commission, not the Summer Interns positions. E. Beattie asked if that position was filled, and K. Anderson responded that the position was filled, but that she was not sure if the employee was still with the Town of Hampton Falls and she may be on a very part-time basis, as the employee had recently accepted a full-time position with another town. L. Gargiulo reported that the employee was present at a Conservation Commission meeting he attended two weeks ago.

Other Selectmen's New Business: Proclamation In Recognition of Municipal Clerks' Week, May 1st through May 7th, 2022: M. Lane stated that in recognition of Municipal Clerks' Week the Board of Selectmen made a Proclamation that *Municipal Clerks' Week is May 1st through May 7th, 2022.*

- *Whereas, The Office of the Town Clerk, is a time honored and vital part of local government, and;*
- *Whereas, The Office is the oldest among public servants with Joseph Tilton serving as Hampton Falls' first Town Clerk beginning in 1718, and;*
- *Whereas, The Town Clerk continually strives to improve the administration of the affairs through participation in education programs, seminars, workshops and annual meetings of the state association, and;*
- *Whereas, It is most appropriate that we recognize the accomplishments of Hampton Falls' Town Clerk Stephanie Grant for the vital services she performs for all of the residents;*
- *Now, Therefore, the Hampton Falls Board of Selectmen extends appreciation to our Town Clerk Stephanie Grant, Deputy Clerk Abby Tonry, and Assistant Clerks Liz Blankenship and Janet Cunningham for the vital services they perform and their dedication to the Town of Hampton Falls.*
- *Dated this Fourth day of May 2022.*
- *Signed by the Board of Selectmen.*

NEW BUSINESS PUBLIC COMMENT: T. Santora said that he wanted to inform the Selectmen that he intends to establish an Interview Committee to conduct the Land Use Legal Services interviews of potential Attorneys, comprised of himself, Abby Tonry, and E. Beattie. If any additional Selectmen were interested in participating, please let him know.

Monthly Reports: Selectmen's Representative Reports:

Planning Board, Library Trustees, Tricentennial Committee: E. Beattie reported that the Planning Board activity has been relatively quiet with no new development applications for a couple of months. The Ordinance and Regulations Committee has generated some draft revised zoning definitions that are being finalized, with the intent of bringing those to Warrant next March 2023. He added that there are a couple of development proposals that are brewing/percolating that may come before the Planning Board in the next couple of months. Additionally, he said that he recently asked the Building Inspector, M. Sikorski, what happened to the Brown Road subdivision, and if he knew why that approved project has not had any building permits applied for yet, as it was a five-(5)-lot subdivision with underground utilities. M. Sikorski said that the owner received their approvals from the Planning Board and has done

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nothing since. Another potential project with which the Planning Board was previously concerned (more than a year ago) was the “Pumpkin Patch” property that was for sale. E. Beattie said that it was his understanding that the property may have been purchased and reserved to be not built upon. So, the two projects that the Planning Board was previously concerned about 12-18 months ago did not develop as anticipated.

The Library Trustees met last Thursday and thanked the Board of Selectmen for prioritizing the Library’s AC project at the Selectmen’s previous meeting, to grant authorization for that project to proceed. The Library proposed walkway project was discussed earlier in this meeting. There was a Book Sale recently at the Library; and, the Art Tiles being designed by Hampton Falls children, as part of the Tricentennial, are planned to be installed in the Children’s Room at the Library, following the Tricentennial Celebration.

The Tricentennial Committee met this past Monday night, and that Committee is concluding the planning of many of the events slated for the week. A subject was raised, that may be of future concern to the Board of Selectmen, regarding the erection of a tent on the Town Common for an event on the Friday of the Tricentennial week for the Kids Field Day on the Common, to secure the area in case of bad weather. The issue was that the vendor installing the tent can’t install the tent Friday morning (day of the event), and the vendor prefers to install the tent the day before on Thursday. The conflict is that Thursday evening there is a concert on the Town Common with Cool Wheels. E. Beattie stated that he did not see it as a big of a conflict as was indicated. L. Gargiulo did not anticipate that there would be a conflict as all of the Town Common is never utilized by the Cool Wheels at a concert, and he believed that the tent could be installed, and the Concert with Cool Wheels could go forward with no problem. In fact, he wondered if the Cool Wheels could go inside the tent if the tent was large enough.

The other issue that E. Beattie raised was the issue of parking during the Tricentennial events. He continued that there have been some preliminary discussions about the potential of using Fieldstone and Martha’s Court for parking, and he additionally plans to contact an adjacent property owner (the Linnehans) regarding the potential of utilizing their field for extended parking. Additionally, there have been discussions about potentially establishing a shuttle service for off-site parking, and utilizing the LAS school parking in that regard.

The History book for the Tricentennial was discussed previously during this meeting, and that is going forward. Lastly, there is a Tricentennial Committee Work Session scheduled for May 17th.

Parks & Recreation, LAS: M. Lane reported that in terms of **Parks and Recreation events** the Castleberry Fair has their first of four (4) weekends planned for 2022, this weekend, for Mother’s Day weekend (May 7th and 8th) on both Saturday and Sunday.

The Summer Camp has a solid calendar of four (4) weeks of camp planned for the 2022 Summer, so that is good news compared to prior summers’ challenges during the pandemic.

The **LAS School** has many activities this time of year for the school, and this is the first year in two-years that they’ve been able to accomplish many activities, so they are back to full normalcy both academically athletically, such as: sports games are being held, parents/fans can attend sports games, parents are

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allowed back in the school for activities, and yesterday there were tours to meet your student's teachers (for the first time in two years). There is a Music and Art Exhibit event planned for May 11th to which parents can attend. Graduation is scheduled for outside in the new nature space that was designed. There is a 7th and 8th grade dance that is going to occur. And the trips to NYC and to Washington DC have not yet returned; however, there is an overnight trip to Boston planned. The last thing M. Lane mentioned was the land use study / survey work that the School is doing on the 21-acre adjacent parcel. He asked the school why they were doing the study, and the response he received was that the school wanted to understand what the land was, and what the uses were, and M. Lane found that interesting.

Heritage Commission, Conservation Commission: L. Gargiulo reported that the **Heritage Commission** is completing the antique home booklet, which hopefully will be ready for the Tricentennial. It will be a very nice-looking booklet, with information about each of the historical homes in town, to provide a reference to know the history behind the homes, such as the history, who lived there, how many people have owned the home, etc.

The **Conservation Commission** met a couple of weeks ago, and the discussion was regarding the hiring of the 2022 Summer Interns. Specifically, the conversation was about whether the Conservation Coordinator part-time position could oversee the Summer Interns. It had been previously decided that the Summer Interns were going to focus on the removal of Invasive Plant Species on various conservation lands. The Conservation Commission was planning to install previously approved signs at conservation properties in town within the next week or two. There was a Clean-up event scheduled for last weekend which had to be canceled due to a lack of participation, so that did not happen. Lastly, the Conservation Commission is looking at another parcel of land for acquisition. M. Lane asked if L. Gargiulo knew where the parcel of land under consideration was located, and he did not.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: April 20, 2022

MOTION: To approve the minutes of April 20, 2022, as written.

MOTION: E. BEATTIE

SECOND: L. GARGIULO

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PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

Next Selectmen's Meeting Wednesday, May 18, 2022, at 6:00 PM, Town Hall, Hampton Falls.

Motion to enter Nonpublic Session made at 7:05 PM.

Motion by L. Gargiulo, and seconded by E. Beattie.

Specific Statutory Reason cited as foundation for the nonpublic session:

RSA 91-A:3, II (a) Personnel: *The dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him or her, unless the employee affected (1) has a right to a public meeting, and (2) requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted.*

Roll Call vote to enter nonpublic session:	Mark R. Lane, Chairman	Y
	Edward B. Beattie, Vice Chairman	Y
	Lou Gargiulo, Selectman	Y

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Entered nonpublic session at 7:05 p.m.

Review of personnel matter.

Motion to leave nonpublic session and return to public session by E. Beattie, seconded by L. Gargiulo.

Motion: PASSED

Public session reconvened at 8:20 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

MOTION: E.BEATTIE

SECOND: L. GARGIULO

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These minutes prepared by Rachel D. Webb, Town Secretary; Town of Hampton Falls, NH.

Next Selectmen's Meeting Wednesday, May 18, 2022, 6:00 PM.