

*Town of Hampton, Connecticut
Board of Selectmen Minutes
Regular Meeting – March 5, 2012
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A meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Monday, March 5, 2012 at the Town Hall.

Present for the Board: First Selectman Allan Cahill, Selectman Mike Chapel, Selectman Bob Grindle

Staff Present: Liz Stillman, Recording Secretary

ITEM 1: Call to Order: First Selectman Cahill called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

ITEM 2: Audience for Citizens

Jill Barton thanked the Board of Selectmen and Selectman Chapel particularly for taking care of Parker Road.

Gay Wagner submitted the Recreation Commission budget to the Board of Selectmen for 2012-2013.

Penny Newbury asked about budget workshops and inquired whether EASTCONN paid property taxes to the town.

Gay Wagner stated that there was a state statute that exempted regional educational centers from paying property tax.

ITEM 3: Acceptance of Minutes

MOTION: Selectman Grindle moved to accept the January 2, 2012 Board of Selectmen meeting as written. Selectman Chapel seconded. All in favor; Motion passed.

ITEM 4: Liaison Reports

A. D-11 Board of Education

None

B. Hampton Board of Education

John Burnham stated that the budget would be completed by the end of the month.

C. Fire Department

D. Ambulance Corps

ITEM 5: Communications

First Selectman Cahill read a resignation letter from Ernestine Mitchell and a letter from the Conservation Commission regarding the Vadnais property.

ITEM 6: Financial Reports

Selectmen reviewed the financial reports.

MOTION: First Selectman Cahill moved to transfer \$203.00 from the tax collection expense account to the tax collector postage account, \$54.00 from town clerk conference and education to town clerk professional, \$21.00 from transfer station electric to transfer station telephone and \$63.00 from Town Hall oil to Town Hall telephone. Selectman Chapel seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

ITEM 7: Tax Collector Report

First Selectman Cahill read the Tax Collector's report dated February 29, 2012.

MOTION: First Selectman Cahill moved to accept the Tax Collector's report as written. Selectman Grindle seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

MOTION: Selectman Grindle moved to accept the refund request of \$1890.52 as requested by the Tax Collector. Selectman Chapel seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

ITEM 8: Appointment(s)/ Term(s)

A. Planning and Zoning

MOTION: Selectman Grindle moved to appoint Sue Hochstetter to the Planning and Zoning Commission as an alternate with a term ending March 5, 2017. Selectman Chapel seconded. All in favor; Motion passed.

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ITEM 9: Board/ Committee/ Commission Minutes for Review

Selectmen reviewed board/ committee/ commission minutes from the month of February.

ITEM 10: Additions to the Agenda

none

ITEM 11: Old Business

A. Garage Update

Working out the heating issues at the garage, the circulator pump needs to be rebuilt.

ITEM 12: New Business

A. Discuss and Act on earmarking funds within the General Fund for the playscape project

MOTION: Selectman Grindle moved to earmark \$30,000 for the playscape project within the general fund. Selectman Chapel seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

B. Discuss and Act on Assessor Clerk position

First Selectman Cahill gave some background information on the Assessor's Office dynamics.

MOTION: Selectman Chapel moved to advertise and hire a clerk for the Assessor's Office. Selectman Grindle seconded the motion. All in favor; motion approved.

C. Discuss and Act on Small Cities Grant Bids

MOTION: Selectman Grindle moved to table discussion to next meeting. Selectman Chapel seconded. All in favor; motion approved.

D. Discuss and Act on Vadnais Property

Selectman Chapel and Grindle expressed their favor for the action; Selectman Grindle would like to see the Commission move ahead with their work.

MOTION: Selectman Grindle moved to approve the expenditure of \$7000 from the Land Acquisition account for the purpose of paying for appraisals and survey work on the property of Michael Vadnais on Town Pound Rd / Cedar Swamp Road as a necessary component of the DEEP Open Space Land Acquisition application. Selectman Chapel seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

E. Discuss and Act on the initiation of the discontinuation of Parker Road

First Selectman Cahill would like to start analyzing at idea and presenting it to Planning and Zoning, to reverse the 1984 decision to

MOTION: Selectman Grindle moved to initiate the process of finding out from Planning and Zoning what would be entailed in discontinuing a portion of Parker Road. Selectman Chapel seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

ITEM 13: Audience for Citizens

Vie Marquis asked how many people lived on Parker Road and whether they would have access to their homes.

Jill Barton asked for clarification regarding where on Parker Road the discontinuation would start.

Kathi Newcombe asked if the Board of Selectmen would be holding hours on the third Saturday of the month, and whether other town hall offices would be open. Ms. Newcombe asked what the process would be for opening all the town hall offices on the third Saturday. She suggested adding the additional hours in First Selectman Cahill's article to the Gazette.

Mr. Fortin asked if the garage committee had been disbanded. First Selectman Cahill explained that once all bills had been settled, the committee would meet one last time.

Vie Marquis asked for a status update on the town crew. First Selectman Cahill indicated that there had been no change in the status.

Discussion followed regarding the trees planted at the new town garage and the color of the doors on the garage.

Mr. Fortin asked about the solar panels at the school and discussion followed regarding the status of the company that did the initial installation.

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ITEM 14: ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: There being no further business for the Board to discuss at this special meeting of the Board of Selectmen, Selectman Grindle/Chapel moved/seconded to adjourn at 8:02 p.m.; all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Elizabeth Stillman
Recording Secretary