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Present: Richard P. McDermott, Chairman; Larry M. Smith, Vice Chairman; Maryann Kasprzak, Selectwoman; Lori A. Ruest, Town Administrator; Susan H. Ayer, Secretary

Before beginning the business on the agenda, the Chairman took the time to extend congratulations to Police Chief Robbie Dirsra, for achieving 20 years of employment with the Town. He read a letter of recognition for the Chief's years of service.

BUILDING INSPECTOR, CODE COMPLIANCE, HEALTH OFFICER – MONTHLY REPORT

The Board acknowledged receipt of the report of the Building Inspector for August 14th through September 14th, 2015.

Building Inspector Mark Sikorski noted that he is awaiting a response from Counsel about the zoning issue on Coach Lane.

ROAD AGENT – MONTHLY REPORT

ADDITIONAL ROAD WORK 2015

The Board acknowledged receipt from Road Agent Dick Robinson of his report showing additional work done in 2015, his monthly report for August and invoice for work done.

Road Agent Dick Robinson told the Board he would have budget numbers to L. Ruest as soon as possible. Mowing and brush cutting have resumed.

HAZARD TREES

The Board reviewed letters sent out to two property owners, regarding dead or dying trees on their property that pose a hazard to the Town's road and traveling public. There was a response from one of the residents who hired a tree company for an opinion; it was agreed in the end that the tree was not in danger of falling over, but that the limbs overhanging the roadway would need to be removed. R. McDermott noted that both trees are large enough to need a bucket truck to cut from. A tree company will be hired for only half a day if possible.

M. Kasprzak said she was informed this week about another tree that could be a hazard, on Frying Pan Lane. She and/or the Road Agent will take a look at it.

WINTER ROAD MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

R. McDermott said that this subject will be discussed in non-public session.

FIRE CHIEF, AMBULANCE, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – MONTHLY REPORT

Board acknowledged the monthly report of the Fire Chief.

The Selectmen received a postcard from the Commander of the Eastern Area Incident Management Team, thanking the Town for supporting the efforts to manage the Morrell Complex fire, in which Fire Chief Jay Lord participated. The Fire Chief was specifically named as a great help in the effort.

J. Lord thanked the Board for letting him go on a second assignment, saying that this completed his training and he is now qualified as a Type 3 Plan Section Chief. In a question and answer period with the Board, he explained that this job involves building a plan out to a larger group. He will be a point man that makes sure everything gets done and that everyone is on the same page during a fire emergency, and that he will cover the New England area.

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J. Lord said that his primary job is still with Hampton Falls.

PROPOSED FIREWORKS ORDINANCE

There was a discussion of the Town's options with regard to the control of fireworks. J. Lord gave some background on the difficulties of the efforts at the State Legislature level.

The Fire Chief said that he will be working with the Fire Marshal and will bring several options to the Board. He said that there are basically three approaches, to require a permit, to only allow in certain places or at certain times, or to ban completely.

There was a discussion of options, and that while the matter needs immediate attention, the busy season for fireworks is over until New Year's Eve.

It was agreed to table the issue until the Fire Chief brings the options recommended by the Fire Marshall. J. Lord cautioned the Board and residents that this will not be a quick fix, and that the fireworks industry will address the issue from their side. He said that whatever the Board decides should be reviewed by legal counsel.

2016 FIRE DISPATCH AGREEMENT (5-YEAR RENEWAL APPROVED BY TOWN OF HAMPTON)

Renewal of the Fire Dispatch Agreement between Hampton Falls and the Town of Hampton was approved by the Selectmen at the last meeting. A letter has been received from Hampton saying that The Hampton Board of Selectmen also approved the agreement and that documents of the agreement will be sent In 2016.

REQUEST FOR MEDIAN CROSSOVER OF ROUTE I-95

A letter has been received from the State DOT confirming that they will work with the Town to pursue the construction of a median crossover in the area of the Taylor River Bridge replacement project. The DOT is in agreement with the towns of Hampton and Hampton Falls that this will enhance emergency response along I-95.

RADIOLOGICAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN (RERP) FUNDING FISCAL YEAR 2016

A letter from the State Department of Safety to the Fire Chief was received, confirming that the allocation of funds to support RERP in Hampton Falls is \$18,300.

J. Lord said that he would like to get everyone in town government, not only the fire and police departments, into training to know what is used to talk to the State during an event. This could be not only a nuclear plant event, but severe weather. He said that information can be seen from any computer with internet access.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Two Town residents were present to speak about problems with fireworks use in the Town. Sue Veilleux said that issuing permits for fireworks won't work for animals, as they will be affected any time they are set off, and will always pose a safety hazard for animals and people working with animals.

Ms. Veilleux brought along a petition with signatures of people in favor of a fireworks ban.

After some discussion it was decided that the petition should be saved for a future meeting when options are to be presented to the Board.

POLICE CHIEF, ANIMAL CONTROL – MONTHLY REPORT

The Selectmen acknowledged receipt of the monthly report of police activity from Chief Robbie Dirsra.

TRICK OR TREAT OCTOBER 30, 5 PM TO 7 PM

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POLICE DEPARTMENT MULTI-BAY GARAGE

Chief Dirsa reported that work on the new garage is progressing, and that the floor is due to be poured on September 17.

DETAIL RATES

Chief Dirsa distributed a memo to the Selectmen and Town Administrator, outlining his recommendation for an adjustment to the rates charged for private police detail. He has not requested an adjustment since July of 2013 and feels the following changes are due:

- Increase officer's pay \$2.00, to \$40.00 per hour, to reflect the median rate of other agencies
- Increase administrative fees \$5.00, to \$17.00 per hour, to cover the increase in benefits cost

The rate of \$10 per hour for use of the cruiser would remain the same.

MOTION: To approve adjustment of private detail rates as presented by Police Chief Dirsa in his memo dated September 16, 2015; new rates to become effective November 1, 2015

MOTION: L. Smith

SECOND: M. Kasprzak

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COMPENSATION REVIEW COMMITTEE

L. Ruest asked if the Board had suggestions for members, as three out of five members of this committee are no longer available. There was a discussion of possible candidates, and the possibility of getting the committee up and running in time to assist with the 2016 budget.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

General Fund Balance \$1,373,503

The Selectmen received monthly reports from the Treasurer, Bookkeeper and Tax Collector.

ACCOUNT PAYABLE/PAYROLL/TREASURER/TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS WARRANTS

MOTION: To approve the following warrants as presented by the Bookkeeper:

Payroll check warrant	#313	\$12,770.79
Accounts payable warrant	#482	848,916.67

MOTION: M. Kasprzak

SECOND: L. Smith

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2015 TOWN REPORT BID RESULTS – AWARDING OF BID

There was a discussion of the three bids received for printing of the 2015 Town Report.

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Of the bids opened at the September 2 meeting, Select Print was the low bidder, at an average cost per report of \$8.10. Select Print was chosen to print last year's report, and all requirements were met to the Town's satisfaction.

MOTION: To award the bid for printing of the 2015 Hampton Falls Town Report to Select Print Solutions of North Brookfield, MA, for 200 copies at a cost of \$1,597.

MOTION: M. Kasprzak

SECOND: L. Smith

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SERRDD 53B CLARIFICATION OF SURPLUS FUNDS

The Selectmen reviewed and discussed a letter received from the Southeast Regional Refuse Disposal District 53B, from which the Town had withdrawn as of June 30, 2015.

In the letter, the SERRDD contended that as their fiscal year runs from April 1st through March 31st, towns that withdrew at the end of the contract year, June 30th, still owed dues as they were members as of April 1st.

L. Smith noted that he is not in agreement that the Town should pay dues for the 9 months it was not in the District. L. Ruest said that a follow up letter will be drafted for the signature of the Board.

OTHER:

AVESTA HOUSING PROJECT—APPLICATION FOR TAX CREDITS

A letter received from New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority regarding Avesta Housing Development Corporation's proposed low-income senior apartment complex was discussed. The letter informed the Selectmen that Avesta had applied to the NHHFA for federal housing tax credits for the project proposed for Hampton Falls. "If awarded such credits, the developer will agree to rent to households that meet federal income requirements", the letter read, and went on to ask the Selectmen to submit any comments they may have to the NHHFA by September 29, 2015.

There was a discussion of the proposed project, what the low-income nature of the rentals would mean for property tax purposes, and what the impact would be on Town services. L. Smith said he would like to know what the tax impact would be, but went on to say that he would like to respond in favor of the project.

M. Kasprzak said she is not opposed, but feels the Town needs to be prepared to address the increase in emergency, fire and police calls.

RESCHEDULE OCTOBER 21 SELECTMEN'S MEETING

Due to scheduling conflicts, the October 21st meeting of the Selectmen needs to be changed. After conferring, the Board and Administrator agreed to move the meeting to October 28th, 6:30 PM at the Town Hall.

HAMPTON FALLS TO HOST ROCKINGHAM PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING, OCTOBER 14, TOWN HALL

SELECTMEN'S PERMITS – CASTLEBERRY FAIR, ROAD RACE

Two permit applications were received. The first, for the Castleberry Fair, has already been approved and the certificate of insurance is on file. The second, for a charity bicycle race that will pass through Hampton Falls,

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does not need approval, but is shared for information only. The race will take place on October 17th from 9:00 to 11:00 AM.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: 9/2/2015

MOTION: To approve the minutes of September 2, 2015, as written.

MOTION: L. Smith

SECOND: M. Kasprzak

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MOTION: To go into non-public session at 7:38 PM, under RSA 91-A:3 II (a) : Personnel, and II (e): Consideration or negotiation of pending claims or litigation.

MOTION: L. Smith

SECOND: M. Kasprzak

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MOTION: To resume in public session and seal the minutes of the non-public session, at 8:15 PM.

MOTION: L. Smith

SECOND: M. Kasprzak

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The Selectmen asked the Town Administrator to contact Town Counsel to respond to the attorney for E.L.M. regarding the Winter Road Maintenance Agreement.

MOTION: To adjourn, at 7:59 PM

MOTION: R. McDermott

SECOND: L. Smith

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