

**HAMPTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
BEACH FIRE STATION – APPARATUS BAY
June 20, 2005 7:10 PM**

PRESENT: James Workman, Chairman, Cliff Pratt, Vice Chairman
Rick Griffin, Ben Moore, Virginia Bridle-Russell
Karen Anderson, Administrative Assistant

John Hangen, Public Works Director
Peter Howe, Faye, Spofford & Thorndike

PUBLIC HEARING: The Board of Selectmen continued to take comments from the public in regard to the deletion and replacement of several loading zones on Ashworth Avenue and the “lettered streets”, as well as changes to the no parking ordinances on the side streets. Mr. Workman gave some ground rules for the hearing, explaining that everyone would be given the opportunity to speak once, before anyone being allowed to speak a second time.

Mr. John Hangen, Public Works Director told the audience that when the first public hearing was held there were a lot of issues raised as to the locations of the loading zones. As a result, a work session was held on June 8th to talk with the residents and businesses on an individual basis to get their input. The first plan had 10 loading zones proposed where there are currently 17 and after the meeting on June 8th there are now 40 loading zones proposed. The goal is to accommodate, in the best way possible, the traffic, motels, restaurants, parking needs and businesses. Mr. Hangen said that the needs vary and there is no way to satisfy everyone.

Mr. Peter Howe, of Faye, Spofford & Thorndike explained that the loading zones, shown in blue on the plan will be applicable during certain times of the day (proposed 6:30 AM – 11:30 AM) and then will be regular parking spaces during the other times of the day. Some loading zones will remain loading zones at all times due to fire lanes or other safety matters.

Ms. Judy Preston, 25 Tuttle Avenue stated that she has been a lifelong resident and owned the Go-Go Putt golf course. She said she did not understand the need for loading zones, and said that the trucks just pulled over in front of the business and unloaded. She said that a loading zone ending at 11:30 AM is not practical and some tradesmen will refuse to come and the business will not be able to get supplies and then will be out of business. Ms. Preston said that there are other impacts from the businesses not being able to get deliveries and she cannot understand why the decisions have not been made because sidewalks are already installed. She noted that she has been able to park in front of her house for 20 years and does not know if she will be able to continue to do that.

Mr. John Kane, 115 Ocean Boulevard, Precinct Commissioner said that at the Village District Annual Meeting in March a committee was authorized to look into the loading zones and parking concerns at the beach and he asked that the Board of Selectmen listen to the report from the committee.

Mrs. Geannina Guzman-Scanlon, 4 J Street, explained that a group of residents are on this committee and have been looking at scenarios which are different from what has been presented and they believe that working together they can come up with a better plan. The committee has put together a questionnaire to gather information and compile into a report that will be shared with the Board of Selectmen, residents and Precinct Commissioners. After the information is compiled, focus groups will be formed to see that the input of the residents and business owners will be included in the plan. Mrs. Scanlon noted that there is a short time frame for this. A grant for \$300 has been received to get information on Main Street USA and research has been done on parking alternatives.

Mr. Dan Traficante, 81 Ocean Boulevard stated that the time proposed for loading, 6:30 AM -11:30 AM will take those spaces away from the overnight people, because people won't move their car that early in the morning. He suggested 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM would be more appropriate. Mr. Traficante said that on K Street the loading zone is being moved from the south side to the north side, but the only business is on the

south side. Mr. Traficante said that he is currently negotiating with a business that is concerned with the availability of loading zones and feels a 50' space does not work for any of the food companies that deliver to the beach. The smaller loading zones will force businesses to deal with secondary suppliers with smaller trucks, at a higher cost. He expressed concern that having the loading zone across the street, traffic will be tied up as the delivery drivers need to cross the street with the merchandise. Mr. Traficante noted that the town has lost parking spaces as a result of the new police facility and empty lots that are currently being used for parking will likely have buildings put on those lots. Mr. Traficante asked that the Board of Selectmen consider parking being allowed on both sides of the side streets, with a 5' sidewalk on one side and a 3' sidewalk on the other.

Mr. Joseph Meehan, 147 Ashworth Avenue asked if Ashworth Avenue is still proposed for three lanes, and why there is a turn lane being considered when a service lane is more appropriate. He asked where the snow will be placed in the winter and pointed out that the trash truck will have to stop in the travel lane. Mr. Meehan said that if delivery trucks have to park across the street, the businesses will not be able to get their deliveries. He noted that the dirt piles from the drilling of the poles are still on the roads.

Manish Grover of the Royal Market talked about the delivery trucks not being able to make deliveries to his store if they have to cross the street and the lack of a loading zone in front of his business will impact the post office that has been at his location for several years and if this goes through he will be out of business.

Mr. Andrew Guthrie, 10 Boston Avenue, and representing the Island Residents Association, asked if the residents are going to get any direct answers to questions asked tonight. He said that this is hurting the people at the beach. He asked what the thought process was on this and if a parking impact study was done. Mr. Hangen said that a traffic study was done before the infrastructure project was proposed.

Mr. Hangen noted that several numbers have been stated about the number of parking spaces lost, but in reality only 71 spaces have been lost. Mr. Hangen did not know if there was a parking impact study done, but understands that change is going to be controversial. He wanted residents to understand that the beach residents have stated for ten years that the town never invests in the beach with sidewalks, sewer or drainage issues; the town was presented with a plan for sidewalks on both sides of every street, new sewers and drainage and the town voted to fund the project. This is an investment for the entire town.

Mr. Guthrie said that the lettered streets will be losing 50% of the parking, and the increased size of the parking space reduces the number of spaces further. The Church Street resident parking lot will be lost for this season, which is the beach owner's season. Mr. Guthrie said that the Board of Selectmen has heard from the residents and he asked when the changes will be made. He said that the Board of Selectmen needs to hold the Town Manager accountable. Mr. Guthrie asked if the project is still at \$12 million and asked if the money can be used for more firemen, policeman or a ladder truck instead. He appreciates the increase in the loading zones for the businesses, but it will cut down the residential parking in residential areas. He said that loading zones should be in the business areas, not in the residential areas. Mr. Guthrie asked if storm drains are getting put in. Mr. Howe said that storm drains will be on the lettered streets and Ashworth Avenue. Mr. Guthrie asked if it is still true that the Island Section will not be getting the sidewalks as he has heard recently that the Island Section will be losing 143 parking spaces.

Mr. Hangen said that on White's Island, the sidewalks and parking will not change as far as he understands. Mr. Hangen said that none of the loading zones along Ocean Boulevard will change and they will accommodate the larger trucks. Mr. Traficante clarified that when he said that the beach is losing 1,000 spaces, that is mainly because of private development not because of the infrastructure project. Mr. Hangen said that what is needed is a partnership for a parking garage

Ms. Kim Barrone, 8 K Street asked why the loading zone on K Street is on the same side where the parking is allowed. Mr. Hangen said that the proposed plan is to have parking on one side of the street only. The loading zones are proposed on the end of each of those streets during the mornings. She asked why the

loading zone can't be on the other side of the street where parking is not allowed. Mr. Howe said that there are a few factors used to determine what side parking is allowed, first they tried to have it on the right hand side, than it was to try and maximize parking spaces and a big factor was the utility pole locations. If the poles did not have to be moved that was considered. The decisions were not arbitrary.

Mr. Tom Nassoura, 15 Gill Street, General Manager of Coca Cola said that he is concerned with not having loading zones on Ashworth Avenue and the safety of his employees. He said that Coca-Cola will probably be able to get to some of the businesses from the side streets, but there are three large deliveries that can take up to an hour to deliver and if the drivers have to park in front of the business illegally to unload, he imagines that they would get ticketed. Mr. Nassoura suggested that there should be a loading zone on Ashworth Avenue for that reason. He added that the time frame for the loading zones is too early for them since Seabrook's ordinance does not allow them to leave the plant until 7:00 AM.

Mr. Ed MacDonald 25 Epping Avenue said that the Board should eliminate the two-way traffic on Ashworth Avenue. He said that if the center lane is eliminated, there could be a continuous loading zone for the entire length.

Unknown speaker, said that he had two controversial ideas. One is to leave Ashworth Avenue one-way and build a road over it for the reverse direction and his second suggestion is that a five-story parking garage be built in the wetlands behind the police station.

Mrs. Diana LaMontagne, 15 P Street said that Ashworth Avenue was two-way several years ago and there were several accidents. She said that a telephone pole has been put in the middle of the sidewalk on the corner of P Street.

Mr. Paul McNeil, O Street said that the sidewalks were a waste of time and he does not understand why there can't just be a 4' or 5' sidewalk on one side of the street.

Mr. Robert Tear, 14 O Street said that he was concerned that people that have sewers in the back of their buildings will have to pay to have it reconnected to the new line. He said that he is getting a group together to sue the town about that because the law says that if the town moves the pipe they need to move the residents line at the same time. Mr. Tear said that it is not right to have two 5' sidewalks on the side streets when there is only a 3' sidewalk on Ocean Boulevard. This is hurting the businesses. Mr. Tear said that he hopes the town is setting money aside for the people that the town is going to abandon their sewer lines.

Mr. John Christiansen stated that he is looking at the plans and if the parking is taken off one side of the street and loading zones are added, parking is going to disappear. Mr. Christiansen said that the residents present are not here to fight, they are being hurt and that is why they are angry with what is happening and feel they are powerless. Mr. Christiansen said that a traffic study was done and a presentation was held with the engineers but no Selectmen were present and the Town Manager came in, counted the audience and left. Mr. Rizzo noted at the presentation that the study did not try to resolve the parking problems at the beach. The plan tried to meet the Master Plan goals, the plan was idealistic and worked well for awhile, but when the cycles ran long enough the traffic backed up.

Mr. Bill Cassen, 12 O Street said that these changes were supposed to alleviate the traffic problems, but with the loss in parking spaces the people will be driving around creating more traffic looking for a parking space and then will go home. Come winter, Mr. Hangen's crew is going to plow Ashworth Avenue and the sidewalks will be filled with snow. It will become dangerous for kids who wait for a school bus and delivery trucks will have a problem. Mr. Cassen said that there are major economic, safety and quality of life impacts with this project.

Mr. David Mailloux, Ocean Motel on A Street, explained that nothing has been changed on Ocean Boulevard for 35 years. The Town does not have enough funds for the police and fire so instead of

eliminating parking they should put meters on the side streets like they do in most other towns and generate revenue for the town. A parking garage, standing over the marsh, next to the police station could make money as well.

Mr. Vic Lessard said that a parking garage was talked about in 1976 but it was not feasible. He asked if the Board of Selectmen want businesses and tourists in Hampton beach or do they want condos and houses. He noted that he just returned from Daytona Beach and the same thing is happening there, condos are being built where there should be businesses. Mr. Lessard said that the condos will increase the burden on the entire town. He said that Ashworth Avenue should have loading zones and he does not feel two-way traffic will work on that street. The contractors worked very hard last winter and the problems that occurred can not be blamed on the workers, but the people need to be worked with.

Mr. John Ozberak, 95 Ashworth Avenue said that the Royal Market is across from him and since the sidewalk was installed he has had to kick trucks out from in front of his business that are unloading. He said the people wanting to go to the store are using his parking lot. While he sympathizes with the local businesses, the parking that they are losing is hurting him. Mr. Ozberak said that the Town is doing the right thing and trying to improve the beach, but what is missing is the perspective of the people that live at the beach. If your neighbor is losing a parking space or loading zone, it will affect you eventually. He noted the rubble that has been left behind from the installation of the poles. He owns a motel and he can't run the motel the town wants him to run, he could sell it to a condo person and make some money and get out of the beach. He thinks there has to be a compromise on the parking from the residents as well. The police station is beautiful and it was great investment, however, we need to have the police visible.

Mr. Dean Fraser, 179 Ashworth Avenue, stated that he hopes that it is a dead issue to make Ashworth Avenue a two-way road. He said that he is down by the bridge daily and when the fire truck and ambulance have to get to the pier there is space for the cars to open up and allow the trucks down the center. With two-way traffic, the turning lane will become jammed up and the emergency vehicles will not be able to get across the bridge. This past April 19th, which was the first nice day, he said that he left the beach at 1:00 PM and the traffic coming into the beach was backed up to the lights in Seabrook. He also expressed concerns about the bump outs at the end of the streets, and if the emergency vehicles are going to be able to make the turns. He said that the bump outs are the worst part. If you want to have sidewalks on both sides, they should only be 3' and wherever they can, have parking on both sides or have angled parking on one side.

Ms. Mary LaMontagne 186 Ashworth Avenue said that one of the problems is that the Board of Selectmen does not believe the poles are on private land. She said that she is the 4th generation on the property she owns, and while the land was owned by the HBIC they had annual inspections and with 19 motel units and 21 parking spaces they did not encroach on town land. She explained that she paid land rents and taxes and then as a result of the class action suit against the HBIC and the Batchelder family the property owners got the right to buy the leased land. Ms. LaMontagne said that she has not changed the footprint of her property and now has 15 parking spaces for 17 units and was told that she encroached onto town property. She noted that a neighbor has 7 legal rental units that always had parking and now she will only have 4 spaces. The owners all thought they owned the land that the town claims. Most thought that they were giving the Batchelder family money for the leases that included the parking and it only came to their attention that it didn't when the lease expired. She said that she has to move her sign 8" after having the sign there for 51 years. Ms. LaMontagne said that the owners need the land to make a living and should be able to use the land they always thought they had.

Mr. Dick Paquin 11 F Street, said that the sidewalks are necessary because people walk up the middle of the street instead of the sidewalks because of all the parking arrangements. The width should be no more than what is needed. The parking has been talked about a lot; people are not going to come to the beach because they can't find a place to park and he feels a large garage would alleviate 75% of the parking problems.

Mrs. Marian Wall, 8 Francis Street said that she has been a summer resident since 1963 and is concerned about not having the availability of the resident lot on Church Street. She said she has relied on that lot for years and no alternative has been offered. She said that she will not have the opportunity to have her family spend time with them at the beach because they only have two parking spots and they don't have an option to park on the private way. Mrs. Wall said that she thought that one of the responsibilities of elected officials is to resolve problems of individuals and asked that the residents be given free spots in the Church Street lot, adding that it is not used much during the week. Mrs. Wall said that during the last hot weekend the Church Street paid lot was not even open. Mrs. Wall told the Board that she used to lease a space in the adjacent Church Street lot for \$355.00 but would like some free resident parking in the Church Street area.

Mr. Fred Rice, member of the Hampton Beach Area Commission said that he grew up on the beach and has seen it go from a family beach to a very commercial beach. This problem has been 100 years in coming and everyone in the room has a different perspective on what solution will solve their problems. This meeting is to gather information and his criticism is that the Board members are not taking notes. He noted that he was on the Board when the Lafayette Road and Highland Avenue projects were done and those two projects had problems as well and it is up to the people with experience to bring the problems together with solutions. He noted that Mr. Hangen and Mr. Howe have that expertise. He commended Mr. Traficante on his suggestions. He recommended that if a resident has a problem or a proposed solution that they put it in writing and get it to Mr. Howe. Mr. Rice urged the public to try and work with the Town Manager, Board of Selectmen and engineers in a positive manner.

Mrs. Judy Beaulieu, 91 Leavitt Road said that everyone is very concerned. She said she does not understand how all this information will come together. She asked when the Board of Selectmen is going to make the decisions on the plans, who a resident should speak to with their concerns. Mr. Workman said that the Town Manager will listen to all the concerns and pass them along to the Board and the engineers and the Board will consider the input from tonight. The plan is being looked at individually, but accommodations cannot always be made. Mr. Workman said that the Board is talking about loading zones and no parking, not sidewalks. She asked at what point this project is going to stop for the summer. Mr. Howe said that the sidewalks from D Street north will be finished up. The debris from the poles is from Unitil. Mrs. Beaulieu asked Mr. Workman to notify Unitil about the debris. Mrs. LaMontagne said that there are poles sticking out with projectiles, but the warning cones are gone. Mrs. Beaulieu said she looked at the plans, but never realized the bump outs existed; this gives the teenagers a corner to hang out on. She said at the top of A Street there was a problem with people taking the corner too quickly.

Mrs. Nancy Peppin, 22 G Street, explained that the town has given permits to people to add onto homes over all these years and take away parking. She said that they had a wraparound porch and took the porch down to have more parking. There used to be free parking and gradually as the years went by rates have increased. She asked that the Board of Selectmen take into consideration that these homes don't have enough parking and she would like parking on both sides of the street to help the people that rent to tourists.

Mr. Paul Houghton, 6 N Street, said that after the July 12, 2004 meeting he contacted Mr. Howe about their curb cut situation and has presented very positive plans to the Board of Selectmen with a 7' sidewalk on one side of N Street but he never received a response from that proposal.

Mr. Kevin Close, 23 K Street, has looked at the plans and proposed parking and finds it strange that the topic of loading zones has come up at this time with the sidewalks already completed. He said that all elements of a project should be looked at before work starts. He does not have any concerns with his property, he asked for some adjustments and worked with the engineers on them. The planning needs to be done before bump outs are put in or sidewalks are installed. Mr. Close advocated a moratorium on the project until there is more input and decisions made.

Mr. Ray Blondeau, A Street, proud owner of the all the nice parking lots, said that he heard criticism on all the parking lots, but the price he has to pay is the taxes. He said that he had to get a \$35 permit to move a flagpole and he lost parking spaces, but he expected all these things. Mr. Blondeau said that he doesn't like the proposal for certain hours for deliveries. He delivers himself several times a day to two side doors, although they are getting those loading zones. Mr. Blondeau noted that his neighbor, Mr. Mirulla uses the town parking lot and the town street as valet parking and charges \$20.00 per car. The reason he wants meters is because of the people like that who take advantage of the town. He said that Mr. Mirulla also goes on Jones Avenue and parks five cars all summer long, Mr. Mirulla was present and confirmed that he parked for the summer on Jones Avenue. Mr. Blondeau said that the town needs tax revenue. He suggested that the town make a flower box out of the small area for a sidewalk in front of Simco Parking lot because it is so narrow.

Mr. McGuirk read an article from the Portsmouth Herald, November 22, 2004 that concerned him and he felt that the Town Manager was saying that his business was below average and would be replaced. He said that when the parking meters are in front of his business no one wants to come to the beach. Mr. McGuirk said that the zoning ordinances in this town are backwards, allowing 5 units with 10 parking spots. When there is no parking the business suffers. Last July 4th the town parking lot was not available because of the police station construction and it was his worst year ever.

Mrs. Kathy Kier, 7 Boston Avenue said that she sees what happens on the beach and the town makes decisions for the beach. She asked if the beach has ever thought about separating from the town to make their own decisions.

Mr. Michael Scanlon said that this has been a 2 ½ year process from a town warrant article mandating that there be parking on both sides of the street and there is an injunction against the town that will require the sidewalks to be taken out if a business loses money. He stated that the Town is going to have to take out every sidewalk on the westerly side of Ashworth Avenue. The residents are the stakeholders and will determine what is going to happen on their land and will succeed. He wonders how much liability the town is going to have with the loss of 6 firefighters. Mr. Scanlon said that they are tired of the Board of Selectmen and will continue to sue the town until they get rid of the Board members.

Mr. Nick Castelli, 5 F Street asked if his understanding was correct that F Street will have no parking but there will be loading zones. Mr. Howe confirmed that F Street will be a fire lane and will have two 80' loading zones on each end.

Mr. Charlie Preston, Glade Path said that Ashworth Avenue works the way it is and he asked that the board not fix it. Two-way traffic will create 32 more intersections on that street and will cause traffic concerns. We can live with the sidewalks. He suggested that the town save money by not putting in the rotary at the end of Ashworth Avenue and have "home rule" on each of the side streets. Every street is different and the Board of Selectmen should get some direction from the owners. Mr. Preston asked if there should be a warrant article on the traffic change or if it is a Board of Selectmen decision. Mr. Workman said that it is currently a Board of Selectmen decision.

Mr. Ed MacDonald said that Mr. Hangen indicated that what exists in White Island currently is what will be there. Mr. Hangen said that when the bids first came in some decisions had to be made and a decision was to take a credit and not do any sidewalk repair work on White's Island, according to his understanding. Mr. MacDonald said that when he asked that question, he was told by the Town Manager that the lump sum bid included sidewalks and they weren't sure what was going to be done about the sidewalks. Mr. Hangen said that he is 99% sure that the sidewalks won't change.

Mrs. Scanlon said that it has taken her ten months to find out on how many parking spaces would be lost. On June 8th she was told by Mr. Howe that he could not know how many spaces would be lost without asking Mr. Barrington. She needs to know, today, if what Mr. Barrington told her Monday, that the Island area was going to lose 143 spaces and the lettered streets would lose 201 spaces is correct.

Mrs. Scanlon said that she wants to provide facts but can't do that if she has not been given the facts. She said she wanted copies of the maps but had to pay for them, even though her goal is to provide positive input. Mrs. Scanlon said that she has sued the town and it is not pretty and that is not the way to do things. She said the town and the residents need to be able to deal with the problems without going to court. The problem is that the town is being governed by RSA's, not by the community. She said she takes full responsibility for writing the survey and believes it is all factual. There are some things that can be done positively and that is why she is trying to collect information. People were not allowed to speak at the visioning sessions for longer than three minutes. Change always causes something shifting and the changes being proposed are going to hurt the people and the people are telling the town that. Mrs. Scanlon said that the beach is losing 500 spaces, although a parking garage could be built for 500 spaces that will cost \$5 million and \$500 per space to maintain it annually. The town also needs a better fire station. She asked why the town would take away 500 spaces that already exist. Mrs. Scanlon requested that the Board tell her that the Island area is not losing 143 spaces; tell her how many spaces are being lost and how the input from tonight is going to be treated. She asked if there are going to be other meetings. The public input is sorely missed. What is working now should be left as it is, a pedestrian strategy is not sidewalks, but easier parking and flowers. The State can exempt the fact that some sidewalks are not 5' for ADA. There needs to be a willingness of cooperation, not the punitive approach.

Mr. Vic Lessard said that Mr. Barrington told him that he would not be going back to ask the people for more money. He noted that a water pipe was broken on B Street and although his company did all the work for the water company, Faye, Spofford & Thorndike would not ask him where the pipe was. Mr. Lessard asked if FST was told not to ask him. Mr. Howe said that no one ever told him not to speak with him. Mr. Howe said that it is his understanding that the sidewalks on the original plan are not changing, if they are not done there will be a credit for them. Mr. Lessard asked if this plan was completely laid out so that it could be sent out to other contractors. Mr. Howe said that the model was laid out according to N.H. DES as a modified design build process; the engineer was contracted for a 30% plans and those were sent out for contractors to bid, four contractors responded and were interviewed. Mr. Lessard said that the town of Hampton is guaranteed they will get the complete job finished for the \$12 million and if something is not done there will be a credit. Mr. Howe said that as a contractor, Mr. Lessard understands that a lot of things can come up during a project and while there is a contingency built in, he can't say that there is a guarantee everything will get done, although they know they can't exceed that figure. Mr. Lessard said that there should be another meeting, but noted that the work needs to get done. Mr. Lessard said he was not able to get up C Street with a 50' trailer with the bump out and that will be tough to work with. Mr. Lessard said that he believes that a lot of trust has been lost in this town and the Beach Commissioners should have done more work on this and they have dumped it on the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Close asked if the Board of Selectmen is given periodic reports on the progress to date and the percentage of funds used. Mr. Workman said that the Board of Selectmen is getting periodic reports. As a taxpayer it is important for them to know how much has been spent and how much has been done.

Mr. Gary Dupuis, 6 Fogg Lane asked about the traffic on L Street, why it changes every year and what advantage that is to the beach. Mr. Workman said that it was the recommendation of the police department several years ago to discourage the cruising.

Mr. Traficante said that the one-way streets have had the opposite effect, the kids have to drive further to go around. He said that originally the work would be done by Memorial Day and now the work that is still being done is killing business. Mr. Traficante said that the sidewalks should be on both sides of the streets, and if they are taken away people will walk onto residents properties. The traffic will back up on the lettered streets because people won't let them pull onto the Boulevard. Many people are addressing personal parking problems, but it is not just their problem because those same vehicles will now take other spaces.

Mr. Hangen stated that the town has been adding sewers for a long time and the standard policy has always

been to put the sewer line on town property and bring the lateral to the property line and the individual homeowner makes the connection. He added that the issue at Hampton Beach is that some sewer lines are in the back yards and connect through neighbor's yards. In order to get funded for grants to put new sewers at Whites Island and other parts of the beach, one of the major issues was the old pipes and the infiltration that is occurring. Mr. Hangen said that he will research the law, but noted that the State has insisted the lines be put on town land.

Mr. Frasier suggested that the parking area by the State Park be made a beach resident only parking lot.

Mr. Christiansen said that he has made several suggestions and many will be addressed or looked into and many others will be recorded in the minutes. Mr. Christiansen asked if the easements for the sewer lines in yards are going to be lifted when the sewer lines are abandoned.

Mr. Guthrie said that he understands about the charge for hooking up the sewer initially but the town has a fiduciary responsibility to reconnect the person to the new pipe. The current system is not working and the residents understand that it needs to be replaced and appreciate it, but residents should not be expected to pay for what they have already paid for once. Mr. Guthrie noted that the Board of Selectmen has listened for over two hours and heard the concerns about the bump outs, heard that some people don't want sidewalks on both sides and others said that they do. Parking is a concern of everyone and the side streets need two sided parking.

Mrs. Rosanna Wright, 5 Epping Avenue said that she is very nervous about the sewer situation. It goes down her back yard and she wants to know what the cost will be to hook up. She also said that State is talking about putting in a new bridge from Hookset Street and it will end up right near her property. Mr. Workman said that in talking with the D.O.T. the new bridge is not in the ten-year plan, but he will confirm that. Mr. Howe said that the State was doing a study on the bridge but even the study has been put on hold at this time.

Mr. MacDonald said that Mr. Hangen noted that some of the Island sewers are not on town property, but he said that they were and the town has easements to maintain them, so they can be reconstructed where they are. Mr. Workman said that an easement is a right on the property, but the land is not town property.

Mr. Traficante stated that on every holiday weekend and Wednesday nights the police department closes the State parking lot at 7-8 PM, which loses 100's of parking spaces and something needs to be done to tell the Police department to stop doing that foolishness.

Mr. Scanlon said that the silent majority in this issue is the older residents that are wondering how they will be able to keep their properties and hook into the sewer.

The Public Hearing was closed at 10:30 PM.

I. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Retired Fire Captain Rusty Bridle led the audience in the flag salute.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Sand Castle competition is going on this week and residents are encouraged to stop by and enjoy the creations.

III. OLD BUSINESS

Town Manager's Report

Police Facility Open House

The Open House for the Police Station will be held on Saturday, July 16, between 9:00 AM and Noon.

Surplus Materials Auction

The surplus property auction is scheduled for Saturday, July 9.

Timber Swamp Road

A contractor will be working on a paving reclamation project on Timber Swamp Road beginning in a couple of weeks.

Crosswalks – Ocean Boulevard

Mr. Barrington reported through his memo that he spoke with Charlie Provencal, the Pavement Marking Supervisor for NHDOT, about the crosswalks on Ocean Boulevard. It is the State’s plan (weather permitting) to paint the Ocean Boulevard crosswalks this week.

Zoning Board Suit

The Town was served today with a suit (Scanlan et al v. Town of Hampton) regarding a recent ZBA decision regarding the Captain Morgan Inn / Vertical Building / Breckenridge.

Fire Department Mutual Aid

The Town Manager received, and copied to the Board’s packets, a report from Chief Lipe of the inbound and outbound fire department mutual aid requests so far in 2005. In looking back over recent years, it appears that the years when we give more mutual aid as opposed to when we receive more mutual aid have been fairly even over the years. While we have had a flurry of inbound aid in June, that has essentially served to “balance the scale” for the year to date through the middle of June. At this point we can only speculate what activity in which community will generate calls for mutual aid support in the future, whether inbound or outbound for Hampton.

Assistance Request

The Board reviewed a memo and information provided in conjunction with a request from a resident that the Board of Selectmen waive the unpaid interest on her account. Mr. Moore said that he would be agreeable to granting a hardship lien rather than an abatement.

Mr. Moore MOTIONED that the resident be granted a hardship lien in the amount of \$600.38.

Mr. Griffin SECONDED

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Southeast Refuse District 53 B

Mr. Workman reported that the tipping fees for 53 B have increased 2.7% and there is currently a grant available for recycling education. The grant amounts are based on the town’s contributions into 53 B and the deadline has been extended to July 15th. Mr. Workman asked that the information be passed along to Public Works.

V. MINUTES

Mrs. Bridle-Russell MOTIONED that the minutes of June 13, 2005 be approved.

Mr. Pratt SECONDED

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Leased Land Sales – Deeds and Declarations of Transfers, Termination of Leases
2. Abatement – Map 69 Lot 48
3. Lien Release
4. Request for Firefighter Toll Booth – August 21st for Muscular Dystrophy

Mr. Moore requested that item #2 be removed from the consent agenda.

Mr. Pratt MOTIONED that the balance consent agenda be approved.

Mrs. Bridle-Russell SECONDED

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

Mr. Moore MOTIONED that the abatement be denied.

Mr. Griffin SECONDED

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Michael Scanlon commended the Saturday crew at the Transfer Station for doing a very good job.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Pratt MOTIONED that the meeting be adjourned. (10:45 PM)

Mr. Griffin SECONDED

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

Chairman