

The meeting was called to order on February 10, 2004, at the Town Office at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Dick Wood. Members present: Norman Weldy, Paul Brown, Wayne Welch, Dick Wood and Jonathan Wood. Also present: Town Manager Richard Bates, and Craig Wheeler, Town Planner.

Chairman Dick Wood stated it is a work session with the main focus being review and discussion of zoning warrant articles and new zoning map. Craig Wheeler, the planner is here to fill us in on what the zoning changes are and the map as well.

Craig Wheeler then presented a PowerPoint Presentation (See attached copy).

The Board of Selectmen thanked Craig Wheeler for his presentation.

### **Town Ballot**

Town Manager Bates stated the Town Ballot has been reviewed by Town Counsel, everything has been gone over, with the exception that there may be a change in a comma or semicolon in the zoning material, but everything else is in place and ready.

Town counsel is looking into the possibility of putting warrant articles that the voters do not vote on at the end, so the numbering does not go out of sequence and we don't have voters asking where a certain number is. Town Counsel are looking into this for next year.

The voters guide is being finalized right now.

The Voters Guide will be mailed out separately from "On The Common".

Discussion followed about taking the time to go over the Voters Guide and taking it with you in the voting booth. It will save a lot of time.

**Motion made by Norm Weldy and Seconded by Paul Brown that the Ballot be approved as printed.**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

Manager Bates stated we need a dedication of the Town Report. Every year it is a citizen who has made significant contributions to the Town over the years. Unfortunately, we have lost Neal Welch this past year and one of the recommendations was for this year's Town Report to be dedicated to Neal. We would like to put that up for the Board to discuss.

**Chairman Dick Wood makes a Motion to dedicate the Town Report to Neal. Paul Brown Seconds it.**

**The Motion passed unanimously.**

Town Survey

Selectman J. Wood speaks that 435 of the Surveys were completed. Of that 50 were of businesses. We will try to get the results on Channel 22, but it would probably be better in a discussion form. He will try to get it in a PowerPoint Presentation and maybe put it up on the Web that way.

Town Manager Bates wanted to recognize that Diane in the Recreation Dept. who has had training for database work and she goes far beyond the secretary title. She put in a tremendous amount of work and pulled together a database that was manageable so that the people that work in the Rec Dept. could enter in the data. She has done several databases for the Town in the past couple of years. She has done one or two for Public Works, one for you, I don't know if you use that now or not. I think she has done one for Maintenance. The one for Recreation is a huge database to manage all of the playground information and all of the trips. It is a relational database, which allows you to take information from a bunch of sources and this is the most recent result of the investment we have made of money into training for her, but the payoff has been huge.

Selectman J. Wood participated in the presentation for Senate Bill 70, which is a One Million Dollar Feasibility Study to provide a sewer outfall in the ocean for the 44 communities that drain into Great Bay and during the presentation it was made clear that just having a big pipe going out the sea is not the solution. There are a number of different solutions that have to be looked at in this feasibility study and the different contractors explained how they were going to go about this. So that means that there are going to be some public hearings and public meetings in the Town of Raymond, where the contractor will come in the next eighteen months and speak with us as to what our intents are with regard to wastewater treatment.

Another concept is induced growth. If you have a sewer, there is the concept that you are doing to have induced growth because the sewer exists, you can have a higher density. The other side of that argument is, as long as you have strong zoning ordinances, such that zoning is based on the way that the Town actually wants to conform, any upgrades to the infrastructure doesn't necessarily mean you will have that much more density. By keeping our zoning ordinances in line and having an appreciation for how we build things in Town. I mean right now we have an ordinance that keeps buildings below 38 feet. That is one way of controlling density and growth, without actually controlling growth.

On Friday they will make the decision as to who to award the feasibility study to and it is going to be held at 2:00 in Hampton Town Hall.

Chairman Dick Wood closes the Public Meeting.

Norm Weldy makes a Motion to go into Non-Public Session under provisions of RSA 91-A:3-II-a.

Wayne –Yes

Paul – Yes

Norm – Yes

Jonathan - Yes

**Non-Public Session**

Chairman Dick Wood announces going into non-public session and will be coming back only to adjourn the meeting. We will have no further business.

**Motion: Selectman Brown made a motion to adjourn. Selectman Weldy seconded. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.**

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:45 P.M.