

# Town of Hampton



## TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

Regular Meeting: Tuesday, August 22, 2006, 3 P.M.  
Selectmen's Meeting Room, Town Office Building  
POSTED: 8/15 (by the A.C.): TOB & Lane Mem. Library

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PRESENT: Glyn Eastman, Chairman; "Jack" Kelley, Clerk; "Vic" Lessard, Bookkeeper.  
Also: "Art" Moody, Administrative Coordinator.

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Chairman Eastman opened the meeting at 3:02 P.M. and asked the Board if it were interested in the W. Mackensen April 25 9-page Trustees web-site design proposal (25 years of past detailed trust-fund data, Trustee biographies, Beach Village District Commissioners, State Laws, etc., to be continuously updated). Mr. Kelley: "no"; Mr. Eastman: "no"; Mr. Lessard: "whatever the Board wants."

Budget Request/2007: The Chairman called for an operational budget request for next year, due to the Interim Town Manager by Sept. 8. Mr. Lessard moved, seconded by Mr. Kelley, \$2,500 for the part-time A.C., the amount the Board has tried to get for two years. SO VOTED: 3-0-0. The amount of \$100 was requested for 2006 to cover misc. expenses and supplies. Mr. Lessard mentioned last evening's Selectmen's meeting with the Chair of the Budget Committee asking that the taxable property revaluation expense of possibly \$1M be done via a new Capital Reserve Fund (which the Trustees would have to manage). He said that the sub-account should be at least \$250 and all Trustees were in favor of a total request of \$2,750.

Other: The Chairman announced that the Real Estate Trust Fund at the end of July total: \$16,322,805.13 [mkt. value], including income. The next meeting with TDBN Wealth Management Group for the RETF will be in Oct. Mr. Lessard said that he may attend his ship's reunion in Texas in Oct. Depending on that, the next meeting may be in early Nov. with posting a week in advance, as was this meeting. [The A.C. was not asked for his operational report.]

About 3:20 P.M., the Chairman asked if any audience members wanted to speak. Warren Mackensen handed out a two-page memo detailing: his trustee training (that the State provides free to sitting trustees); frequency of this Board's meetings; use of NHDIP for investment; search for TF records with Town Clerk (who copied the 2005 State MS-9 and 10 for him), and with the Executive Admin. Asst. who displayed the Board's Town Office file with meeting minutes with attachments [Investment Policy, contracts, annual report including synopsis of State Reports, etc., attachments] and MS-9s and 10s, and that the EAA could not devote more time for such records search going back further as they are in boxes in the basement storage area; request for trust instruments, wills, etc., that founded various trusts, plus five years of a list of individual financial records; and, finally, that the Board should increase to five members for continuity considering the average age of the current Trustees, which can be done by Town Meeting [with Selectmen appointing the initial two new members for short terms].

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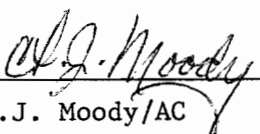
Mr. Moody asked to reply after a brief skimming of the memo (unsigned). He told the Board that he would not attach such to the minutes, as the memo demands, unless directed to do so; he called the memo an attack on this Board and all that it has done in past years. He stated that some of the trusts were created as far back as the late 1800s and that at the request of the AG/CT Registrar perhaps 20 years ago he spend a great amount of time as one Trustee, even going to Probate Court records, to get as much as possible. He used Dow's "History of Hampton" (1893) and Town Meeting minutes in Town Reports (most trusts evolved from Town Meeting acceptance, except cemetery maintenance). His reply must have satisfied the Registrar (the same person Mr. Mackensen has been conferring with for his memo). A copy was placed in the Board's Town Office file. As for some of the other items requested: some don't exist, the Board has no check register as no checks are issued directly by the Trustees; computation of shares in common funds -- the Poor Fund's on the MS-9 but for cemetery PC, it's more complicated [but can be determined by data on the State Reports]; minutes are filed by the EAA in the Board's record file at the TOB; we have no quarterly reports -- just annual, which is published by the Selectmen in the Town Report, along with the Independent Auditor's report [the same firm for over 30 years,; the auditors photocopy much of what the AC submits as documentation]; as for the Investment Policy "since 1983," such was not required until the mid-1990s.

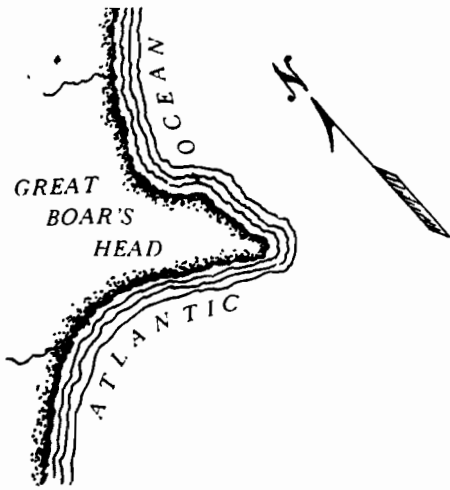
The Board discussed and answered the memo and Mr. Mackensen's verbal review of it. Mr. Lessard mentioned the lack of records/plans in Town government including a recent instance for a Town-financed road project.

Others were asked to comment: an U/I female stated she has respect for the three Trustees but thinks the reaction was defensive and that other records or lack thereof shouldn't be a defense. Bill Hartley wasn't going to speak but he agrees with Mr. Mackensen that some trust income should be retained and added to trust principal to make up lost purchasing value due to inflation; he called the Trustees "good people with busy lives." Mr. Moody replied that for most trusts, you can't add to the principal fund by keeping income; one of the exceptions is the Campbell TF which, when accepted by Town Meeting, allowed for half of the income to be added to principal in order to built up that small TF.

Moved by Mr. Kelley, seconded by Mr. Lessard, to adjourn. SO VOTED: 3-0-0.  
Chairman Eastman ajourned the meeting at 4 P.M., to next meet at the call of the Chairman.

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A.J. Moody/AC



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- \* Operating Budget Request for FY2007
- \* Review of Minutes for April 25, 2006

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