



**TOWN OF NORTH HAMPTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
NORTH HAMPTON SELECT BOARD MEETING**

**AUGUST 12, 2019 7:00 PM**

**NORTH HAMPTON TOWN HALL**

***DRAFT MINUTES***

SELECT BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Jim Maggiore, Vice-Chairman Larry Miller, Member Kathleen Kilgore

ALSO PRESENT: Town Administrator Bryan Kaenrath

**AGENDA**

Chairman Maggiore welcomed everyone to the August 12, 2019 Select Board Meeting, and called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. He said they were coming out of a workshop discussion of Document Management.

**First Public Comment Session**

Frank Ferraro of Post Road thanked all involved in Old Home Day on Saturday and Trolley Tours on Sunday, and said they were a great success. He said it had come to his attention that a Select Board member had recently discussed Town business with other Board members via email, which is a violation of the right-to-know State Law 91-A. He said he asked the Chair to admonish the member and asked the Town Administrator to remind all boards and committees of State Law 91-A obligations.

Scott Baker of Squire Drive said he had some positive information to share in an unofficial capacity, and said the State Department of Transportation had reached an agreement with the Railroad to acquire the Rail Trail Corridor between Hampton and Portsmouth. He said the contract was signed by both parties and the Executive Council of the State would vote on Wednesday, he assumed favorably, and start making plans for the Rail Trail construction.

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**Consent Calendar**

- 4.1 Payroll Manifest of July 25, 2019 in the amount of \$75,280.58
- 4.2 Payroll Manifest of August 1, 2019 in the amount of \$80,850.78
- 4.3 Payroll Manifest of August 8, 2019 in the amount of \$233,572.62
- 4.4 Accounts Payable Manifest of July 25, 2019 in the amount of \$1,842,356.21
- 4.5 Accounts Payable Manifest of August 8, 2019 in the amount of \$233,572.62
- 4.6 Veterans' Tax Credit
- 4.7 Signature of Property Deed
- 4.8 Exempt Applications for Religious, Charitable or Educational Organizations

Chairman Maggiore said he did not have 4.8 and Selectwoman Kilgore said she did not have 4.6 or 4.8. Town Administrator Kaenrath said for some reason 4.8 was not in all packets and the item could be tabled.

**Motion:** To take items 4.6 and 4.8 and move them to the Table for the next meeting.

**Motioned:** Chairman Maggiore

**Seconded:** Selectwoman Kilgore

**Vote:** Motion approved 3-0

**Motion:** to Approve the Consent Calendar minus 4.6 and 4.8.

**Motioned:** Selectman Miller

**Seconded:** Selectwoman Kilgore

**Vote:** Motion approved 3-0

**Correspondence**

**(1) North Hampton Public Library Board of Trustees**

Chairman Maggiore said the letter from the North Hampton Public Library Board of Trustees was sent to the Select Board and received July 30, 2019, and he read the correspondence in full. The letter was in response to the discussion at the July 22<sup>nd</sup> Joint Meeting with the Library Trustees to discuss the possibility of using the Homestead Property to build a new library. After careful consideration, the Library Board of Trustees had decided to move forward with the renovation and expansion of the current library building.

**(2) Hamptons American Legion Post 35**

Chairman Maggiore read in full the correspondence from Hamptons American Legion Post 35 dated July 25, 2019. He said it was an invitation for the Select Board and the Town Administrator to attend the re-dedication of the Global War on Terrorism (GWOT) Memorial Monument on Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at 6:00 pm at the American Legion Post 35, 69 High Street, Hampton, NH. The ceremony would honor veterans who had lost their lives in the GWOT in New Hampshire and refreshments would be served afterward. Selectwoman Kilgore stated that she would be attending.

**(3) Thomas Argue**

Chairman Maggiore read a letter from resident Thomas Argue in full, which was addressed to the Town Administrator dated July 30, 2019. Mr. Argue stated that he was interested in becoming involved in the North Hampton Rail to Trail Committee and asked that his request be considered.

**Discussion:** Town Administrator Kaenrath said it was not a standing Town Committee. Chairman Maggiore explained that in February of 2014 the Heritage Commission floated the idea of creating a Scenic Byways/Rail to Trail Committee, which was appointed in August 2014. He said the committee was made up of 4 members: Paul Cuetara, Phil Wilson, Chris Ganadas and Jeff Hillier. Shortly after forming, Mr. Ganadas and Mr. Wilson left the committee and it became a delegation of 2 members. Mr. Cuetara is now leaving the Heritage Commission and the Rail Trail, though he will continue as an Alternate on the Heritage Commission and Alternate Member Jeff Hillier will complete his term.

Selectman Miller said given the good news about the Rail Trail delivered by Mr. Baker they should eagerly accept another volunteer. Selectwoman Kilgore asked if they should have a real Rail Trail Committee at this point, and suggested it be on the next Select Board Agenda. Chairman Maggiore said that was something they could consider, and said he agreed with Selectman Miller they should absolutely accept Mr. Argue's request.

**Motion:** To accept Tom Argue's volunteering as a member of the Scenic Byways/Rail to Trail Committee.

**Motioned:** Selectwoman Kilgore

**Seconded:** Selectman Miller

**Discussion:** Chairman Maggiore said he agreed this committee would be very important now that the Rail Trail Agreement had been finalized and the contract signed. Selectwoman Kilgore said she believed there was also a 503 Organization setup and they needed to figure out how that fits in as well.

**Vote:** Motion approved 3-0

Selectwoman Kilgore said there was another correspondence and Town Administrator Kaenrath said it was intended for a future Board Meeting. Selectwoman Kilgore said the deadline was tomorrow, and Town Administrator Kaenrath said they would take it up under Any Other Business.

### **Committee Updates**

Selectwoman Kilgore said the *Economic Development Committee (EDC)* met last Wednesday and there was a presentation from Ironwood Design Group, LLC. She said they went into detail on a scope of work and a timeline was proposed. She said the Committee will be reviewing and discussing whether the timeline works, and any concerns should be addressed to a Committee member.

Chairman Maggiore said the *Heritage Commission* would be addressed later in the agenda. He said for the *Water Commission* there were no additional meetings, and they would be hearing from Aquarion Water this evening.

Selectman Miller said the *Budget Committee* had not met since the prior Joint Meeting with the Select Board, and the timeline for meetings begins in September and is posted on the Town Calendar. He said the *CIP Committee* was ahead of last year's schedule and the last day of deliberations was scheduled for August 28, 2019. Town Administrator Kaenrath said there was one more final meeting on September 20, 2019.

### **Report of the Town Administrator**

*A copy of the Report of the Town Administrator will be attached to these minutes.*

Town Administrator Bryan Kaenrath said the Town Audit would begin later this summer, and the Police were busy with construction downstairs, and HVAC installation was in progress with heating to be done this fall. He said Water Rescue Training was complete.

Town Administrator Kaenrath said he had good news on Town Hall, and said the east side was now complete, the west side underway, and Mr. Schnitzler expected to finish one more side by fall. There was a chance he could finish the project this year, and they were significantly under budget so far. He said the next Coakley Landfill Meeting would be held on August 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am at Portsmouth City Hall. As far as Philbrick Pond, he said the letter to NH DOT about taking over as a municipal project had gone out and they were waiting for a response.

Town Administrator Kaenrath said with regard to Document Management, they had one last demo earlier this evening and needed to meet to discuss next steps there. He said he had another conference call with Ricoh and they are also interested in coming in for a presentation before the Board if they were interested. As far as the Wage Range Analysis, all the questionnaires were returned and sent to MRI and results were expected back in September.

**Items Left on the Table** – None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **9.1 Heritage Commission Appointment of Jeff Hillier**

Chairman Maggiore read in full an email from Heritage Commission Chairman Donna Etela to the Select Board on July 31<sup>st</sup> stating that Paul Cuetara would be leaving the Heritage Commission, but agreed to stay on as an alternate and have Jeff Hillier fill the remainder of his term in office, with Select Board approval.

Selectman Miller said they would miss Paul Cuetara as he had served on almost every board and committee in this Town and served as Moderator for 20 years. Selectwoman Kilgore thanked him personally and as a Select Board member for volunteering and always putting the Town first. Chairman Maggiore said he was thinking of some way to thank Paul appropriately.

**Motion:** To approve the appointment of Jeff Hillier as a member of the Heritage Commission with a term to expire in April 2021.

**Motioned:** Selectman Miller

**Seconded:** Selectwoman Kilgore

**Vote:** Motion approved 3-0

### **9.2 Aquarion Water Quarterly Update**

Carl McMorran, Operations Manager for Aquarion, said he and John Herlihy, Vice President for Water Quality & Environmental Management, would give updates on their mission to provide safe, reliable water service to residents. He said they would cover ongoing PFAS projects, the treatment plant on Mill Road, water main replacements, and their new tank project as well as highlights of operations.

Mr. John Herlihy said he had some good news that the State of New Hampshire had finalized regulations for PFAS, covering allowable levels of 4 PFAS compounds in public drinking water, source protection, and remediation. He said New Hampshire was one of a handful of states that had now set enforceable

180 maximum contaminant levels for 4 PFAS compounds: PFHxS, PFOA, PFOS, and PFNA, in public drinking  
181 water. He said the regulations would take effect September 30, 2019 and every Public Water System will  
182 be required to test for those 4 compounds, and compliance would be determined after 4 quarters of  
183 monitoring.

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185 Mr. Herlihy said compliance would be determined at the entry point of each source of supply to the  
186 distribution system, and said there were 5 entry points in Hampton with 3 wells and 2 well fields. He said  
187 the lower the number of parts per trillion of each compound, the more concerned the Health Agency is  
188 about toxicity. He said all the levels were significantly lower than those proposed by DES in December. He  
189 showed a graph representing the new limits and how North Hampton water measures up. He said he they  
190 expected this area to be in compliance in September as current levels were way below requested levels.

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192 Chairman Maggiore asked if collecting at entry points would require any additional structures be put in  
193 place there, and Mr. McMorran said they already collected samples for testing at the entry points. Mr.  
194 Herlihy said the management plan moving forward would be to minimize use of wells with higher PFAS  
195 levels, continue well testing and testing at sentinel wells, coordinate PFAS treatment evaluations, obtain  
196 DES approval of Well 22, and continue monitoring the regulatory process and communicating with Town  
197 and State officials.

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199 Mr. Herlihy said they would stop testing in the distribution system as the levels could not be higher than  
200 at the 5 entry points. He said sentinel wells were constructed at Mill Road between production wells and  
201 sources of contamination, and said they would continue to get best information on costs for treatment if  
202 it is needed in the future. He said they applied for approval of Well 22 which would be a big producer,  
203 after which they can then reduce Well 6 use. Chairman Maggiore asked if Well 22 would create another  
204 point of entry, and Mr. Herlihy said it would be combined with Well 7.

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206 Mr. Herlihy said they would be hearing more about remediation and cleanup of areas of known PFAS  
207 contamination, and steps the State is taking to protect water supply. He said they would continue to focus  
208 on management strategy and were now using source selection by minimizing use of Well 6 and bringing  
209 on Well 22. He said they were also examining treatment alternatives and performing bench-scale testing  
210 using carbon or ion-exchange, and said they could tell at what point in these volumes PFAS starts breaking  
211 through to determine operation costs and how often carbon or resin would need to be changed out. He  
212 said work on the pilot study would continue and they would continue to refine numbers.

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214 Mr. Herlihy said with no treatment there would be no cost, and that Scenario 1 would be PFAS treatment  
215 of Well 6, and Scenario 2 would be PFAS treatment of Wells 6, 8A, 9, and 11. He said New Hampshire's  
216 standard used to be a total of 70 for PFOA + PFOS, and EPA still used that standard, and said total PFAS  
217 includes other PFAS compounds not yet regulated.

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219 Selectman Miller asked when the study would be completed, and Mr. Herlihy said it would be wrapping  
220 up in October. Selectman Miller said people believe that contaminants have entered Aquarion Water from  
221 the Coakley Landfill, but he had not seen any data showing that. Mr. Herlihy said they consulted with a  
222 hydrologist and with the State of New Hampshire, who both indicated no possible connection. Selectman  
223 Miller suggested the source might be closer than Coakley, but that contamination was already in the  
224 ground water and would need treatment even if the source was stopped. Mr. Herlihy said there was  
225 already PFAS in the ground water and they did not know how long it would take to remove it.

Mr. Carl McMorran said they had recommenced the WTP construction on Mill Road and said the building was still on schedule to be in service by the end of the year. He said there would be a major main replacement project on a transition line across the marsh parallel to Route 101 this year. He said they had their 4<sup>th</sup> main break this year on the existing bypass main and decided to put in a temporary main for the summer. He said other major projects started this year were on Mill Road and Mace Road in Hampton.

Mr. McMorran said their new tank project was still going on as they needed to take the existing tank out of service for an extended period for rehabilitation and painting. He said they hoped to start construction next year and have it in service in 2021. He said the hydro report was submitted for the second quarter, and they continued with meter reading replacements and doing locating work.

### **9.3 Committee Appointment Policy**

Chairman Maggiore said a few drafts of a Committee Appointment Policy had been sent out. He said he also sent a copy to NHMA, and talked to Primex and other communities, and essentially received the same response asking why they were creating a policy for Statute. He said most committee appointments were set by State Statute or approved Warrant Articles, and asked the Board for comments. Selectman Miller suggested just creating a “guidelines document”, which Chairman Maggiore said he had already started and it would just be a working document which he would send out this week.

### **9.4 Town Facilities Planning**

Selectman Miller provided a comprehensive plan for Town buildings which would provide two choices, building a new Library or rehabilitating the current Library. He said in the last years the Town has eliminated choices in finding a way to fix Town buildings, and there is still a serious need to do something. He said a Town Warrant last year to purchase a site for expansion was not approved by voters, and the focus of this plan is to use Town land and buildings they have now to their best purposes.

Selectman Miller said the highest priority was updating the Fire & Rescue and Police Buildings. He said the Police Building was built in 1990 with an unfinished second story intended for future expansion. He said the staff has increased to 14 and space is stretched to its limit, using outside storage of records in the parking lot. Since 2001 the second floor of the Police Building has been used by Town employees, and the space no longer adequately serves their needs.

Selectman Miller said the Fire Department was constructed in 1968 for a Department of one fulltime employee. In 1986 the Town wanted 24-hour protection and staff was increased to 1 chief and 12 firefighters, plus 24-hour paramedic services, and accommodations are now inadequate. He said there were no alternative locations for Town employees but they needed to move out to allow for Fire Department/Police Department improvements.

Proposal Phase I – Improvement of Public Safety facilities in North Hampton is 10-15 years past due and Fire and Police buildings need attention first, but to do that another location needs to be found for Town employees. Selectman Miller said the fastest and most economical way is to build **one** new Town building, the new North Hampton Public Library, on the Homestead lot. Once completed and occupied, the old Library building could be repurposed as a new home for Town employees. With the second floor of the Police Department vacant, plans could be executed to renovate the Fire and Police buildings. He said a scale drawing of a new North Hampton Public Library sited on the Homestead lot was attached which meets all requisite municipal setbacks and includes augmented parking and a septic system.

Why Not Expand North Hampton Public Library in Place

Selectman Miller said the present plan calls for expansion to a building never intended for expansion, and includes no additional parking. It requires construction while the Library is open, expansion options are limited by existing buildings, and it does not conform with present and future needs of other Town public facilities. But he said the building would be suitable as a future location for Town staff, and reuse of that building saves \$1.6 Mil over 2 years' time.

Selectman Miller recommended the Select Board hire its own architect to develop a cost estimate for a 10,500 sq ft, 1-story building for the new Library with parking and septic system. He said with a design in hand, the Select Board could seek bids to support a Bond Warrant Article for the March 2020 Ballot. The new Library building would be occupied sometime in 2021, the old building repurposed as the new Town Administration building, and when the Police Department is vacated plans can be executed to address the Public Safety Buildings for the long term.

Proposal Phase II – Selectman Miller said simultaneous with Phase I, the Select Board should create an RFP to study rebuilding or replacement of the Fire Station Building in place as there were no other choices. He said the present drive-through between the Fire Department and the Town Clerk will get smaller, and present parking spaces there will no longer exist in the future.

Proposal Phase III – Ask the Select Board to direct the Town Administrator to plan the use and layout of the existing Library building as the new location for Town employees. Get a new cost estimate for updating the entrance and making restrooms ADA accessible.

Proposal Phase IV – The long-term plan for the Town Clerk/Tax Collector is to remain in the current location and have Town services next to each other. The parking lot is repaved and adequate for the Town Clerk and Town employees.

Proposal Phase V – Inquire of the Bond Bank the cost of a 20-year and 30-year fixed rate, fixed payment bond for \$2.5 Mil and \$3 Mil.

Proposal Phase VI – The Select Board places the new Bond Article on the 2020 Ballot.

Conclusion: Best, fastest, and most economical way to address Town's inadequate public buildings, the most important being the Town's safety building, is to construct one (1) new building on the Homestead Lot, the new North Hampton Public Library.

Cost Differential: Selectman Miller showed the expenses related to the two choices, with expenses related to expanding the Library and those related to building a new Library on the Homestead Property. He said the not-to-exceed figure from the Library Trustees was \$3,438,000, with the figure of \$301.97/sq ft times the size of the Library to get the \$3-million-dollar figure. He said a smaller Library at the same rate would cost \$3,170,000, with parking estimated at \$275,000 plus septic. There would also be a ledge mitigation fee to build on the Homestead lot estimated at \$460,000 by Ron Lamarre.

Selectman Miller said if the Library were expanded in place, a second building would need to be built. Another building of approximately 5,600 sq ft would mean another \$1,691,000 with costs increasing yearly. He said a new Library would cost \$3,490,000, plus renovation of the old Library as Town Offices, allowing \$100,000 as a retrofit. He said the total cost of building the new Library and putting Town

employees in the old building would be \$3,710,000. Adding the \$460,000 cost of ledge mitigation would mean a difference in choices of \$1,500,000 or more. He said it would take another 3 or 4 years to get the second building and the goal is to get Fire and Police Stations under construction.

Selectman Miller attached an illustration showing possible placement of the new Library on the Homestead lot with the building in back and parking in front, and said this met all setback requirements. He asked the Board to think about the proposal and discuss it again at the next Select Board Meeting.

Discussion: Chairman Maggiore thanked Selectman Miller for providing all the information, and asked if he had gone to the Bond Bank. Selectman Miler suggested asking the Town Administrator obtain that information. Under Phase V, Chairman Maggiore asked why he was asking for \$2. Mil and \$3 Mil for 20 and 30-year bonds from the New Hampshire Bond Bank. Selectman Miller said it was a suggestion that somewhere between \$2.5-3 Mil would be enough to build and have something left over.

Chairman Maggiore said he went back and looked at the 2008 MRI Study and would use that to compare with Selectman Millers suggestions. He said they needed to consider what was practical and what was logical, along with input from residents on what would pass on a Warrant. He said with a Bond they would need 60% voter approval. He said if the Board was willing to have this on the agenda in two weeks, he would be willing to consider it.

#### **9.5 Board Member Recusal Discussion**

Selectman Miller said he asked for this to be put on the agenda. He pointed out that in the North Hampton Public Library working minutes, Ms. Kilgore was recorded as abstaining from the vote to continue with the Library expansion and renovation, though she had said she would recuse herself. Selectwoman Kilgore said she abstained from the vote which was the same as recusal. Selectman Miller said an abstention was a vote and they were not the same, and Ms. Kilgore had said that she would recuse herself and join the public and not participate in the vote.

#### **Acceptance of the Minutes of Prior Meetings**

#### **Approval of the Minutes of the Joint Library Trustees /Joint Budget Committee/ Regular Select Board Meeting of July 22, 2019**

Chairman Maggiore said a comment was made by "Selectwoman Kilgore" later in the minutes on line 150 as a member of the Select Board after she said she would recuse herself. He said recusal does mean removing yourself from the Board and sitting in the public, eliminating yourself from the deliberations of the Board.

Changes/corrections: Chairman Maggiore corrected "Selectwoman Kilgore" on line 150 to *Kathleen Kilgore* to be consistent with recusal, and she was in agreement.

**Motion:** To approve the Minutes of the Joint Library Trustees /Joint Budget Committee / Regular Select Board Meeting of July 22, 2019 as amended above.

**Motioned:** Selectman Miller

**Seconded:** Chairman Maggiore

**Vote:** Motion approved as amended 3-0



**Any Other Item that may Legally come before the Board**

Town Administrator Kaenrath said he was approached a few weeks ago by NH DES about conducting PFAS testing here on the Town Campus. He said they identified some elevated levels on a lot east of here and were looking to determine where it was coming from. He said they wanted to test around the Fire Station as a suspected source, which would require boring into the parking lot and taking samples for testing, and asked if the Town would like to participate.

Selectman Miller said he was not against it but could only agree as long as other properties around them were also being tested. Town Administrator Kaenrath said the Fire Station could be a contributing source and not the sole source. Selectwoman Kilgore said she thought they should lead by example, and said they had seen this before with Fire Departments. She pointed out that they needed an answer no later than noon tomorrow on August 13, 2019.

Chairman Maggiore said he was not supportive if the testing was "at the Fire Station" as it would be safe to say all Fire Stations in the country have PFAS and PFOA contamination. He said he did not know what this would provide them as an answer to solving a problem. Selectman Miller said he agreed, but this was a service being offered to them, and to say yes would make them part of the solution.

**Motion:** To instruct the Town Administrator to answer in the positive to the question from NH DES.

**Motioned:** Selectman Miller

**Seconded:** Selectwoman Kilgore

**Discussion:** Chairman Maggiore said he was against this for the reasons stated and said he said he felt this misses the mark of the goal they are trying to achieve and they would get an answer they already know. Selectman Miller asked that Town Administrator Kaenrath include in his message of approval why one member of the Board voted as they did.

**Vote:** Motion approved 2-1

Chairman Maggiore said he had one more item to ask the Board if they would consider sending a letter to the Governor, and the Ad Hoc Committee now studying the Budget at the State level, about removing language to create a Housing Appeals Board. He said he did not believe adding this rider in the State Budget was transparent and the process thoroughly vetted, and it should go through the same process as other Bills. He said he could support his objections through RSAs and histories in legislature.

Selectman Miller asked if Chairman Maggiore would consider sending the letter to other recipients as it had nothing to do with the Budget. Chairman Maggiore said the Senate had included the rider but not the House, and said there was a funding mechanism of \$415,000 included for salaries and wages. Selectman Miller asked that he explain to the public what they were talking about.

Chairman Maggiore said there was a proposition brought forth to create a Housing Appeals Board of 3 members for decisions of local land-use boards (Planning Boards, Zoning Boards) that affect housing and housing development, with the intent of helping to relieve or expedite affordable housing in the State of New Hampshire. He said it was approved in the Senate and tabled in the Senate and then just showed up in the Budget, never going to the House. He explained that it had serious consequences that could affect any and every decision of local planning and zoning boards that affect housing.

Chairman Maggiore said the Rye Select Board already sent a letter asking that it be struck from the Budget. Selectwoman Kilgore asked what the rationale of the Senate was for putting it in. Chairman Maggiore said the vote in the Senate was 18-5 to pass, they then went to recess, and when they came back the bill was tabled or essentially killed. He said it was never removed from the Table but appeared in the Budget and he objected that it was never vetted by the House and just appeared as a rider.

Selectwoman Kilgore said if the letter spoke to a process issue she could see doing that. Chairman Maggiore said the letter could be strictly processing, but felt the language was inconsistent with current State Statutes, creates problems for local legislatures and local land-use boards, and drains local control. Selectwoman Kilgore said she was conflicted as she hated Concord having control but was concerned about affordable housing in their community. She said communities were restricting development which has caused a crisis.

Chairman Maggiore said a Statute already exists to address Housing Appeals, and said many other bills were put in place to address affordable housing in the State and this does not address that issue. Selectman Miller asked that they agree to say they wish this issue had gone before the House as in the Senate, and let them deliberate it. Selectwoman Kilgore said she could agree to a letter stating that they are concerned about the process as it was not followed properly, and what could they do to keep local control. Selectman Miller said if this goes through there will not be any local control, and they should say they want it taken out so it can be vetted by the full legislature. Selectwoman Kilgore said she would like to see the draft first.

#### **Second Public Comment Session**

George Chauncey of Hobbs Road thanked the Trustees of the Library for all the work they had done to come up with the excellent proposal they put forward. He said it would be nice for once to get the Select Board to support the Library, and said they were the only Board in Town with a plan. He said now that the Library was finally moving ahead, Mr. Miller was now back to putting the Library on the Homestead Property.

Mr. Chauncey asked what they were going to do if they have 2 Warrants on the Ballot for the same building, one by the Trustees and one by Mr. Miller, and who would get the funds already appropriated. He said the issue would wind up in court because the Library has already made their decision. He asked where Mr. Miller would get the funds to draw up plans for a new Library on the Homestead Property by March of 2020. He said the Select Board over the past 5 years failed to come up with a plan, and he felt the Town should support the Library and get it done.

Frank Ferraro of Post Road said he had requested a copy of Mr. Miller's document. He said he disagreed with Mr. Miller that the quickest way to address the issue would be to build a new Library on the Homestead Property. He said the quickest way would be to lease available space in Town and move the Town Offices for 3-5 years, then turn the second floor over to the Fire Department and the Police Department. He said he did not have a problem with building on the Homestead Property, but thought it should be a small but expandable Town Office Building. This would allow the Library to expand and eventually move Town employees into a permanent space.

Mr. Ferraro said the Select Board had the right to put a Warrant Article on the Ballot to build a Town building, but had no authority to direct the Library Trustees to move into it. He said this would set up a

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jurisdictional crisis that would eventually end up in Superior Court. He also clarified that taxpayers had voted and paid for all the renovations made to the Library so far.

Laurel Pohl of 100 North Road questioned Mr. Miller's comment, which led his discussion about the Library, about having another storage container on the property. She asked if the Select Board had measured the square footage for all of the Town's document systems. Chairman Maggiore said the Select Board could look into it, as Public Comment was not for discussions.

Ms. Pohl said her point was that they had just had a meeting about Document Management, and said she would rather put money into a Document Management System than build a new building to store documents. She also stated that there had been several other times when Select Board members had sat in their chairs and spoken as citizens.

**Next Meeting:** The next Regular Select Board Meeting will be held on August 26, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the North Hampton Town Hall.

**Adjournment**

Chairman Maggiore adjourned the meeting at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Denmark, Recording Secretary