



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

JUNE 28, 2021 7:00 PM

NORTH HAMPTON TOWN HALL

Approved July 12, 2021

SELECT BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Jim Maggiore, Vice Chairman James Sununu, Selectman Jonathan Pinette

ALSO PRESENT: Town Administrator Michael Tully, Channel 22 Director John Savastano

AGENDA

Chairman Jim Maggiore welcomed everyone to the June 28, 2021 North Hampton Select Board Meeting and called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Maggiore said they had 3 sessions of Non-Public with intent to seal all

Motion: To seal the Meeting Minutes of Non-Public Sessions I, II, and III of June 28, 2021.

Motioned: Vice-Chair Sununu

Seconded: Selectman Pinette

Vote: Motion approved by a vote of 3-0

First Public Comment Session

In order to assure the public has the ability to comment and share ideas during the Public Comment portion of the meeting we have arranged the ability to include live phone calls and email during the meeting:

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Kathleen Kilgore of 220 Atlantic Avenue said driving north from Hampton before reaching Atlantic Avenue there used to be a blue sign indicating where the Library was located which is no longer posted and asked why it was removed. Town Administrator Tully said we did not take it down and do not have the right to put signs on State property and said he would speak to Brian Schutt of DOT.

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A recording of the meeting can be found at: http://www.townhallstreams.com/towns/north_hampton_nh, and a DVD recording is available at the North Hampton Town Administrative Offices, 233 Atlantic Avenue, North Hampton, New Hampshire 03862.

Consent Calendar

- 7.1 Payroll Manifest of June 17, 2021 in the amount of \$121,431.79
- 7.2 Payroll Manifest of June 3, 2021 in the amount of \$95,246.04
- 7.3 Accounts Payable Manifest of June 24, 2021 in the amount of \$622,332.03
- 7.4 Cemetery Deeds
- 7.5 Abatement Application

Motion: To approve the Consent Calendar, items 7.1 – 7.5, as presented.

Motioned: Selectman Pinette

Seconded: Vice Sununu

Vote: Motion approved by a vote of 3-0

Correspondence

Copies of all Correspondence will be attached to these minutes.

8.1 Correspondence from David Norton. Mr. Norton expressed concern about 2 residents: (1) at 97 Mill Road with overflowing dumpster on front lawn, and (2) a trailer with an older vehicle parked roadside at 110 Atlantic Avenue in front of their house.

Town Administrator Tully said he already forwarded the letter to the Code Enforcement Officer.

8.2 Correspondence from Sue Champagne. Chairman Maggiore read the letter in full. Ms. Champagne said she spoke with Town Administrator Michael Tully about her concerns regarding an increase in leased parking spaces near Castaway Road as well as more rocks painted “private property”. She said she has been going to the beach for over 60 years and feels expanding leased spaces to side roads is unacceptable. She hoped the Town would consider public use of those spaces so the beauty and tranquility of the New Hampshire shoreline will be available for all to enjoy.

Town Administrator Tully said some of the painted rocks may be in a State right-of-way and some may be private property. He said her greatest concern is if leased spaces continue to increase people outside our community will not be able to enjoy what we have to offer.

Vice-Chair Sununu said it is always a balance, and he is comfortable right now with the current balance. Chairman Maggiore said we will continue to take this under advisement.

8.3 Correspondence from Phil Wilson. Chairman Maggiore said this correspondence was addressed to him, but Mr. Wilson wanted it to be an official communication to the Select Board, and read the letter in full.

Mr. Wilson said he and his wife Lisa received acknowledgement of receipt of their “donation of \$5,000 on May 3, 2021 to the Walkway Committee for construction of a walkway in front of the Town Clerk/Tax Collector’s building”. The letter conveying the donation stated that it was “for the Walkway Project, proposed by the Walkway Committee to be overseen by the Heritage Commission” and was a restricted gift to the Town for a specific project.

Mr. Wilson said we now understand that the Select Board materially altered this project from the description on which their donation was based and that others may have decided not to fulfill their

commitments to the project. He said they were not notified of the proposed changes nor offered the opportunity to reconsider and asked for an explanation of the changes and how the funds raised to support the project will be used.

Chairman Maggiore said he drafted a letter of response for the Board to consider which includes motions made in the Walkway Committee Meeting, motions here, and our intent based on those public meetings. He asked that they hold off discussion until the agenda item.

Committee Updates

Chairman Maggiore said the *Heritage Commission* had to cancel their last meeting and did not meet. He said the *Water Commission* continues to work on ongoing consideration of cases.

Vice-Chair Sununu said the *Rails to Trails Committee* has not met as they are meeting every other month and the next meeting is in July. He said the *Budget Committee* has not met and there is nothing to report.

Selectman Pinette said the *CIP Committee* essentially confirmed the next meeting dates as Friday August 6th at 8:30 am and September 16, 2021.

Report of the Town Administrator

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

Report June 15 through June 25, 2021: Finance: 3% of Budget remaining and 1.5 weeks left in fiscal year; \$5.00 permits available for yard sales; Fire Department reminds residents to make sure they have working smoke detectors; sealed bids for Ladder Truck to Select Board by July 16th; Library project on schedule; Ricci Construction working on preliminary design for Town offices/Chevalier Building with input from departments; replacements for Dearborn Park on order; Summer Camp up and running; Town employees working to solve an issue with a business on Route 1; tree pruning completed at Bandstand.

Town Administrator Tully said he has been asked to serve on a Steering Committee for Coastal Land Use Guide to work on a grant-funded project which will assist communities in adapting to Climate Change.

Items Left on the Table – None

NEW BUSINESS

12.1 Discussion of Letter to State of New Hampshire Regarding Voting Machines

Town Moderator Bobbi Burns said the NH Secretary of State has indicated that there had not been sufficient demand for voting machines from towns, which was hard to believe after working with the State on this for years. She decided it made sense to officially send a letter to the Secretary of State to let them know Voting Machines are a high priority as current machines are at the end of their life. She said she and Sue wanted to ask the Select Board if they also wanted to sign off on this letter.

Vice-Chair Sununu said he would be happy to sign on to that and recommended they communicate this to neighboring towns to see if they will do the same. Ms. Burns said she would also send this out to the Moderator Forum.

The Select Board agreed to sign on by consensus.

12.2 Discussion of Capital Improvement Committee Position

Town Administrator Tully said the CIP Committee is made up of appointed members and public members, and one public member is appointed by the Select Board; that member, Charles Gallant, has recently been appointed to the Budget Committee and the Warrant states that citizen members should not be involved in other committees. As a result, the Select Board will need to appoint a new citizen representative.

Vice-Chair Sununu said he was happy to have a citizen member on CIP but also happy to have him on the Budget Committee, those 2 things are in conflict, and the Select Board will need to redo the process. Selectman Pinette agreed and added that Mr. Gallant brings a lot to the table for CIP and will be a huge benefit to the Budget Committee.

Chairman Maggiore agreed and asked about the next CIP meeting; Selectman Pinette said there will be a meeting with Department Heads on July 23rd from 8:30 am to noon, then meeting August 6th and September 16th. Town Administrator Tully said he would advertise and have a list to the Select Board for their first meeting in July.

Motion: To ask for the resignation of Mr. Charles Gallant from CIP as Select Board representative, Town Administrator to follow through and advertise, newly appointed representative to serve the remainder of this Term. Also to thank Mr. Gallant for his service on CIP.

Motioned: Selectman Pinette

Seconded: Vice-Chair Sununu

Vote: Motion approved by a vote of 3-0

12.3 Discussion of Walkway Donations

Chairman Maggiore addressed the letter read earlier from Mr. Phil Wilson expressing concerns about whether there was a material change made to the Walkway Project as proposed. He said between the time of the Walkway Committee meeting and the Select Board meeting several concerns were raised that would not allow them to move ahead with the Walkway due to the timing of the driveway cut for the Library, and they decided to move ahead with the Walkway and put the Sidewalk piece aside for now.

Chairman Maggiore said any monies received for the project through donations would go into the Heritage Fund to hold for that purpose. Anyone who made donations to the Town who now feels uncomfortable can contact the Town Administrator to have their funds returned.

Town Administrator Tully agreed and said if anyone who donated has an issue to let him know and he will return their donation. Chairman Maggiore said that is in the letter synopsis and he will send it to Mr. Wilson if the Board approves.

Vice-Chair Sununu said he was happy with the draft letter, and it was approved by consensus of the Select Board.

12.4 Discussion of Building Committee

Town Administrator Tully said regarding the Fire and Police Stations and Town Offices some boards have decided to have a Building Committee and asked if the Select Board would like to move forward on a Building Committee, how they would like it structured, and if they would like him to move forward in getting volunteers for the Board to choose from.

Vice-Chair Sununu said he was in favor of having a Building Committee and said the Design Team has been researching the history, the property itself, and the needs from various departments we would have to accommodate with new buildings. He said having people outside of that would only facilitate things and more input would be helpful and positive. He said it would be good as an advisory board and did not need to be large.

Selectman Pinette asked if they wanted people with specific backgrounds, and Vice-Chair Sununu felt that would certainly be helpful. Town Administrator Tully agreed and said he would look for 3 members for the Building Committee. Selectman Pinette said input from neighboring communities on their municipal buildings would also be helpful.

Chairman Maggiore said Town Administrator Tully suggested a Sub-Committee of the Select Board of 3 members and said they could post for the committee and either create a specific charge or rely on them to provide their expertise. Vice-Chair Sununu asked that volunteers also provide a little background along with their interest.

The Select Board agreed to proceed with the Building Committee by consensus.

MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETINGS

Approval of Non-Public Meeting Minutes of June 14, 2021

Motion: To approve Non-Public Meeting Minutes of June 14, 2021 as presented.

Motioned: Vice-Chair Sununu

Seconded: Selectman Pinette

Vote: Motion approved by a vote of 3-0

Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 14, 2021

Motion: To approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 14, 2021 as presented.

Motioned: Vice-Chair Sununu

Seconded: Selectman Pinette

Vote: Motion approved by a vote of 3-0

Approval of Non-Public Meeting Minutes of June 23, 2021;

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Motion: To approve the Non-Public and Regular Meeting Minutes of June 23, 2021 as presented.

Motioned: Vice-Chair Sununu

Seconded: Selectman Pinette

Vote: Motion approved by a vote of 3-0

Any Other Item that may legally come before the Board

Chairman Maggiore said at the last meeting Aquarion stated that the area was approaching a concerning level of drought conditions. As of June 21, 2021 all Aquarion customers in Hampton, North Hampton, and Rye are required to observe mandatory watering restrictions as low ground water levels are reducing production capacity. Town Administrator Tully said the information was already posted.

Chairman Maggiore also provided an update on the Dog Park Committee and said after many years of trying to find a spot for the park the Committee has decided to go into quiet until something comes up and to notify them if we hear anything.

Select Board Regular Meeting
June 28, 2021

Second Public Comment Session

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Channel 22 Director John Savastano said the new system is underway and things are running smoothly. He said he is now experimenting with the TV schedule and with having multiple screens at the same time. He said he will update the Message Board with a crawler across the screen and next week Centennial Hall will be getting a small camera that overlooks the Village Green with time, temperature, and welcome.

John Savastano of Woodland Road said he agreed with Mr. Sununu that everyone is very comfortable with the way the parking situation is right now. He said a lot of people get up early, enjoy the beach and leave, and there are spaces for other townspeople.

Next Regular Meeting: July 14, 2021

Adjournment

Chairman Maggiore adjourned the meeting at 7:50 pm and wished everyone a safe 4th of July.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Denmark, Recording Secretary