



TOWN OF NORTH HAMPTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
SELECT BOARD APPROVED MINUTES
APRIL 25, 2016
REGULAR MEETING 7 PM TOWN HALL

NORTH HAMPTON TOWN HALL
231 ATLANTIC AVENUE

1. Call To Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Maggiore called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Those in attendance were Selectman Miller, Selectman Stanton and Town Administrator Apple.

Chair Maggiore led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. First Public Comment Session

Public Comment is an opportunity for residents to ask questions, request information and make comments on issues facing the Town. Individuals ordinarily will be given not more than three (3) minutes to speak, and people who have already spoken will be asked to wait until everyone has had the chance to speak once. The total time devoted to this agenda item is fifteen (15) minutes. Individuals who are not able to speak during the First Public Comment Session will be given first opportunity to speak during the Second Public Comment Session at the end of the Meeting.

Amy Margolis, Woodland Road commented there was too much building going on Woodland Road and it was ruining the quality of life.

3. Consent Calendar

- 3.1 Payroll Manifest of 04/14/2016 in the amount of \$64,344.75
- 3.2 Payroll Manifest of 04/21/2016 in the amount of \$58,606.21
- 3.3 Accounts Payable Manifest of 04/21/2016 in the amount of \$898,961.46
- 3.4 Cemetery Deeds
- 3.5 Veteran Tax Credit Application
- 3.6 Veteran Tax Credit & Disability Application
- 3.7 Current Use Application

Motion by Selectman Stanton to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.

4. Communication to the Select Board

4.1 Correspondence from Rockingham County Commissioners

4.2 Correspondence from Joseph F. Fitzgerald

Chair Maggiore read both pieces of correspondence into the record. Copies are attached to these minutes.

Town Administrator Apple will be sending a letter to Mr. Fitzgerald suggesting he submit his concerns to the Attorney General's office.

5. Committee Updates

Selectman Stanton stated the Budget Committee would be meeting on May 2.

Selectman Miller stated the Economic Development Committee would be meeting on May 6.

Chair Maggiore stated the Long Range Planning Committee is working on a survey for the town with a focus on Route One, and what residents envision.

6. Report of the Town Administrator

6.1 General Report

A copy of the Town Administrator's report is attached to these minutes.

6.2 Discussion of accounting issues for North Hampton Forever expenditures and proposed solutions.

See, Annual Financial Statements for the Year Ended June 30, 2015, at p. 26; see also, http://www.northhamptonnh.gov/Public_Documents/2015%20Town%20Report%20Part%20I

Finance Director Ryan Cornwell spoke to the Select Board about a deficit in the now closed North Hampton Forever account. He stated the account has not been over expended and no illegal behavior had happened. Mr. Cornwell stated that it was an accounting misposting and the funds were taken from the wrong "bucket."

Mr. Cornwell stated the \$4 million in debt authorization was not overspent, and this was simply a classification error.

The Select Board contemplated having an auditor come in to identify how to resolve the issue, even though Mr. Cornwell comes to North Hampton after being an auditor for 10 years.

After much discussion, the Select Board asked to have an estimate of the cost to audit and identify what options to take.

This item was tabled until the May 9, 2016 meeting

7. New Business

7.1 Discussion of Water Quality in North Hampton

7.1.1 Approve draft letter to EPA;

Selectman Miller explained he had assisted in drafting the letter and encouraged the Select Board to send a copy to the towns of Rye and Greenland. He further stated it is important the public is informed.

Motion by Selectman Stanton to approve the letter to the EPA as written. Seconded by Chair Maggiore. Motion carries 3-0.

Chair Maggiore stated he had gone to a meeting in Concord regarding the recent concerns of the cancer cluster in Rye. He further stated he would be attending more of these informative meetings in the future and will report back to the Select Board.

7.1.2 Discuss joint meeting with DES regarding progress of Hampton Gun Club investigation;

Town Administrator Apple suggested a joint meeting with all members involved from the Department of Environmental Services, representatives of the Hampton Rod and Gun Club and the Select Board to ascertain what progress is being made, and what are the next steps to be taken.

7.1.3 Discuss Storm Water Permit and efforts and costs of Southeast Watershed Alliance to regionalize seacoast towns' response.

Town Administrator Apple acknowledged that Romeo Turcotte has been the Town of North Hampton's MS-4 coordinator and will continue to do so until his retirement in July.

Town Administrator Apple asked the Select Board if they would like to join a consortium of other towns in the Southeast Watershed Alliance. The cost to join would be \$2,000.

Selectman Stanton noted an amount of \$40,000 had been voted on and placed in a revolving fund to cover costs associated with the MS-4 plan.

Town Administrator Apple suggested taking the \$2,000 out of this year's budget.

Motion by Selectman Stanton that the Town of North Hampton pledge \$2,000 toward the initial cost of establishing a storm water alliance and regionalizing storm water alliance MS-4 requirements. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.

7.2 Discussion of Cable Franchise Agreement Process

Town Administrator Apple stated the Select Board had received communications from Comcast to open Cable Franchise Fee negotiations between the Town of North Hampton and Comcast.

The Select Board agreed that members on the prior negotiating team be involved in this process as well. The committee will consist of John Savastano, the Town Attorney, a Select Board representative and a Cable Advisory member. A suggestion was made to inquire as to whether or not Mr. Kilgore would be interested in serving again.

Town Administrator Apple stated he would write a letter to Comcast indicating the Select Board's interest in opening negotiations.

7.3 Discussion of Efforts to Cooperate with other area Seacoast Towns

Town Administrator Apple stated he wrote a letter to the Town of Rye to open conversation regarding regionalizing fire services with them. A suggestion was made to have both Select Board's meeting jointly to form a working group.

7.4 Appointments to Conservation Commission

Selectman Stanton made a motion to approve the appointments of Kathy Grant and Phil Thayer to the Conservation Commission for three year terms. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.

7.5 Conservation Deeds Discussion – Chris Ganotis

Conservation Commission Chair Chris Ganotis explained a project he and Mr. Vorkink as well as a subcommittee had been working on to organize and contain all conservation easements and deeds for North Hampton. Mr. Ganotis noted there were 120 parcels currently with conservation easements, and that some did not show restrictions placed on parcels. (See attached spreadsheet.)

7.6 State of New Hampshire Red List Bridges Report

Town Administrator Apple noted the Bridge Report neither added or removed any of the bridges for North Hampton, however he wanted the Select Board to be aware of the latest report.

Town Administrator Apple noted the Department of Transportation have now taken the position the town is responsible for evaluating its own bridges and postings on said bridges.

8. Approval of Minutes

8.1 Minutes of April 11, 2016

Motion by Selectman Stanton to approve the April 11, 2016 minutes as presented. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.

8.2 Minutes of April 12, 2016

Motion by Selectman Stanton to approve the April 12, 2016 minutes as presented. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.

9. Any Other Item that may legally come before the Board

The Board reserves the right to take action on any item relative to the prudential administration of the Town's affairs which circumstances may require.

10. Second Public Comment Session

See Item 2, above.

No comments from the public.

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:41 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet L. Facella, Administrative Assistant