



TOWN OF NORTH HAMPTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
SELECT BOARD MINUTES
MAY 9, 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. Swearing In of Officer Timon Aikawa

Chief Maddocks introduced North Hampton's newest police officer Timon Aikawa, and Town Administrator Apple swore him in to office.

3. 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.

Bill Gosselin, Maple Road presented the Select Board with a letter and asked that Chair Maggiore read the letter into the record. A copy of Mr. Gosselin's letter is attached to these minutes.

Mr. Gosselin expressed to the Select Board his frustration with them allowing the barn to be moved on the Lamprey Easement.

Selectman Stanton stated the process of the easement was followed by the Conservation Commission.

Chair Maggiore and Selectman Miller stated they would like time review and speak to parties mentioned in the letter.

Caroline Field, Atlantic Avenue stated she was disgusted with the ugly monstrosity in the Lamprey field, which is now blocking her view and described the barn as a “party barn.”

4. Consent Calendar

4.1 Payroll Manifest of \$60,698.17

4.2 Payroll Manifest of \$63,375.49

4.3 Accounts Payable Manifest of \$58,021.71

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

Selectman Miller noted that all manifest have been signed, but at the time the agenda was processed showed not all members had signed.

Town Administrator Apple stated he had received correspondence on this date from the EPA stating the Coakley Landfill wells will be tested but they would not be conducting a broader water test within the watershed.

The Select Board discussed contacting Aquarion Water for results on their testing, i.e. how long they have tested for PFA’s and what the cost is. Town Administrator Apple will contact them to ask for test results.

5. Communication to the Select Board

5.1 2015 Total Equalized Valuation from State of NH Department of Revenue Administration

Chair Maggiore stated North Hampton’s valuation was up with a figure of \$1,124,534,644 which includes the equalized railroad tax.

5.2 Letter from Governor Hassan regarding testing at Coakley Landfill.

5.3 Letter from Senator Ayotte regarding testing at Coakley Landfill.

Chair Maggiore read Governor Hassan’s and Senator Ayotte’s into the record. Copies of each are attached to these minutes.

6. Committee Updates

Selectman Stanton stated the Budget Committee will be holding its first meeting on Wednesday, May 11 at 7:00 PM.

Selectman Miller stated the Economic Development Committee had met on Friday, May 6. Talks regarding taking a regional approach to bus transportation to and from North Hampton were discussed as well as Route 1 development and ways in which to include neighboring towns.

Chair Maggiore stated the Long Range Planning Committee was in the final stages of the draft survey to be distributed to North Hampton residents. Electronic copies will be sent out and hard copies will be available at the town offices and library.

7. Report of the Town Administrator

7.1 General Report

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

Selectman Miller suggested a Select Board joint meeting with the Library Trustees. All members were in consensus.

8. New Business

8.1 Lien Execution of 2015 Unpaid Taxes

Chair Maggiore read a memo from Town Clerk Susan Buchanan indicating the Select Board, should they chose, sign the agreement that a journal entry will be made pertaining to the \$107,454.21 in tax liens.

All members signed the agreement, with no formal motion made.

8.2 Transfers from/to General Fund and Capital Reserve Accounts

Motion by Selectman Stanton to approve the four memos from Treasurer Barbara Dewing to transfer funds from the Capital Reserve Accounts listed to the General Fund. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.

8.3 Discussion of RSA 41:14-a process for Conservation Easements

Chair Maggiore stated the Conservation Easements have been separated into four different categories: Group A: Forfeiture Parcels owned by the Town; Group B: Parcels owned by the Town with conservation intent but where the deeds need to have restrictions; Group C: Parcels owned by the Conservation Commission lacking clear conservation restrictions in the deed; Group D: Parcels listed as conservation in the Town records but where the Town appears to be the owner but deeds have not been located.

Chair Maggiore read a memo from the Planning Board with the following motion: "Mr. Wilson moved that the Planning Board recommends that the Select Board proceed to modify the cited deeds of land in possession of the Town of North Hampton to reflect the fact that the land is meant to be conservation land in perpetuity. Second by Mr. Derby. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion 6-0."

Selectman Stanton asked if abutters to some of the conservation properties have ever been offered for sale to them. He suggested having a public hearing on the four parcel categories sending out abutters notices to them and then listening to them as well as the Conservation Commission.

8.4 Discussion of Town website

Town Administrator Apple explained after reviewing options available, the cheaper option would not be a good idea. In discussions with Virtual Schools and Towns the more expensive complete overhaul of the website could have the payment of \$6,000 spread out over three years. One of the goals of the redesign of the website is to capture all demographics.

Motion by Selectman Stanton to approve the upgrade to the new platform for the website. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.

9. Approval of Minutes

9.1 Minutes of April 25, 2016

Motion by Selectman Stanton to approve the minutes of April 25, 2016 as written. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.

10. 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.

Selectman Stanton thanked Jan Facella for organizing the "Touch a Truck Day" event stating that it was a great success, and would like to see the tradition continued.

Town Administrator Apple stated Channel 22 had videotaped the event and it was available on the website's home page.

Selectman Stanton stated someone needed to be appointed to the Coastal Risk Committee and asked if perhaps Shep Kroner would be interested.

Selectman Stanton reminded everyone that the police department has a prescription drug drop box if anyone is in need of disposing of old or no longer needed prescriptions.

Chair Maggiore stated the next Select Board meeting would be on May 18, not on May 16.

11. Second Public Comment Session

See Item 2, above.

12. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Facella

