



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

NOVEMBER 22, 2021 7:00 PM

NORTH HAMPTON TOWN HALL

DRAFT MINUTES

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

ALSO PRESENT: Town Administrator Michael Tully

AGENDA

Chairman Jim Maggiore welcomed everyone to the November 22, 2021 North Hampton Select Board Meeting and called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Maggiore said they were coming from a Non-Public Meeting and asked for a motion to seal the minutes.

Motion: To seal the minutes of the Non-Public Meeting of November 22, 2021

Motioned: Vice-Chair Sununu

Seconded: Selectman Pinette

Vote: Motion approved by a vote of 3-0

10.1 Presentation of the 524 Award by Police Chief Kathryn Mone

Police Chief Kathryn Mone said presented the 5th Annual Officer Peter Cormier Memorial 524 Award, in honor of the memory of Officer Peter Cormier, to Officer Paul Yanakopulos known for his intelligence and exceptional work ethic. The award is given annually to a police officer who embodies Officer Cormier's qualities of honor, integrity, fellowship, and dedication.

The Select Board recessed for 5 minutes, and the meeting resumed at 7:15 pm.

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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.

First Public Comment Session

For comments please call 603-758-1447; email jmaggiore@northhampton-nh.gov

Consent Calendar

- 5.1 Payroll Manifest of November 11, 2021 in the amount of \$82,099.28
- 5.2 Payroll Manifest of November 18, 2021 in the amount of \$76,962.58
- 5.3 Accounts Payable Manifest of November 11, 2021 in the amount of \$118,867.79
- 5.4 Cemetery Deed

Motion: To approve Consent Calendar items 5.1 – 5.4 as presented.

Motioned: Selectman Pinette

Seconded: Vice-Chair Sununu

Vote: Motion approved by a vote of 3-0

Correspondence

6.1 Correspondence from Mr. Charles Fredette. November 19, 2021 - Mr. Fredette expressed growing concern by residents on Cherry Road and neighboring roads about increased traffic and excessive speeds, with biggest concern coming off Post Road and rounding the corner at 30-50 mph. He asked that the intersection at Cherry and Post Road be made a T-shape to slow traffic down considerably.

Chairman Maggiore said they can work with the Police Chief, Highway Department, and DOT but could not make a decision tonight; Vice-Chair Sununu agreed and said Post Road is a state road. Town Administrator Tully said DOT would have to be involved working with the Town and said he would ask if the Police Chief could do some directed patrols and look at accident history.

6.2 Correspondence from North Hampton Conservation Commission: Dated November 18, 2021 - Letter to the Select Board from Conservation Commission Chair Lisa Wilson on whether to restrict hunting on the Boies Wildlife Preserve. The Forest Society recommends the Board first take steps to clarify the 2001 Boies Corrective Deed, which does not include a formal acceptance by the Town or specify a monitoring arrangement. The Forest Society recommends the Town file a short acceptance with the 2001 deed, with an amendment clarifying monitoring arrangements, and further recommends the Conservation Commission act as representative of the Town to manage the Boies Preserve under the Town's authority.

Town Administrator Tully said the Board will need to decide whether or not to restrict hunting on this property and deal with the deed issues. He said the property is posted "no hunting" by a local landowner but was not posted by the Town.

Vice-Chair Sununu said they should put in a motion to correct the deed, had no issue with determining "no hunting" on that property, and agreed to Conservation Commission management; the property borders two residential neighborhoods. Town Administrator Tully said the Conservation Commission spoke to relatives of the property whose intent was for no hunting, but it was never put in the deed.

Mr. Andrew Vorkink, Chairman of the Easement Sub-Committee, said the Conservation Commission recommended the property be posted officially because of the wishes of the owners and because it is not conservation property per se but a Wildlife Preserve preserving wildlife not hunting, as well as the history of it being posted. He said it would take several weeks to go through the Forest Society for approval;

monitoring responsibilities would need to be clarified in an acceptance. He added that we are now in the middle of hunting season.

After discussion, the Board decided to wait for the Deed issues to be resolved first. Town Administrator Tully said he would put the matter on the next agenda as an item to discuss and schedule again when the deeds come in.

Committee Updates

Chairman Maggiore said the *Heritage Commission* met last Thursday, moving ahead with the update to the Master Plan, otherwise discussion routine; no updates on the *Water Commission*.

Vice-Chair Sununu said there was no *Rails to Trails* update. The *Budget Committee* met last Monday to review the Town Budget and Library Budget in depth; School Budget first review scheduled for next Monday with 2nd review of Town Budget on the Monday after.

Report of the Town Administrator

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

Items Left on the Table – None

NEW BUSINESS

10.2 Discussion of Town Buildings

Chairman Maggiore said the Select Board and the Building Committee will meet again after Thanksgiving to continue discussion of the Safety Building for Fire & Police and relocating Town Offices in the old library, and continue evaluation and analysis of the whole process; still looking for public input and hopefully presenting something on a Warrant Article. Vice Chair Sununu said there was a joint meeting with the Select Board, Building Committee, architect and builder last week, and stressed the importance of this project for Fire & Police who are working in substandard buildings.

Chairman Maggiore read a letter from Lisa Gallagher with recommendations to reduce size and costs of the proposed buildings. She questioned the need for second-floor records storage in Town Offices and record storage for Fire and Police; asked the use of the Stone Building; recommended downsizing the Safety Building by 2,000 sq ft; said that James Sununu's comparisons to other towns and buildings were irrelevant.

Vice-Chair Sununu responded that comparing other Towns is completely relevant and is a tool to gauge whether money is being spent effectively. He said there is absolutely a need for a new Public Safety Building that meets the needs of Police & Fire and was shocked someone would find that irrelevant; Selectman Pinette and Chairman Maggiore agreed.

Town Administrator Tully said the information from the Town Meeting is available on the website along with the rest of the information. Chairman Maggiore asked if the exterior design was final and Selectman Pinette said it was not: first step is functionality and layout of building, then the exterior visual part which is still fluid.

Chairman Maggiore asked about a timetable for when the Board might float this out as a final plan and when the final hearing would need to be held. Town Administrator Tully said Mr. Tuttle and Mr. Ricci are

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going through comments received and looking at different aspects of the building; the Board still needs to make a decision on that; last date for Public Hearing is January 18, 2022 advertised 14 days in advance for the Bond Hearing. Would need to have this in a Warrant Article and ready to go by the end of December.

MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETINGS

11.1 Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 8, 2021

Motion: To approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 8, 2021 as presented.

Motioned: Selectman Pinette

Seconded: Vice-Chair Sununu

Vote: Motion approved by a vote of 3-0

Any Other Item that may legally come before the Board

Second Public Comment Session

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Next Regular Meeting: December 13, 2021

Adjournment

Chairman Maggiore adjourned the meeting at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Denmark, Recording Secretary