



TOWN OF NORTH HAMPTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
SELECT BOARD MINUTES
JULY 25, 2016
NON PUBLIC SESSION I 6:00 PM TOWN OFFICES CONFERENCE ROOM
NON PUBLIC SESSION II 6:30 PM TOWN OFFICES CONFERENCE ROOM
REGULAR MEETING 7:00 PM TOWN HALL

NORTH HAMPTON TOWN HALL
231 ATLANTIC AVENUE

These minutes were prepared as a reasonable summary of the essential content of this meeting, not as a transcription.

1. **Non-Public Session I.** Pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(b), the Select Board will meet at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the hiring of a public employee.
2. **Non-Public Session II.** Pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(b), the Select Board will meet at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the hiring of a public employee.
3. **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.

Motion by Selectman Stanton to come out of Non Public Session. Seconded Selectman Miller. Roll call vote: Maggiore – aye; Miller – aye; Stanton – aye.

Motion by Selectman Stanton to seal the minutes of Non Public Session II. Seconded Selectman Miller. Roll call vote: Maggiore – aye; Miller – aye; Stanton – aye.

Chair Maggiore announced that the Select Board had appointed Chief Michael Tully as the new Public Safety/Emergency Management Director.

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Chair Maggiore announced that a new police officer had been hired and will be introduced August 8, 2016.

4. 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.

Ray Tweedie from Rye introduced himself stating he is running for the State Senate seat to replace Nancy Stiles.

Selectman Stanton stated he wanted to let everyone in attendance know that Chair Maggiore is also running for the same State Senate seat.

George Chauncey, Hobbs Road stated he is against having a “Pay as you Throw” program in North Hampton and hoped the Select Board will allow the residents vote and decide on this issue. He further stated Waste Management does an excellent job and should be left as is.

Jonathan Pinette, Post Road stated he was interested in purchasing some of the properties that will be discussed in the Public Hearing, and wondered if he should speak to them at this point.

The Select Board stated Mr. Pinette would be allowed to speak during the discussion under the Public Hearing.

5. Consent Calendar

5.1 Payroll Manifest of 07/14/2016 in the amount of \$64,164.07

5.2 Payroll Manifest of 07/21/2016 in the amount of \$64,991.18

5.3 Accounts Payable Manifest of 07/07/2016 in the amount of \$1,171,693.16

5.4 Accounts Payable Manifest of 07/14/2016 in the amount of \$475,230.04

5.5 Consideration of Abatement Application of Map 006, Lot 002-004, 4 Dancer’s Image Way

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

6. Communications to the Select Board

6.1 Correspondence from Diane Bitomske – Rockingham County Engineering & Maintenance Services

Chair Maggiore read the letter into the record.

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Town Administrator Apple stated two more letters had been received after the agenda had been posted, and proceeded to read a letter from Post 32 inviting the Select Board to a 9-11 ceremony being held, as well as correspondence from the Southeast Land Trust regarding the Governor Dale property and the plan to build housing for farm workers.

7. Committee Updates

8. Report of the Town Administrator

8.1 General Report

Town Administrator Apple reported the library parking lot is scheduled to be paved during the first week of August and that customers and employees will be directed to park in the spaces behind the fire and police station and use the pathway between the parking lot and the library to gain entrance.

Town Administrator Apple reported the town's septic systems had been pumped;

Town Administrator Apple met with the Rye Town Administrator and the Chair of the Rye Selectmen, and will hold a joint meeting on September 12 to discuss equipment purchases and solid waste.

Select Board meetings for August will be held on the 8th and the 15th;

The town website redesign is ongoing;

A letter to the Department of Environmental Services was discussed with a suggestion to have copies sent to the Governor, Senators Ayotte and Sheehan and Representatives Sununu, Peckham and Sherman.

Town Administrator Apple stated he received a request from Chinburg Builders to allow telephone poles placed in the Town right away on Lovering Road.

Motion by Selectman Stanton to approve the installation of telephone poles in the town right away for electricity. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.

9. Public Hearing

9.1 Discussion of Imposition of Conservation Easements on Town-owned Properties

Chair Maggiore opened the Public Hearing at 7:47 PM.

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Chris Ganotis, Conservation Commission Chair gave an overview of the proposal by the Conservation Commission for deed additions for conservation protections.

Three categories of parcels (A-C) were for consideration:

Category A includes four parcels needing Conservation Restrictions and the recorded deeds all currently show town ownership. Three parcels were tax forfeitures, while the fourth was a gift to the town for conservation.

The Select Board of 2007, decided to hold off for a one year waiting period on the first three properties before having the deeds recorded. The deeds were recorded after the waiting period but did not include the needed conservation Deed Restrictions. The parcels abut or are in close proximity to current conservation land. Each parcel is unsuitable for development because they are either landlocked, nearly all wetlands or too small. The conservation values for wildlife habitat and for providing natural surface water filtration to mitigate contamination and to potentially preserve drinking water quality.

Category B properties included the Ed Luck parcel on Map 13, Lot 79. The deed did not indicate that the parcel was for conservation. The Conservation Stewardship Plan of 2007 referenced a letter from Mr. Luck prior to his death with his intent to place the parcel in conservation. To verify the intent for conservation, Chair Ganotis contacted Mr. Luck's daughter Shelly Cross Luck and she indicated that her father's intention was to one day use the land as a conservation hiking trail to the school.

Category C properties includes seven parcels are deeded to the Conservation Commission rather than the town. Pursuant to RSA 36-A:4, such gifts "shall be managed and controlled by the Commission." The proposed deed restrictions do not require further approval by the Select Board but are included for the Select Board's concurrence.

Jonathan Pinette stated he was interested in purchasing Map 14, Lot 169 as he owns the lot next to it. The Select Board stated properties listed in Category C are not available to purchase.

Motion by Selectman Stanton that in accordance with RSA 36-A:4 that the Select Board approve the conservation owned properties listed in "Category C" as follows: Map 009, Lot 055; Map 013, Lot 080; Map 014, Lot 167; Map 015, Lot 009; Map 015, Lot 011; Map 014, Lot 169; Map 015, Lot 010 and that they are subject to the Conservation Commission restrictions. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.

Motion by Selectman Stanton that properties Map 014, Lot 167 and Map 014, Lot 169 be restricted per their proposed deed restrictions for conservation, and to omit the restriction on "no hunting." Seconded by Selectman Miller for discussion.

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Comments from Casey O’Kane, Atlantic Avenue stated it was incorrect to place a deed restriction on property owned by the town and the deed restriction is misplaced unless the town is selling them.

The question was called. Motion carries 3-0.

Motion by Selectman Stanton to approve the Conservation Commission’s recommendation on “Category A” properties Map 003, Lot 032; Map 009, Lot 004; Map 012, Lot 029 and Map 015, Lot 008. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.

Motion by Selectman Stanton to recommend and allow the Town Administrator to transfer “Category A” properties from the town to the Conservation Commission under RSA 36-A:4. Seconded by Selectman Stanton. Motion carries 3-0.

Motion by Selectman Stanton to table “Category B” properties until there has been time to get input to the public and discussion on recreational deeds of the town. Seconded by Selectman Miller for discussion. Selectman Miller stated the land was given to the town for conservation properties and should address handling the land as conservation as opposed to recreation. Motion fails 1-2.

Motion by Selectman Stanton to table Map 013, Lot 079, and permit the Town Administrator and Conservation Commission Chair to get together with the heirs to find out how they would like the deed restrictions to work. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.

Chair Maggiore closed the Public Hearing at 8:47 PM.

10. New Business

10.1 Facilities: What’s next?

10.1.1 Joint Meeting with Library Trustees

10.1.1.1 Discussion of Proposed Memorandum of Understanding

Kelly Parrott stated the Trustees were not in agreement with paragraph “I” which deals with the town employee personnel policy.

Motion by Selectman Stanton to strike paragraph “I” from the Memorandum of Understanding. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.

10.1.1.2 Discussion of Ideas for New/Remodeled Library

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Kelly Parrott stated there was not a consensus by the Library Trustees on whether to build new or renovate and add an addition to the current library. She further stated there were still too many unknown costs for a new library and the Trustees have not been given permission to use the Homestead Property. She further stated they are not ready to advocate one plan over another as there is a three way split.

10.1.2 Discussion of Ideas for New/Remodeled Public Safety and Administration Building
Michael Castagna, Buckskin Lane stated he had an economical alternative to the safety complex and proceeded to display a schematic plan that showed the safety complex on property currently in conservation land behind the Lafayette Crossing.

Mr. Castagna stated that the “Plan B” land had been taken off the market. He further went on to introduce Brice Shearburn from JDL Castile Corporation who is a developer that works with government agencies providing cost solutions.

Mr. Shearburn gave an overview of his company, and explained the need to rethink the campus project and propose a structure with a cost that is more palatable to the community.

Selectman Miller stated renovation costs for the fire station are already at \$2.9 million which doesn't include relocating the police department and town offices.

The Select Board agreed it would be a good idea to discuss Mr. Shearburn's suggestions.

Motion by Selectman Stanton to proceed with this course of action with JDL Castile Corporation. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.

Kelly Parrott stated the town needs to be considerate of the \$6 million threshold, and the library and the public safety complex should not be on the ballot at the same time.

Selectman Miller stated the public safety complex has to be handled first.

10.1.3 Discussion of Recreation Land Acquisition (*Tabled*)

10.2 Water Quality at North Hampton Beach: An Update With Chris Ganotis, Conservation Commission Chair (*Tabled*)

10.2.1 What do we know?

10.2.2 What are possible solutions?

10.3 Aquarion Water Company – Carl McMorran – (*This item tabled until August 8, 2016*)

10.4 Nomination for Boston Post Cane

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Motion by Selectman Stanton to nominate Ruth Griffin as recipient of the Boston Post Cane. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.

10.5 Approve Revisions of the Deposit Policy

Motion by Selectman Stanton to approve the revisions to the Deposit Policy as amended by the Town Administrator. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.

11. Minutes of Prior Meetings

11.1 Minutes of July 11, 2016

Motion by Selectman Stanton to accept the minutes of July 11, 2016 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.

12. 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.

Motion by Selectman Stanton to approve the Forest Fire Report bill. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.

13. Second Public Comment Session

See Item 2, above.

14. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet L. Facella

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