



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

DECEMBER 13, 2021 7:00 PM

NORTH HAMPTON TOWN HALL

Approved January 10, 2022

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 December 13, 2021 North Hampton Select Board Meeting and called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion: To seal the minutes of the Non-Public Meeting of December 13, 2021.

Motioned: Vice-Chair Sununu

Seconded: Selectman Pinette

Vote: Motion approved by a vote of 3-0

First Public Comment Session

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

Consent Calendar

- 5.1 Payroll Manifest of November 24, 2021 in the amount of \$75,184.82
- 5.2 Payroll Manifest of December 2, 2021 in the amount of \$126,379.02
- 5.3 Payroll Manifest of December 9, 2021 in the amount of \$171,054.80
- 5.4 Accounts Payable Manifest of December 9, 2021 in the amount of \$1,156,224.16
- 5.5 Abatement Recommendation
- 5.6 Yield Tax

Disclaimer –These minutes are prepared by the Recording Secretary within five (5) business days as required by NH RSA 91-A:2, II. They will not be finalized until approved by majority vote of the Select Board.

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.

- 5.7 Supplemental Tax Bill
- 5.8 2021 Equalization Assessment Data Certificate.

Motion: To approve Consent Calendar items 5.1 – 5.8 as presented.

Motioned: Selectman Pinette

Seconded: Vice-Chair Sununu

Vote: Motion approved by a vote of 3-0

Correspondence

Correspondence regarding Boies Wildlife Preserve will be taken up under New Business.

Committee Updates

Chairman Maggiore said the *Heritage Commission* has not met, and *Water Commission* has not met.

Vice-Chair Sununu said *Rails to Trails* has not met; *Budget Committee* met last Monday for second review of Town FY2023 Budget and Library FY2023 Budget; both were approved and recommended 9-0.

Public Hearing

8.1 To Consider Acceptance of Proposed Changes to Town of North Hampton Fee Schedules

Town Administrator Tully said the Board recommended a few things be taken out of the Fee Schedule and that Senior Lunches remain at \$5.00.

Chairman Maggiore opened the Public Hearing at 7:10 pm.

Town Administrator Tully said current fees were put in place in 2013 and this will bring Town fees in line with other communities.

Chairman Maggiore closed the Public Hearing at 7:12 pm.

Motion: To approve the proposed Fee Schedule for approval as amended.

Motioned: Vice-Chair Sununu

Seconded: Selectman Pinette

Vote: Motion approved by a vote of 3-0

Report of the Town Administrator

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

Report November 22, 2021 – December 10, 2021. Finance: 57% of Budget remaining with 29 weeks left in fiscal year; Police responded to 6 motor vehicle accidents with wildlife on roadways; Fire Department with Eliot Hospital became an approved Educational Ride-Along Site for paramedic students; Mr. Schnitzler has no interest in completing repairs to Town Hall requested by Heritage Commission; State requested light pole be installed at Route 111/151 intersection; Comcast is meeting with new phone system company to resolve problems.

Chairman Maggiore said the *Heritage Commission* discussed a Save America's Treasures grant through the Department of the Interior for possible assistance with Town Hall and will keep researching grants to complete the work on that building.

Items Left on the Table – None

NEW BUSINESS

Aquarion Water Update

Carl McMorran, Operations Manager for Aquarion Water, responded to questions from the last meeting and said backup power was 3.2 million gallons/day and nominal production capacity is a little over 5 MGD. He also answered questions regarding emergency response and the process of public notification.

Mr. McMoran said production totaled 693 million gallons through November; Active Services 9,007 with 704 seasonal (132 remaining); Distribution Maintenance 495 hydrant inspections; Water Quality – PFAS. He said we are very close to putting our Mill Pond Well Field PFAS Treatment Project into operation and received the very first loan issued under the PFAS Remediation Loan Fund (PLF), and also received funds from the Drinking Water & Ground Water Trust Fund covering 25%; grants were connected for a total of \$1.7 million in grant money out of the \$2 million total cost. The PFAS facility will be put into operation next Monday restoring full production capacity.

Mr. McMoran said 2022 Capital Projects include building another a new plant to treat Wells 7 and 22 including arsenic removal at Little River Road Water Treatment Plant, continue main replacements, painting of Jenness Tank.

11.4 Consideration of Hunting on Boies Property

Chairman Maggiore said at last meeting the Board received a letter from the Conservation Commission recommending that Boies Wildlife Preserve be added to the Town of North Hampton prohibited hunting list. Andrew Vorkink from the Conservation Commission briefed the Board on this and it was discussed.

Correspondence: Mr. Edward Brown asked the Board to consider all forms of recreation and if siding with the Conservation Commission to at least allow Archery Hunting; Mr. Dennis Kokernak, a direct abutter to the property, strongly supported restoring the *No Hunting* restrictions on the Boies Wildlife Preserve and asked that it be posted.

Andrew Vorkink, Chair of the Sub-Committee on Easements, stressed that the Conservation Commission has no policy and relies on the land donor to put a restriction on the land regarding hunting. In this case the non-hunting restriction was proposed by request the family who gave the land to the Forest Society, but it was not entered in the deed (1974) at the time. In 1976 the Forest Service gave the land to the Town to be used as a Wildlife Preserve. Ambiguities were found in the Deed and a correction made in 2001 but the Town never fully accepted the obligation nor did the Forest Society put provisions in the corrective deed on what the Town's role would be going forward.

Mr. Vorkink said the property has been maintained since 2001 jointly by the Conservation Commission and the Forest Society; the Commission proposes that the Select Board correct the ambiguity in various roles and formalize the acceptance of the role of monitoring and responsibility for the Wildlife Preserve; that the Forest Society as grantor be able to monitor the property in conjunction with the Conservation Commission on behalf of the Town.

Conservation Commission Chair Lisa Wilson said the minutes should state that the Boies family wanted to restrict hunting which was approved in the past.

Motion: That the Select Board approve the Conservation Commission recommendation that the Town add Boies Wildlife Preserve to the Town of North Hampton prohibited hunting list.

Motioned: Vice-Chair Sununu

Seconded: Selectman Pinette

Mr. Vorkink said that would be Part A, and Part B would be approval for signing the acceptance document with the registry that states the Town accepts the responsibilities under the Corrective Deed and appoints the Conservation Commission under RSA 36-A as the responsible party to monitor the property.

Motion Amended: Vice-Chair Sununu amended his motion to approve the Conservation Commission recommendation that the Town add Boies Wildlife Preserve to the Town of North Hampton prohibited hunting list, and also that the Town approve and sign the acceptance document that is part of the Corrective Deed and designate as such.

Vote: Motion approved, as amended, by a vote of 3-0

11.1 Discussion of North Hampton Tax Rate

Chairman Maggiore said last week the Select Board met in a Public Meeting to consider the Tax Rate once information was received from DRA. The North Hampton Select Board did approve a tax rate for \$16.57, down from \$16.91 prior year). Tax Rate: Municipal \$5.27; County \$0.91; Local Education \$8.42; State Education \$1.97; for a total of \$16.57; Little Boar's Head is \$0.13.

11.2 Request from United Church of Christ to Use Town Green and Waive Usage Fee

Town Administrator Tully said the United Church of Christ requested use of the Town Green on Christmas Eve for a celebration and asked to waive the associated fee.

Motion: To approve the request from the United Church of Christ to use the Town Green and waive the Town's usage fee.

Motioned: Vice-Chair Sununu

Seconded: Selectman Pinette

Vote: Motion approved by a vote of 3-0

11.3 Discussion of Town Building Designs

Mr. John Ricci of Ricci Construction Company said he met with the Building Committee last Monday and presented 3 options, with this layout and these elevations chosen unanimously; basically takes the front of the Safety Complex and gives it a Cape style with false front door; focused on Apparatus Bay to add dormered look on 2 bays to break up flat roof with eyebrow roof on other bays; the flat roof controls runoff and keeps water away from front of garage doors.

Mr. Ricci said the front elevation strikes a simple classic New England style with a wraparound porch; office side simplified with a two-tone accent (colors suggested); footprint of building was not altered; very minor changes inside; second floor adds another 800 sq ft with total around 26,000 sq ft.

Vice-Chair Sununu said he attended the Building Committee meeting and is in favor of approving this as a final working design to move toward preparation of the Warrant Article. Chairman Maggiore added that the building is Dark Sky compliant and in line with the Zoning Ordinance and said there is consensus of the Board to move forward with this working design.

11.5 Resume Custody and Control of 237A Atlantic Avenue Building and Property

Town Administrator Tully said he went through the old library building with George Chauncey and there are a few things left; Sue Grant put a spreadsheet together with all the accounts for easy transfer back to the Town.

Motion: For the Town to take control of the previous Library building and the property grounds.

Motioned: Selectman Pinette

Seconded: Vice-Chair Sununu

Vote: Motion approved by a vote of 3-0

MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETINGS

12.1 Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 22, 2021

Motion: To approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 22, 2021 as presented.

Motioned: Vice-Chair Sununu

Seconded: Selectman Pinette

Vote: Motion approved by a vote of 3-0

12.2 Approval of the Non-Public Meeting Minutes of November 22, 2021

Motion: To approve the Non-Public Meeting Minutes of November 22, 2021 as presented.

Motioned: Vice-Chair Sununu

Seconded: Selectman Pinette

Vote: Motion approved by a vote of 3-0

12.3 Approval of the Workshop Meeting Minutes of November 30, 2021

Motion: To approve the Workshop Meeting Minutes of November 30, 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

Town Administrator Tully said Brian Chevalier has been working hard on Wreaths Across America with a ceremony coming up December 18th at 11:30 am at the Center Cemetery. The ceremony consists of laying wreaths on the graves of all Veterans inside the cemetery and works from donations.

Chairman Maggiore said a Select Board meeting is scheduled for December 27, 2021 which may be reconsidered. Town Administrator Tully said he is hoping for a workshop to work on Warrant Articles.

Second Public Comment Session

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

Next Regular Meeting: December 13, 2021

Adjournment

Chairman Maggiore adjourned the meeting at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Select Board Regular Meeting
December 13, 2021

Patricia Denmark, Recording Secretary