



TOWN OF NORTH HAMPTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

SELECT BOARD MINUTES

NOVEMBER 14, 2016

**REGULAR MEETING 7:00PM
NORTH HAMPTON TOWN HALL
231 ATLANTIC AVENUE**

1. Call To Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Maggiore called the meeting to order at 7:05 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.

No comments

3. Consent Calendar

- 3.1 Payroll Manifest of November 3, 2016 in the amount of \$68,085.49
- 3.2 Payroll Manifest of November 10, 2016 in the amount of \$191,539.52
- 3.3 Accounts Payable Manifest of November 3, 2016 in the amount of \$1,029,597.86

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

4. Correspondence

- 4.1 Letter from NH DES Regarding PFOA Sampling and the Coakley Landfill
- 4.2 Letter from Brewster Real Estate Investments, LLC

Chair Maggiore read each letter into the record and are attached the these minutes.

Town Administrator Apple presented a summary of data on the Coakley Landfill testing. PFOA's focused on site have not migrated to test wells at this time.

Selectman Miller suggested expanding the radius of test sites and to test closer to the site. Discussion ensued regarding the need to have private wells tested which left the question on who should be responsible for paying for the testing.

Correspondence from Michael Green of Brewster Real Estate Investments, LLC was discussed amongst board members regarding the potential land donation for property he owns at 20 Chapel Road, Tax Map 005, Lot 032.

Scott Marsh, Municipal Resources Incorporated stated he saw no negative or positive impact on the neighbors.

Motion by Selectman Stanton to authorize Town Administrator Apple to enter into negotiations with the property owner to accept in the name of the town a donation of land at 20 Chapel Road, Tax Map 005, Lot 032 with the following conditions:

- 1. The property owner grant to the town by means of a warranty deed and;**
- 2. The property owner commission and deliver to the town an appraisal of value in time to notice a proper public hearing prior to December 21, 2016. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.**

The Select Board discussed with town Assessor Scott Marsh the valuation of the railroad property in North Hampton. Mr. Marsh stated he has assessed the property at \$1,450,000 and further explained how he arrived at that figure.

Selectman Stanton asked Mr. Marsh if he could assess the railroad land from Seabrook to Hampton. Mr. Marsh stated in the affirmative.

Discussion ensued on how to keep the rail road property contiguous, and how to propose the sale of the land by Guilford Transportation.

5. Committee Updates

6. Report of the Town Administrator

6.1 General Report

6.2 Update on new website

Town Administrator Apple gave his report to the Select Board and added he had received three additional pieces of correspondence on this date.

The first piece of correspondence was from Comcast indicating rate increases in the coming year.

A notice from the Rye Planning Board was received notifying the Select Board that a 22 lot subdivision is being proposed at 421 South Road in Rye.

A letter was received from the Town of Hampton in which they requested a perambulation of town lines in the spring.

Town Administrator Apple indicated to the Select Board that recent legislation states this can now be done on a volunteer basis and it is no longer required.

Motion by Selectman Stanton to appoint Shep Kroner as “Chief Perambulator” for the Town of North Hampton. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.

Town Administrator Apple stated he received a request from the PASA (Programs for Active Senior Adults) to place a Warrant Article on the warrant this year to purchase a new van. The current van is very difficult for those with mobility issues to participate in their monthly field trips. He further stated the Recreation Director had researched the cost of a used van and the cost would be in the \$50,000 range. Van rental rates would be approximately \$1,200 to \$1,500 per trip.

The Select Board decided to have a trial rental of a van toward the end of FY17, and to present a request to have a new van to the CIP committee.

The Select Board discussed staffing a school resource officer. Chief Maddocks stated he has posted for a DARE officer and two candidates from the Police Department have applied. Chief Maddocks stated it is the intent to start with a DARA officer and then work towards a School Resource Officer.

7. New Business

7.1 Permission to Use Town Green by Cycle the Seacoast on May 7, 2017;

Motion by Selectman Stanton to approve the use of places in town that have been asked for on May 7, 2017 provided it meets fire and police chief approvals. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.

7.2 Discussion of Septic System Proposal for Library and Stone Building;

Town Administrator Apple stated a chamber septic system has been recommended for the library and the stone building, with a raised field toward the end of property line. There will be no issue with snow removal with the field that far back. An estimated cost of \$10,000 to \$20,000 has been estimated.

Motion by Selectman Stanton to empower the Town Administrator to commence work on replacing the septic system with a chambered septic system for the library and the stone building as soon as a valid estimate is received. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.

Chair Maggiore stated 3,233 ballots had been cast on Election Day; 526 Absentee ballots, and 220 new registered voters.

Chair Maggiore thanked Town Moderator Boesch, Police Department and the Public Works Department for their help in ensuring a safe and successful day.

The Select Board discussed the request by the budget committee to have a sub committee to review the MRI Study that was done in 2008.

Chief Tully asked to have himself and Chief Maddocks on the committee, and the Select Board agreed.

Town Administrator Apple stated three volunteers have put their name in to become the TAC Committee representative. He further stated he would like to have Bob Landman help with the decision and make his recommendation to the board.

7.3 Discussion of Health Care Policy for Town Employees Deployed on Active Duty with the Military;

Town Administrator Apple explained the need for a policy for deployed town employees that would afford everyone uniform treatment and quality of life coverage for families.

Town Administrator Apple stated employees could pay their co payment in advance, on a weekly basis or when they return to duty.

Selectman Stanton asked to have the following edits:

- Under “purpose”, fifth line add “or their families” between “employees” and “on.”
- Under “purpose” sixth line add “that” after “so” and add “and their families” after “them.”
- Under “policy” second line add “and his or her dependents” after “employee.”
- Under “policy” starting a fourth line add “and his or her dependents” after “employee.”
- Under “policy” seventh line add “This decision must be in writing, with the consent of the employee’s spouse” after U.S. Armed Forces.
- Under “policy” third paragraph add: “ The Town shall continue to offer health insurance and/or dental benefits in a manner consistent with this policy in the event the employee and his or her spouse separate during the term of the employee’s deployment. Upon the effective date of any decree of divorce, the employee’s spouse may continue benefits as provided by the plan documents in said circumstances and under the Comprehensive Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (“COBRA”). Financial liability for COBRA coverage shall be the responsibility of the employee’s former spouse, unless otherwise provided for by law or agreement of the parties.”

Motion by Selectman Stanton to approve the policy subject to town counsel review. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.

7.4 Discuss and execute Philbrick Pond Drainage Grant Agreement

Motion by Selectman Stanton to approve Certificate of Authority as presented in items 1 through 4 in the Grant Agreement. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.

8. Minutes of Prior Meetings

8.1 Minutes of October 24, 2016

**Motion by Selectman Stanton to approve the minutes of October 24, 2016 as presented.
Seconded by Selectman Miller.**

8.2 Minutes of November 2, 2016 – *Tabled until November 28, 2016*

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.

Selectman Stanton reminded everyone of the RSA dealing with political signs and stated all signs must be taken down by Friday, November 18, 2016.

10. Second Public Comment Session

See Item 2, above.

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet L. Facella