



TOWN OF NORTH HAMPTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
NORTH HAMPTON SELECT BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2024

NORTH HAMPTON TOWN OFFICES
NON-PUBLIC SESSION
237A ATLANTIC AVENUE
6:15 O'CLOCK P.M.

NORTH HAMPTON TOWN HALL
REGULAR SESSION
231 ATLANTIC AVENUE
7:00 O'CLOCK P.M.

IF YOU HAVE A COMMENT, OPINION OR QUESTION DURING ONE OF THESE PORTIONS OF THE MEETING PLEASE DIAL IN TO 603-758-1447 OR EMAIL DIRECTLY TO JSUNUNU@NORTHHAMPTON-NH.GOV AND YOUR EMAIL WILL BE READ ALOUD DURING THE MEETING.

1. **Call to Order By Chair**

2. **Non-Public Session Pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (e)**

3. **Return to Public Session and Pledge of Allegiance**

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 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.

5. **Consent Calendar**

5.1 Payroll Manifest of March 28, 2024, in the amount of \$

5.2 Accounts Payable Manifest of March 28, 2024, in the amount of \$168,762.03

5.3 Payroll Manifest of April 4, 2024, in the amount of \$238,067.19

5.4 Abatement Recommendations

5.5 Elderly Exemptions

5.6 Veteran's Tax Credit

- 5.7 Solar Exemption
- 5.8 Cemetery Deeds
- 5.9 Intent to Cut

6. Correspondence

7. Committee Update

- 7.1 Heritage Commission
- 7.2 Water Commission
- 7.3 Rails to Trails Committee

8. Report of the Town Administrator

9. Items Left on the Table

10. New Business

- 10.1 Discussion of Speeding Complaints – Chief LaBarge
- 10.2 Discussion of Capital Improvement Committee Citizens Representative
- 10.3 Discussion of SWEPT Funding
- 10.4 Legislative Update

11. Minutes of Prior Meetings

- 11.1 Approval of Meeting Minutes of March 25, 2024
- 11.2 Approval of Non-Public Meeting Minutes of March 25, 2024

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.

13. Second Public Comment Session

See Item 4, above

14. Adjournment

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CONSENT CALENDAR

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C O N S E N T C A L E N D A R

TO: SELECT BOARD
FROM: MICHAEL TULLY, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR
SUBJECT: CONSENT CALENDAR FOR SELECT BOARD MEETING 04/08/2024
DATE: 04/05/2024

The following actions are for the approval of the Select Board:

- 5.1 Payroll Manifest of March 28, 2024, in the amount of \$81,910.39
- 5.2 Accounts Payable Manifest of March 28, 2024, in the amount of \$168,762.03
- 5.3 Payroll Manifest of April 4, 2024, in the amount of \$238,067.19
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- 5.5 Elderly Exemptions
- 5.6 Veteran's Tax Credit
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REPORT OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

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TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
APRIL 8, 2024 SELECT BOARD MEETING

REPORTING PERIOD

The reporting period is from March 26, 2024 through April 5, 2024

Finance

Financially we are running at 22% of the budget remaining with 13 weeks remaining in the fiscal year.

Police

DPW, FD, and PD participated in the Seabrook Power Plant graded exercise with FEMA. We will receive final comments in the coming weeks, though, all departments performed well with no issues during the drill.

The Chief has been working hard on dealing with speeding complaints. The following contains portions of an email sent from Chief LaBarge to a town resident regarding complaints of speeding. *In response to your concerns, I want to assure you that we have already initiated measures to address traffic enforcement in potential problem areas, including the Atlantic Ave. overpass. To collect comprehensive data, we are utilizing Microsoft Forms to gather pertinent information, and our Kustom LIDAR technology is recording speeds and inputting them into a spreadsheet for thorough analysis. Additionally, we are committed to making data-driven decisions by closely examining crash data within the town. This strategic approach will enable us to identify effective safety measures and implement them accordingly, with the overarching goal of mitigating hazards and ensuring the well-being of all residents and visitors. The PD is recommending that residents contact the PD directly with their traffic complaints or concerns.*

The PD Facebook page has been successful, and we would like to thank Officer Dylan Spence for his efforts and dedication. The Chief would also like to thank Officer Ryan Stephens for his great work. The PD received a letter from a citizen commending him for his professionalism during a traffic stop.

Fire

The Fire Department, in collaboration with the Rec. Dept. and American Red Cross, recently held a successful blood drive at the Rec. Center and managed to get the Easter Bunny to the egg hunt while handling emergency calls at the same time.

The Fire Department responded to numerous storm-related calls on Thursday, an estimated 30 calls in a 3-hour period, to include trees and live wires down across multiple roadways, a structure fire on Woodland Rd. in which responding crews were blocked by downed trees blocking the road, and simultaneous calls for trees fallen through homes on Kimberly Drive and Walnut Avenue. Ocean Blvd. also sustained minor flooding and debris across the road from wind-driven waves during the high tide cycle.

While the FD, PD and DPW tried to manage these numerous emergencies, crews also had to contend with many passing motorists that attempted to ignore road closure barricades and emergency apparatus blocking the roadways. Fire and Police Officials have noticed an alarming increase in the complete disregard for authority operating at emergency scenes and urge the public to respect the direction of emergency personnel, that barricades and emergency vehicles are not to be ignored; and that no one should make attempts to go around these barriers for their safety.

Facilities

Town Hall. Nothing new to report. The dumpster behind the Town Hall has been removed. The generator has been changed over to natural gas and the boiler has been repaired.

New Town Office/Fire/Police Buildings. Further progress has been made on the outstanding punch list. I am expecting a final bill from Ricci in the next two weeks. Director Hubbard will be working on landscaping this spring.

Stone Building. Nothing new to report. Final grading has been completed in the rear of the building which includes walkways connecting the buildings. Seeding will occur in the spring.

Recreation

We have had a busy start to our NEW Rec. So far we have hosted our Thursday morning senior coffees, our March Senior luncheon, "Girls on the fun" "Boys , Noise and toys" and a No school day.

For April at the REC we will continue our senior coffee, have our next senior luncheon, have April School vacation camp and have our first ever North Hampton Coffee House on May 17th. The Coffee House will be an all ages community event with entertainment from local North Hampton talent Drew Szeliga and Pat Preston as well as beverages and baked goods. This will also be a fundraiser to support community events and the REC space.

The Egg scramble was a great event on a dry sunny, but cool and windy Saturday morning. Over 100 children participated.

We have hired Nadiah Hamdi as our Summer Camp Director. Nadiah is well known as a North Hampton resident and Education Assistant at North Hampton School.

Our Memorial Day BBQ will be held at the North Hampton School as part of the Memorial Day program.

Summer Camp registrations continue as well as other summer programs including Aerial Camp, Chess Wizards Camp, Mad Science Camp, Seacoast United Soccer camp, Pickleball clinics, Adult Co-ed Softball, and tennis with Coach Mark Moulton.

Highway

Highway and recycling staff have continued processing materials at the Recycling Center including loading and transporting scrap metal to market

The Brush Facility was opened on Saturday, April 6th.

Thank you for a great job keeping our roads clear during the recent storm event.

Projects

Route 1 Culvert. Nothing new to report. The culvert handled the excess drainage very well during the recent storms. I touched base with a property owner who is usually affected and he agreed it was minimal.

PFAS Investigation. I have a meeting set up on April 8th to discuss the easement needed for the project.

Community Power Aggregation. The plan has been submitted to and approved by the PUC

Cell Tower. Nothing new to report. The Planning Board approved the Tower project with conditions at its November 7th meeting. The Planning Administrator will be working with Vertex towers to assure all conditions are met and then it will move on to a federal environmental review.

Coakley Landfill Group. I have requested minutes so they can be posted on our site, there was turnover in the CLG which put them a bit behind in sending us minutes.

Junkyard Closures and/or New Problems: Nothing new to report.

Channel 22. Channel 22 and the Rec Department will be meeting soon to discuss the new media club and how that could work moving forward.

School Funding Issue. There is an item on the agenda to discuss.

Rails to Trails. I met with representatives from Greenland and Rye. We will all be working together to install mile markers through our sections of the trail.

Meeting Schedule: The board's next meeting is scheduled for April 22nd.

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NEW BUSINESS

NH Legislative Update

HB 1002 – relative to fees for records under the Right to Know law.

Passed the House as amended 268-106

- The recommendation out of committee was Interim Study, but stakeholders, including the ACLU, NH Press Association, Right to Know NH, and NHMA, worked together with legislators from the Judiciary Committee to come up with an amendment that could be supported by a majority of stakeholders and legislators. The bill is narrowly tailored to the most problematic requests.
- The bill allows a per-electronic communication (i.e. email, text, etc) charge rather than a per-hour charge from the original bill. Only after 250 communications (which stakeholders agreed would equal approximately 10 hours of time) would there be a fee. Per electronic communication charges may not exceed \$1.00 per communication.
- Anyone who can not afford to pay for requests will not be charged and requests made in the “public interest” (which is also defined in the bill) will not incur a fee. There is an appeal process included for a determination of “public interest” that is satisfactory to all parties.

HB 1479 – relative to prohibiting the use of federal, state, or local funds for lobbying.

Indefinitely postponed by a vote of 211-129

- The House indefinitely postponed (which means killed for this entire session) HB 1479 by a large bipartisan vote of 211-129. This is a clear victory for local control and local government. This bill would have criminalized speech from just about any elected, appointed or municipal employee, as well as the countless professionals who cooperate with legislators and municipal officials throughout the state. The bill would have severely weakened the ability of municipalities, especially smaller communities, to advocate for their own interests.

HB 1055 - permits a charitable organization to file a late application for a property tax exemption as long as the application and approval are made prior to approval of the tax rate for that year.

Passed out of committee 17-2 and passed the House on the consent calendar.

- If any organization, otherwise qualified to receive an exemption, shall satisfy the selectmen or assessors that they were prevented by accident, mistake, or misfortune from filing an application on or before June 1, the officials may receive the application at a later date and grant an exemption thereunder for that year; but no such application shall be received or exemption granted after the local tax rate has been approved for that year.

NH Legislative Update

HB 1279 – relative to payment by the State of a portion of retirement system contributions

Passed the House on a voice vote after a motion of ITL was defeated 178-194.

- This bill requires the State to pay 7.5% of the normal and accrued liability contributions of the Group 1 (teachers) and Group 2 (police and fire) members beginning in 2025.
- Under the mechanics of this bill, cities and towns would be able to reduce their legally mandated payment to the retirement system by 7.5 percent. By only having to budget 92.5 percent of the costs set by the New Hampshire Retirement System (NHRS), cities, towns, and schools will see direct property tax relief for Group I teachers and Group II police and fire.
- If passed by the Senate and signed by the Governor, HB 1279 will restore a promise made in 1967 when the State committed to paying 40% of the NHRS employer costs. The legislature has not budgeted for this contribution since 2011. The one-time payment made in 2022 provided almost \$27 million in property tax relief for cities, towns, and schools. But that was a one-time payment.

HB 2024 – relative to the State 10-year transportation improvement plan.

Passed out of committee unanimously. Passed the House on a voice vote.

- This bill updates the NH biennial 10-year Transportation Plan beginning on July 1, 2024 at a total projected cost of \$5.079B over the 10 years.
- Funding for highways, bridges, turnpikes, freight rail lines, buses, airports, pedestrian walkways, and bicycle trails is included, as is approximately \$12.5M for construction of electric vehicle infrastructure to be built between 2025 and 2027.

HB 1215 - relative to subdivision regulations on the completion of improvements and the regulation of building permits.

Passed out of the Special Committee on Housing 9-0; passed the House on the consent calendar.

- As amended the bill expands the 5-year approval/2-year “active and substantive” development exception to 10-year/5-year. It also alters the appeal process for building and fire codes when the zoning board of adjustment serves as the local building code of appeals.

HB 1291 – relative to accessory dwelling units by right.

Passed out of the Special Committee on Housing 8-2; passed the House by a vote of 220-143

- The bill increases the number of accessory dwelling units (ADUs) by right from 1 to at least 2.

NH Legislative Update

HB 1399 – allowing municipalities to permit 2 residential units in certain single-family residential zones

Passed out of the Special Committee on Housing 8-2; passed the House by a vote of 220-140.

- The bill requires municipalities to permit two residential units or duplexes in certain single-family residential zones. The bill creates a formula that requires that municipalities allow duplexes for all lots that are 2 acres or less in size, and for at least 50 percent of all lots in a municipality zoned for single-family residences where a “proposed development” meets certain criteria.

HB 1583 - relative to the per pupil cost of an opportunity for an adequate education.

Passed the House 228-150. Passed House Finance Committee 18-7

- In a major development, Rep Emerick from Hampton withdrew his amendment to increase the annual base adequacy rate from \$4100 to more than \$7K and also mandate that SWEPT funds be transferred to communities with a lower education funding. This mandate would have cost the Town of North Hampton nearly \$2M.
- HB 1583 aims to increase the state’s annual base adequacy aid payment from \$4,100 to \$4,404 per student beginning on July 1, 2025. This would result in a \$34 million increase in state funding to all municipalities to assist with the education of our students. This bill as amended also includes \$39 million in fiscal capacity disparity aid, which would direct more funding to communities with low property values, as well as \$25 million of additional funds for communities with high proportions of students eligible for free and reduced-price meals. These additional forms of aid would provide much needed assistance, increase opportunities for students, and help offset increasing local property taxes for communities that need it most. By utilizing the state’s surplus, this would also ensure that HB 1583 does not further impact local taxpayers.

Janet Facella

From: Michael Tully
Sent: Monday, April 1, 2024 9:29 AM
To: Janet Facella
Subject: FW: CIP Committee

For the Packet

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-----Original Message-----

From: Tom Argue [mailto:twargue@outlook.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 2, 2024 11:46 AM
To: Michael Tully <mtully@northhampton-nh.gov>
Cc: Tom Argue <twargue@outlook.com>
Subject: Re: CIP Committee

> Hi Mike,

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> I hope you are doing well. I understand there is an opening for the Select Board's citizen representative to the Capital Improvements committee. Please accept this as my request to be considered for that position.

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> You may recall appointing me to the Rails to Trails Committee a few years ago, something I have a special interest in, and have appreciated the opportunity to participate in.

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> I previously served on the Town of Rye Master Plan Committee, and have collaborated with Town of Rye Attorney Mike Donovan in drafting the Assisted Living zoning regulations for Rye. I was the CEO & Administrator of Webster at Rye from its inception in 1986 through my retirement in 2023. I continue to spend time there on a regular basis as my wife has early-onset Alzheimer's and resides in the memory care community.

> I was responsible for a \$16 million annual budget, overseeing an operation of 150 employees, oversaw financing and construction of multiple additions and equipment purchases over the years with costs of roughly \$30 million, handling all accounting, approving & tracking of capital expenditures, depreciation and amortization.

> Additionally, I worked closely with architects, civil & mechanical engineers, interior designers and landscape architects, as well as State Life Safety, Fire Marshal, DEP & Licensure inspectors.

> I developed all capital plans and projected expenditures; presented annual operating & capital budgets to the board of trustees, and oversaw all bids, proposals and contracts.

> I also testified regularly before the Rye Planning & Zoning Boards and Board of Selectmen, and collaborated with the Planning & Zoning Administrator, as well as the Rye Police Chief and Fire Chief.

> I have served on school & SAU boards, been a scout leader and sports coach as well as serving on other community committees in my previous home town of Somersworth. I have also chaired various State health care boards and have served as an officer and exam committee chair on a national health care licensure board.

> That pretty much sums it up. I hope as I reach my 13th year as a resident of North Hampton I have an opportunity to become even more involved. This is a great town! Please feel free to call or text me at 603 767-3836, or email me at twargue@outlook.com.

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> Thanks, and very best regards,

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> Tom Argue

> 6 Kimberly Drive

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MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETINGS



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

4 **March 25, 2024**

5 **NORTH HAMPTON TOWN HALL**

6 ***DRAFT MINUTES***

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8 **SELECT BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman James Sununu, Vice Chairman James Maggiore, Selectman
9 Jonathan Pinette,

10 **ALSO PRESENT:** Town Administrator Michael Tully

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13 Chairman Jonathan Pinette welcomed everyone to the Select Board Regular Meeting of March 25, 2024
14 and called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance; just out of Non-Public.

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16 **Motion:** To seal the Non-Public meeting minutes of March 25, 2024

17 **Motioned:** Selectman Maggiore

18 **Seconded:** Vice-Chair Sununu

19 **Vote:** Motion approved 3-0

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21 **First Public Comment Session**

22 *Phone: 603-758-1447*

23 As there were no Public Comments, Chairman Pinette closed the first comment session at 7:06 pm.

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25 **Consent Calendar**

26 5.1 Payroll Manifest of March 14, 2024 in the amount of \$73,056.11

27 5.2 Accounts Payable Manifest of March 14, 2024 in 7, 2024 in the amount of \$1,620,173.29

28 5.3 Payroll Manifest of March 21, 2024 in the amount of \$77,195.66

29 5.4 Abatement Recommendations

30 5.5 Elderly Exemptions

31 5.6 Veteran's Tax Credits

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

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37 ***A recording of the meeting can be found at: http://www.townhallstreams.com/towns/north_hampton_nh, and a***
38 ***DVD recording is available at the North Hampton Town Administrative Offices, 233 Atlantic Avenue, North***
39 ***Hampton, New Hampshire 03862.***

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41 **Motion:** To approve Consent Calendar items 5.1 through 5.6 as presented.

42 **Motioned:** Selectman Maggiore

43 **Seconded:** Vice-Chair Sununu

44 **Vote:** Motion approved 3-0

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46 **Correspondence** – None

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48 **Committee Updates**

49 Selectman Maggiore said the *Heritage Commission* is here tonight for a Public Hearing on preservation easements and he was unable to attend last meeting. *Water Commission* has not met.

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51 Vice Chair Sununu said *Rails to Trails Committee* has not met; update later in meeting.

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54 **Public Hearing**

55 Pursuant to RSA 79-D:5 (07/02/2002) the North Hampton Select Board will conduct a Public Hering on the following Discretionary Barn Preservation Easement Applications of Tax Map 022, Lot 018-071, 220 Post Road, Owner Clyde Janvrin and Tax Map 017, Lot 080-000, 148 Lafayette Road, Owner Peter C. Rhoades.

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59 Chairman Pinette opened the Public Hearing at 7:09 pm.

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61 Donna Etela, Heritage Commission Chair, said the Heritage Commission met March 21 and discussed the two properties being considered under Chapter 79-D Discretionary Preservation Easements, one property for the first time and the other a renewal.

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65 **(1) Tax Map 022, Lot 018-071**, 220 Post Road, Owner Clyde Janvrin. Heritage Commission full tour March 15, 2024. At March 21 meeting Heritage Commission determined that the Barn provides scenic enjoyment from a public road, is historically important and on a local registry at state level; complete history of barn provided. Heritage Commission recommends Select Board consider maximum assessed value reduction of 75%.

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71 **Clyde Janvrin** said he feels the barn is special because of its historical value to the State of New Hampshire. He said he is a 12-year resident of North Hampton, has done a lot of work to keep the barn from falling down, repaired one half of the roof and plans to continue working on it over the next few years as finances allow. He asked what the 10-year commitment means on his part.

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76 Selectman Maggiore said under Statute 79-D, if Board grants a 10-year abatement off taxes for the assessed property you are exempt from that amount for the next 10 years. Mr. Janvrin asked if he was required to spend a certain monetary amount yearly; Selectman Maggiore said no, but property will be subject to evaluation to ensure you are keeping up to your promise. Ms. Etela said there is an obligation in the event you fail to keep your side of the bargain.

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82 **Motion:** That the Select Board grant the Preservation Easement under the Statute to the property at 220 Post Road, Tax Map 022, Lot 018-071, and that the easement be at 75% reduction in assessed value, which includes 6 ft of property all around the Barn, map increases the assessment by 2,994 sq ft, recommended by Town Assessor Scott Marsh and will be included in packet of information.

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86 **Motioned:** Selectman Maggiore

87 **Seconded:** Vice-Chair Sununu

88 **Vote:** Motion approved 3-0

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90 (2) Tax Map 017, Lot 080-000, 148 Lafayette Road, owner Peter Rhoades, renewal of easement; requesting
91 maximum reduction; listed in New Hampshire Register of Historic Places. Heritage Commission found the
92 owner did an excellent job of maintaining and improving the property during first 10-year easement and
93 asks the Select Board to approve the maximum assessed value reduction of 75%, as allowed by RSA;
94 building meets all three requirements and house is also being improved.

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96 **Peter Rhoades**, property owner, said he was excited by this project and said he just removed, stripped,
97 and glazed all windows from the house to historical correction; all old clapboards recently patched in
98 Vermont and replaced on barn in historically correct sizes; constantly looking for ways to restore the
99 property.

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101 **Motion:** That for the property located at Map 017, Lot 080-000, 148 Lafayette Road, the Select Board
102 grant the Preservation Easement for Peter Rhoades at 10 years for 75% reduction in assessed value.

103 **Motioned:** Selectman Maggiore

104 **Seconded:** Vice-Chair Sununu

105 **Vote:** Motion approved 3-0

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107 **Report of the Town Administrator**

108 Report March 12 - 22, 2024: Finance: 26% of Budget remaining with 16 weeks left in FY; Police: remind
109 residents of phone scam; Fire: March recertification for medical personnel, using new ventilation
110 equipment; REC: egg scramble postponed to March 30, Blood Drive March 31 at Rec with Fire Department;
111 Memorial Day Barbecue at North Hampton School; Old Home Day August 10; 2 openings on Rec
112 Commission; PFAS: have contact info to discuss needed easement; Community Power Aggregation on
113 agenda for final plan approval; Channel 22 requested painting and HVAC; Rails to Trails: setting mile
114 markers; Town fighting the “donor towns” brought back for funding by legislature.

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116 Selectman Maggiore said the bill introduced went through committee, went to floor of House, and was
117 adopted by vote of 228-150; has a fiscal component and has to go to Finance Committee with a hearing
118 tomorrow to consider an amendment to increase “adequate cost for education” per student from
119 \$4,100/student to \$7,356/student matching court findings. He said that is \$1.9 Million the Town would
120 have to come up with setting up Donor Towns and Receiver Towns.

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122 Vice-Chair Sununu said the Coalition Communities Group tried to estimate the cost impact for every town
123 in the State; complicated formula using adequate education funding (currently \$3,800/student and raising
124 to \$7,400/student) plus additional considerations. Every year the Town raises a portion of their tax
125 revenue through SWEPT line item; North Hampton raises more than technically needed for adequate
126 education; retained under current law but will have to be remitted to the State resulting in about \$1.07
127 extra on each tax bill.

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129 Selectman Maggiore said if the amendment being considered tomorrow is adopted, this goes into effect
130 July 1, 2024. Vice-Chair Sununu said there are about 50 towns that would be “donor towns” and 236
131 “receiver towns” and gave examples of very significant impacts to donor towns. Selectman Maggiore said
132 he voted against it and encouraged people to reach out to house members.

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134 **Items Left on the Table** – None

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136 **NEW BUSINESS**

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138 **11.1 Election of Select Board Officers**

139 **Select Board Chairman:**

140 **Motion:** To nominate *James Sununu* as *Chairman of the Select Board*.

141 **Motioned:** Selectman Maggiore

142 **Seconded:** Selectman Pinette

143 **Vote:** Motion approved 3-0

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145 **Select Board Vice-Chairman:**

146 **Motion:** To nominate *James Maggiore* as *Vice-Chairman of the Select Board*.

147 **Motioned:** Chairman Sununu

148 **Seconded:** Selectman Pinette

149 **Vote:** Motion approved 3-

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151 **11.2 Discussion of Committee Assignments:**

152 Budget Committee, Planning Board, Heritage Commission, Water Commission, CIP Committee, Any other
153 committee requiring a Select Board Representative

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155 After discussion the Board agreed to maintain Committee Assignments as currently held.

156 **Motion:** Continue Committee Assignments as they stand, with James Maggiore as designee of Chair to
157 Water Commission.

158 **Motioned:** Chairman Sununu

159 **Seconded:** Selectman Pinette

160 **Vote:** Motion approved 3-0

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162 **11.3 Consideration of Department of Transportation Lease Agreement**

163 Chairman Sununu said this has to do with the Rail Trail; DOT owns the trail and has hired a contractor to
164 construct the trail. In discussion with DOT for long-term use of their lot at S end of town as a significant
165 trail head for North Hampton, at Route 1 and the trail; DOT wishes to continue to use the lot for now but
166 has put together a lease agreement for a portion of the lot in the interim. Contractors will clear the piled
167 pavement and clean up brush around the lot, add an entrance off Route 1, and build a path to the Rail
168 Trail separated from the existing path used for staging.

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170 Chairman Sununu said the town can fit at least 12 parking spaces in the lot and have a draft agreement
171 with a site plan; this portion of the trail will officially open soon. Mile markers are going up in cooperation
172 with Seacoast Greenway Alliance and DPW.

173

174 **Motion:** To approve temporary use and occupancy agreement between NH DOT and Town of North
175 Hampton as presented in our packet.

176 **Motioned:** Vice-Chair Maggiore

177 **Seconded:** Selectman Pinette

178 **Vote:** Motion approved 3-0

179

180 **11.4 Discussion of 2024 North Hampton Beach Lease Program**

181 Town Administrator Tully said each year the town has the opportunity to lease 20 spaces at North
182 Hampton State Beach and needs the Board to set a price on those spots; has been \$35.00 since 2017.

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184 After discussion the Board agreed to keep the rate the same at \$35/permit.

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186 **Motion:** To keep the Beach Parking amount to \$35.00/permit, same as previous calendar year.

187 **Motioned:** Selectman Pinette

188 **Seconded:** Vice-Chair Maggiore

189 **Vote:** Motion approved 3-0

190

191 **11.5 Discussion of Community Aggregation Plan**

192 Chairman Sununu said this is the result of a program enabled by legislation and approved by North
193 Hampton voters in March allowing the Town to go out and solicit offers from electric service providers to
194 find a lower rate with a mix of renewable energy. Electric bill will show *delivery charge* from Eversource
195 and *energy charge* from Colonial Power. Final Aggregation Plan will be submitted to PUC, Colonial Power
196 will then solicit offers for Select Board approval, and that will become the default provider. Anyone can
197 opt in or out of the plan at any time with a variety of options.

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199 **Motion:** For the Select Board to approve Community Choice Aggregation Plan as provided in our packets.

200 **Motioned:** Vice-Chair Maggiore

201 **Seconded:** Selectman Pinette

202 **Vote:** Motion approved 3-0

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204 **11.6 Appointments to Agriculture Commission**

205 Email from Audrey Prior requesting re-appointment of Joan Ganotis Regular member for 3-year term,
206 Pollyanna Ford Alternate for 1-year term, Cheryl Kasztejna Alternate for 1-year term, and Rowan Perkins
207 Alternate for 1-year term.

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209 **Motion:** To approve the slate.

210 **Motioned:** Vice-Chair Maggiore

211 **Seconded:** Selectman Pinette

212 **Vote:** Motion approved 3-0

213

214 **11.7 Appointment of Planning Board Representative to Heritage Commission**

215 **Motion:** To approve Jennifer Kotzen as Planning Board Representative to Heritage Commission.

216 **Motioned:** Vice-Chair Maggiore

217 **Seconded:** Selectman Pinette

218 **Vote:** Motion approved 3-0

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220 **11.8 Appointment of Planning Board Representative to CIP Committee**

221 **Motion:** To approve Nancy Monaghan as Planning Board Representative to CIP Committee.

222 **Motioned:** Selectman Pinette

223 **Seconded:** Vice-Chair Maggiore

224 **Vote:** Motion approved 3-0

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226 **11.9 Appointments to Heritage Commission**

227 Email from Donna Etela to re-appoint Susan McCullom-Barry as Regular member for 3-year term, Carol
228 Seeley as Regular member for 3-year term, Jane Robie as Alternate for 1-year term, and John Sillay as
229 Alternate for a 1-year term.

230 **Motion:** To approve the slate.

231 **Motioned:** Selectman Pinette

232 **Seconded:** Vice-Chair Maggiore

233 **Vote:** Motion approved 3-0

234

235 **MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETINGS**

236

237 **12.1 Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of March 11, 2024**

238 **Motion:** To approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 11, 2024, as presented.

239 **Motioned:** Selectman Pinette

240 **Seconded:** Vice-Chair Maggiore

241 **Vote:** Motion approved 3-0

242

243 **12.1 Approval of Non-Public Meeting Minutes of March 11, 2024**

244 **Motion:** To approve the Non-Public Meeting Minutes of March 11, 2024, as presented.

245 **Motioned:** Selectman Pinette

246 **Seconded:** Vice-Chair Maggiore

247 **Vote:** Motion approved 3-0

248

249 **12.1 Approval of Non-Public Meeting Minutes of March 14, 2024**

250 **Motion:** To approve the Regular Non-Public Meeting Minutes of March 14, 2024, as presented.

251 **Motioned:** Selectman Pinette

252 **Seconded:** Vice-Chair Maggiore

253 **Vote:** Motion approved 3-0

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255 **Any Other Item that may legally come before the Board**

256 Vice-Chair Maggiore asked that the Town Administrator add a legislative update for next agenda.

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258 **Second Public Comment Session**

259 *Phone: 603-758-1447*

260 **John Salinas** of 18 Atlantic Avenue asked if the \$1.07 tax increase would be \$1.07/1,000 approximately.
261 Chairman Sununu said that is the additional tax that will be added in the fall when the Town sets the tax
262 rate to make up for what the State would be requiring us to send them (DRA). Mr. Salinas asked if the
263 Budget Committee would have the authority to make adjustments to that amount.

264

265 Vice-Chair Maggiore said the bill goes to the House Finance Committee who will have to act specifically
266 on the language in the amendment to raise adequate education from \$4,100 to \$7,356, nothing else, with
267 the Bill going back to the House. Changing the number would require another amendment but the House
268 only has until April 11 to act on HB1583, and he said he believes the \$7,356 is the amount they will be
269 acting on; if approved it will depend on what the Senate does.

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271 Mr. Salinas asked about citizens making comments on the State website. Vice-Chair Maggiore said to go
272 to the House website, go to Study Committees, and go to the Finance Committee information contact link
273 for HB-1583.

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275 **Next Regular Meeting:** March 26, 2024

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277 **ADJOURNMENT**

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279 Chairman Sununu adjourned the meeting at 8:18 pm.

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281 Respectfully submitted,

282 Patricia Denmark, Recording Secretary

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