

TOWN OF NORTH HAMPTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE NORTH HAMPTON SELECT BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2023

NORTH HAMPTON TOWN OFFICES NON-PUBLIC SESSION 237A ATLANTIC AVENUE 6:00 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 JPINETTE@NORTHHAMPTON-NH.GOV AND YOUR EMAIL WILL BE READ ALOUD DURING THE MEETING.

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Non-Public Session Pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (a)
- 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 November 16, 2023, in the amount of \$82,479.32
- 5.2 Accounts Payable Manifest of November 15, 2023, in the amount of \$418,296.54
- 5.3 Cemetery Deed

6. Correspondence

7. Committee Update

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

8. Public Hearing

To Consider the Acceptance of a Donation from the North Hampton Fireman's Association in the amount of \$85,241.19 to be used to Purchase a Lifepak 15 Cardiac Monitor/Defibrillator, a LUCAS Mechanical Compression/CPR device, and Personal Bail-Out Kits for each Individual Firefighter

9. Report of the Town Administrator

10. Items Left on the Table

11. New Business

- 11.1 Building Update
- 11.2 Discussion of School Funding (SWEPT)
- 11.3 Discussion of Tax Rate Setting
- 11.4 Discussion of January 24, 2024 Primary

12. Minutes of Prior Meetings

- 12.1 Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of November 13, 2023
- 12.2 Approval of Minutes of Non-Public Meetings of November 13, 2023

13. 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.

14. Second Public Comment Session

See Item 4, above

15. Adjournment

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CONSENT CALENDAR

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR MICHAEL TULLY

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CONSENT CALENDAR

TO:

SELECT BOARD

FROM:

MICHAEL TULLY, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

SUBJECT: CONSENT CALENDAR FOR SELECT BOARD MEETING 11/27/2023

DATE:

11/22/2023

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

- 5.1 Payroll Manifest of November 16, 2023, in the amount of \$82,479.32
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TOWN OF NORTH HAMPTON a municipal corporation in the County of Rockingham State of New Hampshire, existing under the laws of said State of New Hampshire and acting through its undersigned Selectman, thereunto duly authorized, in consideration of Three Thousand Two Hundred Four Dollars (\$3204.00).

Christopher Cole 9 Jefferson Road Windham, NH 03087

A certain burial lot of land in said No. Hampton no. **643 [4 graves]** in the 1930 addition to the Center Cemetery so-called, as shown on a "Plan of Center Cemetery 1930 and 1950 additions No. Hampton revised 1930 lot layout and 1950 addition Lot Layout October 1967 by J. E. Lesuer, filed as plan #1003 in the Rockingham County Registry of Deeds which lot no. **643 [4 graves].**

Said lot no. **643 [4 graves]** to be used only for the burial of the human dead and no monuments or other structures are to be erected thereon, or changes in the grading thereof or permanent planting of trees or shrubbery made thereon, except with the approval of the Trustees having charge of said Cemetery; and no subdivision of said lot is to be made without the written approval of said Trustees or their successors endorsed on any deed purporting to convey and fractional part thereof.

It is covenanted and agreed that the herein granted lot No. 643 contains only four full gravesites and that not more than one upright monument shall be erected thereon besides markers that the flush with the ground and that the above consideration of \$3204.00 paid shall include perpetual care of said lot by said Town, from its General Maintenance Fund, though without separate Trust Fund being designated therefore.

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COMMITTEE UPDATES

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TOWN OF NORTH HAMPTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE OFFICE of the TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

PUBLIC HEARING

Jonathan Pinette, Chair James Sununu, Vice Chair Jim Maggiore



Municipal Offices 237A Atlantic Avenue North Hampton, NH 03862

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TOWN OF NORTH HAMPTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE THE SELECT BOARD

AMENDED NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Select Board will conduct a public hearing pursuant to RSA Chapter 31:95-e:

WHEN:

November 27, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.;

WHERE:

North Hampton Town Hall

231 Atlantic Avenue

North Hampton, New Hampshire 03862;

PURPOSE:

To consider the acceptance of a donation from the North Hampton Firemen's Association in the amount of \$85,241.19 to be used to purchase a Lifepak 15 Cardiac Monitor/Defibrillator, a LUCAS Mechanical Compression/CPR device and Personal Bail-Out Kits for Each Individual Firefighter.

Janet Facella

From:

Jason Lajoie

Sent:

Wednesday, November 8, 2023 3:27 PM

To:

Janet Facella

Subject:

RE: Public Hearing Information

Sure thing -

The North Hampton Firmen's Association received a donation of **\$85,241.19** from the *Caroline C. Levine Charitable Foundation* for the purchase of a new Lifepak 15 <u>cardiac monitor/defibrillator</u>, a LUCAS <u>mechanical compression/CPR</u> device and personal bail-out kits for each individual firefighter.

- The two pieces of medical equipment will allow the department to greatly improve upon our Advanced Life Support capabilities, turning our front-line fire engine into a paramedic-capable engine; this means that when our ambulance is committed on one call and our engine responds to a secondary call, our paramedics can deliver the same level of immediate life-saving treatment until a mutual aid ambulance arrives to transport the patient to a hospital and continue with patient care.
- 2. The individual bail-out kits for all of the firefighters are personally worn on their firefighting gear; this personal escape device will allow firefighters to quickly escape from a 2nd or 3rd story window in a burning building even if there is no ladder available to them. This a piece of personal life-saving equipment that will protect our firefighters from becoming caught in a burning building with no other means of escape, especially in modern building fires that are burning at a much faster rate and even hotter temperatures, severely putting firefighters at greater risk of injury or death.

Should you need any further information, please let me know.

Thank you, Jason

From: Janet Facella < jfacella@northhampton-nh.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, November 8, 2023 2:33 PM **To:** Jason Lajoie < jlajoie@northhampton-nh.gov>

Subject: Public Hearing Information

Jason,

Could you tell me what the value of the gift the town is receiving from the association and exactly what it is and what it is to be used for?

Thank you!

Janet L. Facella
Administrative Assistant/Human Resources Director/Welfare Director
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North Hampton, NH 03862
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REPORT OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

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TOWN OF NORTH HAMPTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE OFFICE of the TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

NEW BUSINESS

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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	NOVEMBER 13, 2023 7:00 PM
5	NORTH HAMPTON TOWN HALL
6	DRAFT MINUTES
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7	SELECT BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Jonathan Pinette, Vice-Chairman James Sununu,
8 9	Selectman James Maggiore
10	ALSO PRESENT: Town Administrator Michael Tully
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13	Chairman Pinette welcomed everyone to the Select Board Regular Meeting of November 13, 2023, and
14	called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
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16	Motion: To seal the minutes of Non-Public Session of November 13, 2023
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 Chairman Pinette opened the first Public Comment Session.
23 24	Chairman Pinette opened the hist rubiic comment session.
25	Deborah Sillay of 218 Atlantic Avenue said the Friends of the North Hampton Public Library are doing
26	their annual appeal with mailers out this week. So far this year Friends have spent over \$10,000 funding
27	children's programs and \$5,000 on Museum Passes, and she asked that residents give generously.
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29	Cynthia Swank of 19 Hobbs Road said she is encouraging people to support the North Hampton Historical
30	Society through purchasing the 2024 historical calendar or an ornament depicting the depot and trolley.
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32	Chairman Pinette closed the First Public Comment Session.
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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.
36 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.

Consent Calendar

- 6.1 Payroll Manifest of October 26 2023 in the amount of \$77,384.74
- 6.2 Accounts Payable Manifest of October 20,2023 in the amount of \$7,450.00
- 6.3 Accounts Payable Manifest of October 26,2023 in the amount of \$1,289,273.93
- 6.4 Payroll Manifest of November 2, 2023 in the amount of \$222,537.00
- 6.5 Payroll Manifest of November 9, 2023 in the amount of \$78,619.79
- 6.6 Charitable Exemptions

Motion: To approve Consent Calendar items 6.1 through 6.5 as presented.

Motioned: Selectman Maggiore
 Seconded: Vice-Chair Sununu
 Vote: Motion approved 3-0

Selectman Maggiore asked that the Board discuss Item 6.6 Charitable Exemptions. He said North Hampton has 3 charitable exemptions: Fuller Foundation, NHYA, and One Sky Communications whose applications were received in October without all necessary paperwork, which has since been provided.

Motion: To approve Consent Calendar item 6.6 Charitable Exemptions for Fuller Foundation, NHYA, and

One Sky Communications.

Motioned: Selectman Maggiore Seconded: Vice-Chair Sununu Vote: Motion approved 3-0

Correspondence - None

Committee Updates

Selectman Maggiore said the *Heritage Commission* had a demo review last week which was approved; official meetings will continue Thursday, also doing Sub-Committee work. *Water Commission* is looking for a meeting date and should have update at next Select Board meeting.

Vice-Chair Sununu said *Rails to Trails Committee* has not met; *Budget Committee* to meet November 20 and November 29, 2023.

Selectman Maggiore reported that the Planning Board approved an application to put up a wireless communications facility and Cell Tower on private property with a number of waivers and CU Permits, allowing access by First Responders to the top of the tower.

PUBLIC HEARING

To present information and receive comments about the proposed North Hampton Electric Aggregation Plan prepared by the North Hampton Electric Aggregation Committee.

Chairman Pinette opened the Public Hearing at 7:15 pm.

Stuart Ormsbee of Colonial Power Group said they are working with the Town of North Hampton on a Community Choice Aggregation Program for electricity by aggregating residents together to form a large buying pool from those currently taking power from the local utility. Consumers already under a third-party contract are not affected but can opt in; program is opt-out with consumers auto-enrolled unless

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they opt out. Net-metered customers will not be auto-enrolled and may be better off with the local utility company.

Mr. Ormsbee said benefits provide choice, focusing on price stability and product options; program is entirely self-funded with administrative costs included in program rates. Colonial Power has been engaged by the Town to be administrators with all decision-making done by Town public officials; local utility company continues to be poles and wires and should be contacted in the event of power outage. Billing remains unchanged with a single bill and a line-item change in "power supply"; those on energy assistance or budget billing services continue uninterrupted.

Mr. Ormsbee said he cannot guarantee savings from the program but the intention is to be more strategic in buying power supply on behalf of residents. He said this is the second required public hearing and if the Town votes to move forward, lots of information will be sent out and a dedicated program website set up. The next step is for Select Board to vote to move forward with a Warrant Article to be placed at Town Meeting in March and voters to approve program; if approved there is a State oversight process and once plan is approved at State level (mid 2024) the Town is then free to go out to competitive bid from suppliers later in 2024, if market is a good time to buy.

John Sillay of 218 Atlantic Avenue said he was surprised to now hear that there may be times when rates are higher than local utility, and asked for expectations for how often and by how much. Mr. Ormsbee said utility companies go out every 6 months to procure their power supply in spring and fall; the Town can be more strategic and look for buying opportunities to lock in low prices. He said the Town will lock into a 2- or 3-year contract when prices are low; consumers can also opt in and out at any time without penalty. Vice-Chair Sununu said it is impossible to predict how often that will happen and will depend on market conditions.

Chairman Pinette closed the Public Hearing at 7:26 pm.

Report of the Town Administrator

Report October 24 — November 10, 2023: Finance: 67% of Budget remaining with 35 weeks left in FY; Police: New Deputy Police Chief Tom Scotti (experienced from Hudson and Litchfield); Fire: Deputy Fire Chief position in final part of approval process, public hearing at next meeting to accept equipment donated from North Hampton Fireman's Association; Town Hall prepped to connect to Town Server; final grading done at Stone Building with walkways, seeding in spring; REC: accepted resignation of Danielle Strater from Recreation Commission, programming listed online; Walkway Project completed made possible by generous donations; Elementary School made time capsules for new Safety Building.

Items Left on the Table

NEW BUSINESS

12.1 Aquarion Water Quarterly Update

Carl McMoran highlighted operations and explained Hydrant Flushing done routinely as maintenance; involves shutting down some valves to ensure water pressure in one direction only to flush out sediments and reduce discoloration; Aquarion flushed 230 hydrants this year. PFAS update shows the same slide as last time as there has been no official movement on this yet; if numbers stand, probably looking at adding more treatments.

136 12.2 Discussion of Scheduled Power Outage of Town Campus

Town Administrator Tully said Eversource notified the Town that transformers were ready to be installed and set up a schedule: 11/9 Pole to be set on Atlantic Avenue 11/9 (not done due to wrong size); 11/15 setting pads; 11/16 Eversource crews from 8 am-4 pm onsite to install transformers with an all-building outage.

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12.3 Discussion of Tax Rate Setting

Town Administrator Tully said Little Boar's Head recently submitted tax information; as soon as review complete Select Board will need to hold a workshop to discuss overhead on tax rate which will go back to DRA to set final rate; one week needed to prepare all tax bills to residents due 30 days after it goes out; target would be to receive tax bills by December 1, 2023 and running late.

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12.4 Building Update

Town Administrator Tully said the Safety Building is coming along, working on interior finishes, irrigation finished next week; a lot of exterior site work done with final paving in spring using base coat for winter; many inside floors complete, some carpeting, initial painting done, dropped ceiling installed. Chief Lajoie's personnel helped build out a training wall inside Fire House bay. Tentatively scheduled move-in for November 13th and 15th; asked Board for permission to hold Open House for resident walkthrough on November 12, 2023 and Board agreed.

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The Board discussed final costs as compared to other towns, with a lower cost per square foot and good timing for Bonding. Vice-Chair Sununu said the Town did everything they could to keep prices down. Town Administrator Tully said Ritchie Construction took care of many things to be a little ahead of schedule and on budget; Chief Lajoie brought in \$100,000 in grant funds for generator and set up EOC. Vice-Chair Sununu said there is also the cost for the temporary stations.

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MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETINGS

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13.1 Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of October 23, 2023

165 Motion: To approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 23, 2023, as presented.

Motioned: Selectman Maggiore
 Seconded: Vice-Chair Sununu
 Vote: Motion approved 3-0

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13.2 Approval of Minutes of Non-Public Meetings of October 23, 2023

- 171 Motion: To approve the Minutes of Non-Public Meeting of October 23, 2023.
- Motioned: Selectman MaggioreSeconded: Vice-Chair Sununu
- 174 **Vote:** Motion approved 3-0

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13.3 Approval of Minutes of Non-Public Meeting of November 7, 2023

- 177 Motion: To approve the Minutes of Non-Public Meeting of November 7, 2023.
- 178 Motioned: Selectman Maggiore
 179 Seconded: Vice-Chair Sununu
 180 Vote: Motion approved 3-0

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Any Other Item that may legally come before the Board

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Second Public Comment Session

Select Board Regular Meeting November 13, 2023

Phone: 603-758-1447 185 Chairman Pinette opened Second Public Comment at 7:51 pm; no Public Comments. 186 187 Next Regular Meeting: November 27, 2023 188 189 **ADJOURNMENT** 190 191 Chairman Pinette adjourned the meeting at 7:51 pm. 192 193 Respectfully submitted, 194 Patricia Denmark, Recording Secretary 195