



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

**NOVEMBER 23, 2020 7:00 PM**

**NORTH HAMPTON TOWN HALL**

***Approved December 14, 2020***

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Jim Maggiore, Vice Chairman James Sununu, Selectman Larry Miller

ALSO PRESENT: Town Administrator Michael Tully, Police Chief Kathryn Mone, Fire Chief Jason Lajoie

**AGENDA**

Chairman Jim Maggiore welcomed everyone to the November 23, 2020 Regular Select Board Meeting and called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Maggiore said the meeting will start with an award presentation for the Police, and after a short break welcome the Fire Department to recognize a promotion.

**8.2 Presentation of the North Hampton Police Department “524 Award”**

Police Chief Kathryn Mone said she was here tonight to present the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Officer Peter Cormier “524 Award”. Officer Cormier was an 18-year law enforcement officer of the North Hampton Police Department when he passed away suddenly in 2015, the Police Department has left his call number 524 vacant in his honor, and the “524 Award” was developed in 2017. The Award is presented to an officer who represents the exemplary qualities of Officer Cormier: dedication, teamwork, and fellowship.

Police Chief Mone presented the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Officer Peter Cormier “524 Award” to Officer James Mascioli. She said he has a remarkable work ethic, has expanded in many leadership roles, and serves on the Seacoast Emergency Response Team, and it is my honor to present this award to Officer James Mascioli.

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Officer James Mascioli thanked his family for their love and support and his colleagues in the North Hampton Police Department and said he was humbled to receive the award. He said he worked closely with Officer Pete Cormier, learned much of what he knows about the job from him, and will continue to honor him

*The Select Board took a short break.*

### **8.1 Swearing in of Fire Lieutenant Lee W. Taber**

Fire Chief Jason Lajoie said following the retirement of Lieutenant Peter Francis in July, the Fire Department has had a vacant Fire Officer position and announced a promotion from within their ranks. He said Officer Will Taber has been that shift supervisor for the past 4 months and has met all the requirements to be promoted to the rank of Fire Lieutenant. He said Lieutenant Taber is a graduate of Winnacunnet High School, was first hired as a call member, and hired fulltime in 2014.

Town Administrator Michael Tully administered the oath of office and Lieutenant Taber's wife did the pinning of the badge.

Lieutenant Taber thanked everyone and said he was grateful for the opportunity to serve the great town he grew up in and serve with these great individuals here.

*The Select Board took a short break.*

### **First Public Comment Session**

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No one from the Public called in or came forward.

### **Consent Calendar**

- 3.1 Payroll Manifest of November 12, 2020 in the amount of \$70,861.98
- 3.2 Payroll Manifest of November 19, 2020 in the amount of \$73,029.76
- 3.3 Accounts Payable Manifest of November 12, 2020 in the amount of \$356,025.72
- 3.4 Cemetery Deeds
- 3.5 Department of Revenue Administration Sales Ratio Survey

**Motion:** To approve the Consent Calendar as presented

**Motioned:** Vice-Chair Sununu

**Seconded:** Selectman Miller

Discussion: Chairman Maggiore explained that Item 3.5 Department of Revenue Administration Sales Ratio Survey comes to us from Scott Marsh our Assessor's Agent, who reviewed the information and believes it to be accurate; overall the Town's assessment is expected to be approximately 86.5% for the 2020 tax year, roughly 6% change from last year (91,6%), and expected given current Real Estate Market. Selectman Miller explained that the reason the average went down is because the assessment stays the same, but sales values go up.

**Vote:** Motion approved by a vote of 3-0

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**Correspondence** – No Items

*Copies of all Correspondence will be attached to these minutes.*

**Committee Updates**

Selectman Miller said the next *Economic Development Committee (EDC)* meeting is December 2, 2020 and he hoped to get a report for the Select Board regarding the final Ironwood report.

Chairman Maggiore said the *Heritage Commission* met and he reviewed the draft minutes of the meeting. He said the *Water Commission* met last week and the Town received notice that Aquarion has filed for a Rate Case, an action of Court which can take a year to settle but would be an adjustment to charges paid for water.

Selectman Miller said the next *Budget Committee* meeting for the 2<sup>nd</sup> review of the School Presentation was scheduled for December 2, 2020. Town Administrator Tully said it would be December 21<sup>st</sup> as December 7<sup>th</sup> is a holiday.

Vice-Chair Sununu said the *Rails to Trails Committee* had their initial meeting and reviewed the charge to the Committee and discussed some goals in general. They will be meeting monthly and setting up some sub-committees to work on specific tasks; next meeting is in December.

Selectman Miller asked if there was any idea of when the State will conclude its environmental assessment. Vice-Chair Sununu said it is currently projected for some time next fall (2021) and do their construction on the Trail the following year (2022).

**Report of the Town Administrator**

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

Town Administrator Tully said the proposed FY2021-2022 Town Operating Budget was sent to the Budget Committee November 16, 2020; Default Budget 4.62% increase; Library Bond 1.8% increase to Budget; Proposed Budget now at 3.16%. He said the Deputy Fire Chief position was filled by Mark Cook a former Lieutenant from Exeter with start date of November 30, 2020.

For facilities the Town Hall copper roof is completed, and cradle is back in place; staging will remain for Mr. Schnitzler to redo trim; Jo-Jo Nadeau is working with Phil D'Avanza on the clock. The Library build is on schedule; second grant received for Cobble Weir Project for Philbrick Pond; Coakley Landfill meeting December 9<sup>th</sup>; Corona Virus update requires temporary 14-day quarantine for travelers out of State; GIS Tax Maps underway for website; unbudgeted Revision Appraisal Software upgrade estimated at \$20,000 required.

Chairman Maggiore asked Town Administrator Tully to schedule a 15-minute Non-Pubic before the next meeting for update on contract negotiations.

**Items Left on the Table**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**8.3 Acceptance of FEMA Floodplain Maps**

Chairman Maggiore said acceptance of FEMA Flood Map, FEMA Flood Insurance Maps and Study become effective January 29, 2021. By establishing Flood Maps and identifying Flood Zones in Town we comply with State and Federal Guidelines which allow homeowners and renters to acquire Flood Insurance. It is important for the Town to update the Zoning Ordinance and comply with State Statutes; once accepted by the Board the Town is eligible for Federal Grants, disaster relief, and Federal Mortgage Insurance for everyone.

Discussion: Vice-Chair Sununu pointed out that under RSA State Law specifies this is adopted by the governing body, not the legislative body; it is adopted by the Select Board and immediately becomes part of the Town Zoning Ordinance and does not go to Warrant for voter approval.

**Motion:** Move that pursuant to RSA 674:57 by resolution of the North Hampton Select Board, all land designated as special Flood Hazard Areas by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in its Flood Insurance study for the County of Rockingham dated January 29, 2021, together with associated Flood Insurance Rate Maps dated January 29, 2021 are declared to be a part of the Town of North Hampton Zoning Ordinance and are hereby incorporated by reference.

**Motioned:** Selectman Miller

**Seconded:** Vice-Chair Sununu

**Vote:** Motion approved and adopted by a vote of 3-0.

#### **8.4 Discussion of the Route 111/151 Intersection Plan**

Chairman Maggiore said a second meeting was held to discuss possible reconstruction/reconfiguration safety improvements for the Route 111/151 Intersection at Post Road and Atlantic Avenue. He thanked Senator Tom Sherman and DOT for their willingness to address the dangerous intersection so quickly with a temporary fix and continue to look for a long-term fix.

Vice-Chair Sununu said DOT came back with a suggested reconfiguration to hopefully alleviate some of the problems with the Route 111/151 Intersection. Proposing: coming eastbound on Exeter Road where the road turns into a "Y" and southbound is veering right, northbound left on "Y", to eliminate the "Y" and have Exeter Road come through the grassy area in the middle and hit a "T" at Post Road for better visibility and a clearly delineated stop to hopefully reduce incidents; still a question about a right-hand turn lane at Post Road southbound to Exeter Road. DOT will use maintenance funds and design over the winter and start the reconfiguration late spring/early summer. Anything long term would presumably be part of the 10-year plan.

Selectman Miller asked about the area near Centennial Hall and Vice-Chair Sununu said that would be part of a larger-scale reconfiguration. Town Administrator Tully said a resident reached out to him about the amount of truck traffic there and making sure trucks can make the turn. Selectman Miller said he would like to see a flashing speed sign on Mill Road southbound, and Town Administrator Tully said there may be some that can be brought into compliance.

#### **8.5 Request from Department of Environmental Services for Supplemental Site Investigation**

Chairman Maggiore said the Department of Environmental Services (DES) wants to do more testing of possible contamination of 227-227A Atlantic Avenue (Fire Station area).

Town Administrator Tully said this started 2 years ago when a property tested positive for PFAS, and DES contacted the Town one year ago asking for testing of wells for further study; used grant funds to move forward; got results that the Town property may have been a contributing factor to the PFAS found. DES is now requiring the Town to do a Site Investigation of all drinking wells within a 1,000-foot radius, and further look at whether they are the contributor, where it is going, and how fast it is moving. Met with DES and discussed with other towns involved in the same process.

Vice-Chair Sununu said it is happening all over the State with DES and the Town has to go forward with it, while continuing discussion of an endgame for this study so the Town is not endlessly putting out RFPs for investigation. Unless there is some specific action we are required to take, we try to put some parameters around this regarding what they we are expected to do, for how long, and to what benefit.

Town Administrator Tully said the Town has already taken a lot of the actions: installed tanks under the Fire Department which are pumped and treated; highway shed out back is gone and its drain closed in 2001; foam is no longer used by the Fire Department. He said this is something they cannot afford to wait on and will start this year and finish what they can and possibly encumber funds at the end of the year.

Selectman Miller said they have \$50,000/year for Coakley and should perhaps consider some budget funds moving forward. Town Administrator Tully said they first need to move forward with an RFP to determine costs and the number of homes that might need to be connected to Town water. He said the next step is to approve the Town Administrator to put out an RFP to find a firm who has worked with PFAS contamination in New Hampshire and does investigations under these specific guidelines.

**Motion:** To approve the RFP drafted by Town Administrator Tully.

**Motioned:** Vice-Chair Sununu

**Seconded:** Selectman Miller

**Vote:** Motion approved by a vote of 3-0

## **MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETINGS**

### **Approval of the Regular Minutes Meeting of November 9, 2020**

**Motion:** To approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 9, 2020 as presented.

**Motioned:** Vice-Chair Sununu

**Seconded:** Selectman Miller

**Vote:** Motion approved by a vote of 3-0

### **Approval of the Non-Public Meeting Minutes of November 9, 2020**

**Motion:** To approve the Non-Public Meeting Minutes of November 9, 2020 as presented.

**Motioned:** Vice-Chair Sununu

**Seconded:** Selectman Miller

**Vote:** Motion approved by a vote of 3-0

### **Approval of the Workshop Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2020**

**Motion:** To approve the Workshop Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2020 as presented.

**Motioned:** Vice-Chair Sununu

**Seconded:** Selectman Miller

**Vote:** Motion approved by a vote of 3-0

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

**Second Public Comment Session**

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No one from the Public called in or came forward.

**Next Regular Meeting:** December 14, 2020

**Adjournment**

Vice-Chair Sununu made a motion to adjourn, and Chairman Maggiore adjourned the meeting at 8:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Denmark, Recording Secretary