



TOWN OF NORTH HAMPTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

SELECT BOARD APPROVED MINUTES

FEBRUARY 27, 2017

NONPUBLIC SESSION I 6:15 PM TOWN OFFICES 233 ATLANTIC AVENUE

REGULAR MEETING 7:00PM TOWN HALL 231 ATLANTIC AVENUE

NORTH HAMPTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

1. **Call To Order at 6:15 pm at Town Offices, 233 Atlantic Avenue**
2. **Nonpublic Session I, pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(e), regarding a pending legal claim that has been made in writing.**
3. **Public Session at 7:00 pm at Town Hall, 231 Atlantic Avenue**

Chair Maggiore called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM. Those in attendance were Selectman Miller, Selectman Stanton and Town Administrator Apple.

Motion by Selectman Stanton to come out of Non Public Session. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Roll call vote: Maggiore, Aye; Miller, Aye; Stanton, Aye.

Chair Maggiore noted that during the Non Public Session, one vote was taken and it was unanimous.

Motion by Selectman Stanton to seal the minutes of the Non Public Session. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.

4. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Chair Maggiore led the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. **First Public Comment Session**

George Chauncey, Hobbs Road spoke to the Select Board regarding replacing the clapboard to the Town Hall and finishing the renovations the way it was first proposed. He stated that painting the pine clapboards was wasting the taxpayers money because they no longer "hold" the paint and the building will have to be continuously re-painted.

Mr. Chauncey stated he asked Gray Construction to provide a quote on the cost to repair the clapboards properly, noting that the building is on the National Historic Register and the repairs proposed might not meet the requirements of the Heritage Commission.

The Select Board stated Chair Maggiore would meet to discuss with the Heritage Commission or more specifically Donna Etela to ask for joint cooperation with the project.

6. Consent Calendar

- 6.1 Payroll Manifest of January 26, 2017 in the amount of \$64,859.43
- 6.2 Payroll Manifest of February 2, 2017 in the amount of \$71,762.16
- 6.3 Payroll Manifest of February 9, 2017 in the amount of \$192,184.79
- 6.4 Payroll Manifest of February 16, 2017 in the amount of \$69,150.32
- 6.5 Payroll Manifest of February 23, 2017 in the amount of \$70,780.30
- 6.6 Accounts Payable Manifest of January 16, 2017 in the amount of \$1,132,328.27
- 6.7 Accounts Payable Manifest of February 9, 2017 in the amount of \$91,642.99
- 6.8 Accounts Payable Manifest of February 23, 2017 in the amount of \$994,283.53
- 6.9 Veteran Tax Credit Application
- 6.10 Veteran Tax Credit and Service Connected Total and Permanent Disability Application
- 6.11 Land Use Change Tax

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

7. Correspondence

- 7.1 Correspondence from Comcast
 - 7.2 Memorandum from Scott Marsh, CNHA on DRA Sales Ratio Survey
- Chair Maggiore read the communications aloud.

The Select Board discussed the Department of Revenue's Sales Ratio Study and it was noted the Town's overall median ratio for 2016 is 86% with 91 valid sales having a COD (Coefficient of Dispersion) of 14.5 and a PRD (Price related differential) of 1.03.

It was noted that a revaluation would be done in 2018, which will correct inequities and move assessments more in line with market values.

8. Committee Updates

Selectman Miller stated the Economic Committee would be holding their next meeting at night so that more people could attend.

9. Report of the Town Administrator

9.1 General Report

Town Administrator Apple stated a request had come in on this date from the New England Police Benevolent Association for a Large Gathering Permit for a fundraising event to be held in Officer Peter Cormier's honor on March 17, 2017.

Motion by Selectman Stanton to approve the Large Gathering Permit at Local's on March 17, 2017. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.

(Secretary's Note: A copy of the Town Administrator's written report is attached to these minutes.)

10. New Business

10.1 Approval of Billing to NH Division of Forests and Lands for Fire Permits July-December
Motion by Selectman Stanton to approve the billing to NH Division of Forests and Lands for Fire Permits issued July through December 2016. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.

10.2 Discussion of Votes Taken on Amended Warrant Articles

The board discussed the warrant articles amended at the Deliberative Session, and the fact a motion had been made and passed to reduce the police department overtime budget by \$20,000. Chair Maggiore explained it is a "bottom line budget" and the Select Board have the discretion to use the money where it is necessary.

Chair Maggiore noted the Select Board voted after the Deliberative Session to not recommend the total operating budget.

10.3 Accept Fire Department Grant

Chief Tully discussed an Emergency Management Grant approved in the amount of \$6,000 to provide emergency gear (ballistic vest) and kits for one firefighter and one police officer in the event of an active shooter situation. The grant is in the amount of \$6,000.

Motion by Selectman Stanton to accept the grant from the New Hampshire Department of Safety for the 2016 Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$6,000. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.

10.4 Discuss Response to Letter from Coakley Landfill Group

A letter drafted by Town Administrator Apple to Mayor Blalock was discussed.

Motion by Selectman Stanton to approve the letter of February 27, 2017 with a few minor changes on page two. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.

Selectman Miller noted he would be leaving town at 5:30 AM the next morning and would be unable to sign the letter.

Motion by Selectman Miller to allow either Selectman Stanton or Chair Maggiore to sign his name on the correspondence to Mayor Blalock. Seconded by Chair Maggiore. Motion carries 3-0.

11. Minutes of Prior Meetings

11.1 Minutes of January 25, 2017

Motion by Selectman Stanton to approve the minutes of January 25, 2017 as emended. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.

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.

Selectman Stanton thanked the Department of Public Works for the outstanding job they have done with snow removal in town this winter, as well as filling pot holes

13. Second Public Comment Session

See Item 2, above.

14. Adjournment

Chair Maggiore adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully,

Janet Facella