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TOWN OF NORTH HAMPTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

**SELECT BOARD MINUTES  
MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2018  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING  
NORTH HAMPTON TOWN HALL  
231 ATLANTIC AVENUE  
5:15 O'CLOCK PM**

**NON PUBLIC SESSION I: 5:16 O'CLOCK P.M.  
EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM  
TOWN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE  
233 ATLANTIC AVENUE**

**NON MEETING: 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.  
EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM  
TOWN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE  
233 ATLANTIC AVENUE**

**NON PUBLIC SESSION II: 6:30 O'CLOCK P.M.  
EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM  
TOWN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE  
233 ATLANTIC AVENUE**

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1. 5:15 p.m. **Call to Order**
  2. 5:16 p.m. **Non-Public Session I Pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (e)**
  3. 5:30 p.m. **Non-Meeting Pursuant to RSA 91-A:2, I (a)**
  4. 6:30 p.m. **Non-Public Session II Pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (b,c)**
  5. 6:55 p.m. **Return to Regular Session and Recess to Town Hall, 231 Atlantic Avenue**
  6. 7:00 p.m. **Reconvening of Public Session at Town Hall and Pledge of Allegiance**

Chair Maggiore called the meeting to order at 7:05PM. Those in attendance were Selectman Miller, Selectwoman Kilgore and Interim Town Administrator Tully.

Chair Maggiore stated the board was coming out of two Non-Public sessions and one Non-Meeting with Counsel. He further stated no motion or votes were taken.

**Motion by Selectwoman Kilgore to seal the minutes from Non-Public Session I Pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (e). Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.**

**Motion by Selectwoman Kilgore to seal the minutes from Non-Public Session II Pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (b,c). Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.**

Chair Maggiore asked to have agenda item 14.1 moved up on the agenda. The board was in agreement.

Deputy Fire Chief Jason Lajoie introduced Angelo Puglisi as the fire department's newest Lieutenant. He stated that Lieutenant Puglisi has been serving as the acting officer for the past 15 months, and his hard work, dedication to the department and town and proven leadership led Chief Tully to promote him.

Acting Town Administrator Tully performed the ceremonial swearing in ceremony and his children, Calvin and Ava pinned Lieutenant Puglisi with his new badge.

Lieutenant Puglisi thanked the Select Board, Chief Tully and Deputy Lajoie for the opportunity to be a leader within the North Hampton Fire Department. He further stated he works with a great group of guys within the department that are dedicated to the Town of North Hampton, and he could not be more proud to serve the Town of North Hampton in a leadership role.

**7. 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.

Alan Perkins, 54 Atlantic Avenue stated he wanted to set the record straight regarding public comments made at the last Select Board meeting regarding his farm (s).

Mr. Perkins stated what bothered him most was the accusation of the use of contaminated soil on the property, noting that nothing could be further from the truth as they eat everything that is grown and raised on their property.

Mr. Perkins stated he wanted to let the taxpayers of North Hampton know they take great care and run best practices for farming and have never brought anything considered contaminated onto the farm.

Mr. Perkins handed the Select Board copies of the easement language for his property. He stated Mr. Gosselin keeps saying the land was donated to the town, and that statement simply is not true; he paid an enormous amount of money for the property and would never have bought it if there was nothing they could do to it.

Chair Maggiore interrupted Mr. Perkins stating his three minutes was up, and Mrs. Perkins yielded her three minutes of time.

Mr. Perkins continued and stated the intent since purchasing the property was to create a landmark for this and future generations to enjoy. He cautioned the taxpayers that Mr. Gosselin has cost the town thousands of dollars in legal fees and if he continues down the same path with a dead end, it could end up costing them hundreds of thousands of dollars in legal fees.

Selectman Miller asked Mr. Perkins if they have ever met to discuss the particulars of his property, and Mr. Perkins replied, "Never."

Arthur Nadeau, 34 Pine Road stated he wished to make a clarification regarding "best practices" as stated by Mr. Perkins. He stated that "best practices" were in the town ordinances, and those terms are governed by the State of New Hampshire.

## **8. Consent Calendar**

- 8.1 Payroll Manifest of 12/14/2017 in the amount of \$70,249.95
- 8.2 Payroll Manifest of 12/21/2017 in the amount of \$55,999.26
- 8.3 Payroll Manifest of 12/28/2017 in the amount of \$58,769.98
- 8.4 Payroll Manifest of 01/04/2018 in the amount of \$64,437.36
- 8.5 Accounts Payable Manifest of 11/16/2017 in the amount of \$71,931.27
- 8.6 Accounts Payable Manifest of 11/30/2017 in the amount of \$1,203,533.12
- 8.7 Accounts Payable Manifest of 12/14/2017 in the amount of \$1,267,260.48
- 8.8 Accounts Payable Manifest of 12/28/2017 in the amount of \$1,043,907.62
- 8.9 Approval of Abatement Recommendation
- 8.10 Approval of Elderly & Disabled Tax Deferral Application

**Motion by Selectman Miller to approve the Consent Calendar, noting that item 8.9 refers to the amount of \$327 for the abatement on Seabreeze Drive. Seconded by Selectwoman Kilgore. Motion carries 3-0.**

## **9. Correspondence**

- 9.1 Correspondence from New Hampshire Lottery Commission
- 9.2 Correspondence from New Hampshire Department of Transportation
- 9.3 Correspondence from Scott Baker
- 9.4 Correspondence Passed on from Chief Michael French

Chair Maggiore read the entire letter from New Hampshire Lottery Commission and asked to have as an agenda item at the next meeting. Selectwoman Kilgore asked to have the letter placed on the website.

Chair Maggiore gave an overview of the paving proposed for Route 1 from Hampton to Portsmouth.

Chair Maggiore read two letters of recognition for town employees, Susan Buchanan and Christopher Popolaro.

Chair Maggiore read a letter that came to the board on January 4 and was not in their packet. A letter was received by a resident thanking three fire department employees for aiding them with an oil spill in their basement.

## **10. Committee Updates**

### **10.1 Budget Committee**

Selectman Miller stated the Budget Committee would be holding its Public Hearing on January 9, 2018 at 7PM in the Town Hall.

### **10.2 Economic Development Committee**

Selectwoman Kilgore stated she was unable to attend the last meeting. Interim Town Administrator Tully was in attendance and he stated the subcommittee continues their work with UNH Survey Center on the town survey. Selectwoman Kilgore stated the next meeting would be held on February 7 in the Town Hall.

### **10.3 Heritage Commission**

Chair Maggiore stated there had been one meeting, and nothing to report that required the Select Board's attention at this time.

#### 10.4 Water Commission

Chair Maggiore stated the Water Commission continues with the actions they have been pursuing. Most of the issues involve quality and quantity of water.

#### 10.5 Bandstand Committee

Selectwoman Kilgore stated the Bandstand Committee had just completed their summer series line up. She stated bricks were still being sold if anyone was interested in purchasing one they could contact her or Delores Chase.

### 11. Public Hearing

11.1 To Consider the Acceptance of Funds in the Amount of \$4,141.22 for Reimbursement from the State of New Hampshire for Homeland Security Emergency Management Exercise/Training

Interim Town Administrator Tully stated last June, an Emergency Management drill was held for the fire and police at the North Hampton School, and he had applied for a reimbursement grant.

It was noted that the reimbursement money was for Fiscal Year Ending 2017 and will be deposited into the general fund.

Chair Maggiore opened the public hearing at 7:49 PM.

No questions or comments from the public.

Chair Maggiore closed the public hearing at 7:50 PM.

**Motion by Selectwoman Kilgore to accept the funds in the amount of \$4,141.22 for reimbursement from the State of New Hampshire for Homeland Security Emergency Management Exercise/Training. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.**

### 12. Report of the Interim Town Administrator

12.1 General Report

### 13. Items Left on the Table

No Items

### 14. New Business

14.1 Swearing In Ceremony for Fire Lieutenant Angelo Puglisi

(Scrivener's Note: This item was taken up at the beginning of the meeting.)

14.2 Acceptance of Bid for 2004 Ford Explorer

**Motion by Selectwoman Kilgore to accept Mr. Colin Hickmen's bid of \$410 for the Ford Explorer. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.**

14.3 Discussion of House Bill 121 – Transportation Improvement Fee

Chair Maggiore stated a House Bill was proposed to change the Transportation Improvement Fee from \$5 to \$10 and where it passed by failed in the Senate and so therefore it will not be increased.

14.4 Discussion of Primex Contribution Assurance Program (CAP) for Workers' Compensation Program and Property Liability Program

Chair Maggiore stated Primex has offered the Town the option to participate in the Contribution Assurance Program for the next three coverage period years for Workers' Compensation and Property and Liability insurance. Based on the town's performance, the CAP agreement the maximum amount the insurance

could be increased over the next three years would be 8% on Workers' Compensation and 9% on Property and Liability.

The Select Board asked to check to see if there were any other companies that were offering better rates than Primex and report back at the January 22, 2018 meeting.

#### 14.5 Discussion of Warrant Articles

Chair Maggiore started a discussion on establishing a "DPW Rolling Stock Capital Reserve Fund." ( A copy of the proposed article is attached.)

Interim Town Administrator Tully distributed copies of the 1980 Capital Reserve Fund similar to the one suggested, and also the 2008 Warrant Article to close that fund as it wasn't be used.

Public Works Director John Hubbard suggested starting this fund next year, as the 1999 truck they would like to be replaced this year will be the last major piece of equipment for some time, and there would be time to start growing the fund starting "fresh" next year.

Selectman Miller asked who determines what is in the "DPW Rolling Stock Schedule." Because if the equipment is not in the schedule then the town is unable to buy it.

Chair Maggiore stated he is hesitant to vote on this proposed article without proper study, and especially handing it to the Budget Committee when they don't have answers to questions they may have.

Selectwoman Kilgore stated she agreed with the concept of the warrant article and it avoids what happened last year in the dump truck being voted down. She further stated the way the article is written, if the equipment isn't listed on the schedule, then the funds will not be able to be used. Selectwoman Kilgore agreed there is a lot of information to absorb 22 hours before the Budget Committee meeting.

The Select Board agreed it would be wise to table until next year, and Selectwoman Kilgore stated she would be sure to bring it up at the beginning of the budget process next year.

Chair Maggiore stated the next warrant article that was tabled until this meeting was the changes proposed to property tax exemptions and credits.

**Motion by Selectwoman Kilgore to take this item off of the table. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.**

Selectwoman Kilgore stated she had asked to table so that she could read through the data and fully understand the article.

Selectman Miller stated the purpose of his proposal was to aid in helping the people that most need the relief and the change would add less than one cent to the tax rate. He further stated it was also attempt to keep up with inflation as that continue to grow, but the exemptions and credit qualifications regarding income remained the same.

Selectwoman Kilgore stated she believed that the town should be the ones to decide and that it should go on the ballot.

**Motion by Selectman Miller to approve the warrant article as presented and placed on the official ballot. Seconded by Selectwoman Kilgore. Motion carries 3-0.**

#### 14.6 Discussion of Cable Advisory Committee

Chair Maggiore stated several months ago the board had discussed whether or not they wanted to reconstitute the Cable Advisory Committee. Discussions about what the role the committee would play

should they reconstitute them. He further stated a letter had been received from Ms. Pohl with some comments and suggestions on what they could do.

John Savastano, Cable Director of Channel 22 gave a presentation to the board and gave what he called “the state of the channel address.”

Mr. Savastano addressed the criticism regarding the lack of programming between midnight and 6:00AM, and stated that was incorrect. He stated that 14 events run on Channel 22 per 24 hours of every day.

Mr. Savastano reviewed the viewership from 2015 through 2018 on the You Tube Channel and Town Hall Streams.

Mr. Savastano asked the Select Board to reconstitute the prior cable contract negotiating team as last time as the team of Jim Maggiore, Henry Marsh, Wally Kilgore, the Town Administrator and himself. He stated they all worked very well together and accomplished much.

**Motion by Selectman Miller to appoint Jim Maggiore, Wally Kilgore, Henry Marsh, the Town Administrator and John Savastano to be the cable contract negotiating team for the Town of North Hampton for renewing the contract with Comcast for Channel 22. Seconded by Chair Maggiore. Motion carries 3-0.**

Chair Maggiore asked for discussion on seating a cable advisory committee.

Selectman Miller stated he didn't feel it was necessary to take this agenda item up at this time.

Selectwoman Kilgore stated she didn't see a necessity to sit a cable advisory committee, however maybe in order to breach where they are right now perhaps there should be more regular updates from the cable director. She further stated she was just making suggestions and perhaps it is a way to work through things and the start of a process. A report (agenda item) on either the first or second Select Board meeting every month was suggested.

#### 14.7 Discussion of Select Board Letter for Town Report

Selectwoman Kilgore distributed copies of suggested edits on the Select Board letter for the Town Report, a copy of which shall be attached to these minutes.

Chair Maggiore asked to have Selectwoman Kilgore forward her “red line version” to the Town Administrator for distribution to Selectman Miller and himself.

Selectwoman Kilgore discussed the dedication of the 2017 Town Report to the citizens of the Town of North Hampton in celebration of the town's 275<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Copies of Selectwoman Kilgore's dedication was distributed to the board for their consideration and consensus on. A suggestion of the 275<sup>th</sup> Logo was made for the cover of the Town Report.

Selectwoman Kilgore asked to reschedule the February 12 Select Board meeting until February 13. All board members were in agreement.

### 15. Minutes of Prior Meetings

#### 15.1 Approval of December 11, 2017 Meeting Minutes

**Motion by Selectwoman Kilgore to accept the minutes as reported in the packet for the Select Board meeting of Monday, December 11, 2017. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.**

Chair Maggiore stated in the minutes it was stated the board would like to meet with the North Hampton Business Association regarding the community newsletter, but nothing had been scheduled at this point.

Selectwoman Kilgore suggested adding this to the January 22, 2018 agenda. All board members were in agreement.

**16. 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.

**17. Second Public Comment Session**

See Item 7, above.

Arthur Nadeau, 34 Pine Road stated he would like to give "kudos" to the North Hampton Fire & Rescue with the assistance they gave in helping the person house sitting their home with replacing batteries in the smoke detector that was going off.

Bill Gosselin, 2 Maple Road stated he had been watching the meeting at home and saw Mr. Perkins make comments about contaminated soil that he wished to respond to.

Mr. Gosselin stated he wasn't mentioning contaminated soil with "PCB's" or "arsenic." He stated he was talking about the pristine conservation property and anything foreign to the conservation property is considered contaminated soil, and that was what he meant by contaminated.

Mr. Gosselin stated the easements, not the property are donations to the town and it can be seen on the 03862 website. He further discussed legal costs were not brought on by him as Mr. Perkins stated.

Mr. Gosselin stated it is no secret to anyone on the Seacoast that the barn was going to be a "party barn."

Mr. Gosselin stated there was a party in the barn on the west side of the property for friends and neighbors and that as a neighbor he and his wife were there. He further stated Mr. Miller and his wife were also there but they live miles away and are not neighbors.

Selectman Miller expressed his disappointment in Mr. Gosselin's statement.

**18. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM.

Respectfully,  
Janet Facella