



TOWN OF NORTH HAMPTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

SELECT BOARD MINUTES  
JANUARY 25, 2017  
REGULAR MEETING 7:00PM

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NORTH HAMPTON TOWN HALL  
231 ATLANTIC AVENUE

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**1. Call To Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

Chair Maggiore called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Those in attendance were Selectman Miller, Selectman Stanton and Town Administrator Apple.

Chair Maggiore led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. 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 ordinarily 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.

Jeffrey Hillier, Glendale Road spoke to the Select Board regarding the constant take off and landings at the Hampton Airfield and the noise it is causing in his neighborhood.

Robert Landman, Post Road stated the airfield has always been a part of the town and there are people in the town that enjoy aviation and do not mind the noise of the planes overhead.

**3. Consent Calendar**

- 3.1 Payroll Manifest of January 12, 2017 in the amount of \$212,112.51
- 3.2 Payroll Manifest of January 19, 2017 in the amount of \$63,976.50
- 3.3 Accounts Payable Manifest of January 12, 2017 in the amount of \$74,402.86

- 3.4 Veteran Tax Credit Application
- 3.5 Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber

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

**4. Correspondence**

No items

Chair Maggiore stated an item had been received from Jay Sommers at Comcast on this day and read the letter into the record.

**5. Committee Updates**

Selectman Miller stated their would be an Economic Development Committee meeting on Friday, January 29, 2017 in the Town Office Executive Conference Room at 8:30 AM.

Chair Maggiore gave an update of the latest meetings and activities with the Water Commission.

Henry Fuller, Water Commission Co-Chair stated there is no money in the budget for legal counsel and asked the Select Board how they would be able to proceed with litigation with Aquarion Water Company if no funds were available to them.

Town Administrator Apple suggested adding money to the legal line item at the Deliberative Session and earmark a line for “Water Issues” with an amount to be determined.

Bob Landman, Water Commission Co-Chair asked if they would still be allowed Attorney Rattigan from Donahue, Tucker and Ciandella.

The Select Board agreed that the Water Commission should now be using the Town’s attorney, Wadleigh, Starr and Peters.

Chair Maggiore reported the 275<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee is working hard on events and was asked if the Select Board could help to have banners printed and the committee would reimburse once donations start to come in.

Discussion on the Agriculture Commission resulted in a motion as follows:

**Motion by Selectman Stanton to approve reappointments of Hank Brandt and Bobbi Burns for a one year appointment to expire in March, 2018; appointments of Lisa Cote and Walter Nordstrom for a two year appointment to expire in March, 2019; and appointments of Dieter Ebert and Cynthia Jenkins for three year appointments to expire in March, 2020. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.**

Town Administrator Apple asked the board to make a motion for a temporary waiver from the policy of the Heritage Commission to have repairs done from the leaking clock tower roof.

**Motion by Selectman Stanton to waive the policy until temporary repairs and damages have been completed. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.**

**6. Report of the Town Administrator**

6.1 General Report

(Secretary's note: A copy of the report will be attached to these minutes.)

**7. New Business**

7.1 Presentation by Clark & Lavey regarding health insurance alternatives

Paul Clark, CEO of Clark & Lavey gave a very lengthy presentation of health insurance alternatives, and a copy of the full report can be found attached to these minutes.

The Select Board agreed to form a study group to sit down with Mr. Lavey and delve deeper into this complex subject. Representatives from both unions would be asked to participate.

7.2 Request to Restore Involuntary Lot Merger Map 018 Lots 028 and 029

This item was withdrawn by the applicant without prejudice.

7.3 Finalization of FY2018 Town Meeting Warrant

7.3.1 Discussion of Tabled Warrant Articles

7.3.2 Discussion of Schedule at Deliberative Session

Town Administrator Apple suggested that the Select Board reconsider their vote on the operating budget and remove the funding request for an Emergency Management Director.

**Motion by Selectman Stanton to reconsider the not recommended by vote of the Select Board on the proposed town operating budget. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.**

**Motion by Selectman Stanton to recommend FY18 operating budget of \$7,002,832 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.**

The Select Board next considered four of the/ citizens petitions on the warrant.

Town Administrator Apple read Article 32, Adoption of Town Manager Plan Pursuant to RSA Chapter 37.

**Motion by Selectman Stanton to recommend Article 32, the Adoption of Town Manager Plan Pursuant to RSA Chapter 37. Seconded by Selectman Miller for discussion. Selectman Miller stated he would abstain on his vote as he doesn't know enough at this time what the differences are between a Town Administrator and a Town Manager. He further stated a vote to reconsider could be done at the Deliberative Session. Motion carries 2-0-1.**

Town Administrator Apple discussed Articles 33, 34 and 35 which are Citizens Petitions. He stated that it is the opinion of the Town Attorney that all three petitions are illegal and cannot be enforced.

**Motion by Selectman Stanton to post the Town Attorney's letter to the website. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.**

**Motion by Selectman Stanton that the Select Board authorizes a Voter's Guide on all of the articles and the Town Administrator and Planning and Zoning Administrator will write the first draft. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.**

**Motion by Selectman Stanton to not recommend the Citizens Petition Warrant Article 33 titled, To Control Development of Conservation Land. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.**

**Motion by Selectman Stanton to not recommend the Citizens Petition Warrant Article 34 titled, Restore the Morris Lamprey Conservation Easement. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.**

Town Administrator Apple stated an appeal to this Citizens Petition would be filed in Rockingham Superior Court and a date and time for the hearing has not yet been decided.

**Motion by Selectman Stanton to empower the Town Administrator to have Town Counsel attend the hearing in court to represent the Select Board. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.**

**Motion by Selectman Stanton to not recommend the Citizens Petition Warrant Article 35 titled, To Make the Conservation Commission Elected Rather than Appointed Body. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.**

**Motion by Selectman Stanton to empower the Town Administrator to make any administrative changes to the warrant or in receipt of an injunction to make the necessary changes. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.**

**Motion by Selectman Stanton to table discussion on Veterans Tax Credits until next year. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.**

**Motion by Selectman Stanton to seal the minutes of the Non Public meeting of January 20, 2017. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.**

The Select Board discussed who would be moving and seconding articles at the Deliberative Session, and it was decided that Selectman Stanton would move all, and Selectman Miller would second all.

The Select Board discussed which articles and which Select Board member would speak to them:

Article Ten – Town Administrator Apple  
Article Eleven – Selectman Stanton  
Article Twelve – Selectman Stanton  
Article Thirteen – Chair Maggiore  
Article Fourteen – Chair Maggiore  
Article Fifteen – Selectman Miller  
Article Sixteen – Selectman Stanton  
Article Seventeen – Chair Maggiore  
Article Eighteen – Selectman Miller  
Article Nineteen – Selectman Stanton  
Article Twenty – Chair Maggiore  
Article Twenty One – Selectman Miller  
Article Twenty Two – Selectman Stanton  
Article Twenty Three – Chair Maggiore  
Article Twenty Four – Selectman Miller  
Article Twenty Five – Selectman Stanton  
Article Twenty Six – Chair Maggiore  
Article Twenty Seven – Selectman Stanton  
Article Twenty Eight – Selectman Stanton  
Article Twenty Nine – Selectman Stanton  
Article Thirty – Selectman Miller  
Article Thirty One – Chair Maggiore

Articles 32, 33, 34 and 35 would be spoken to by the petitioners.

## **8. Minutes of Prior Meetings**

8.1 Minutes of January 9, 2017

**Motion by Selectman Stanton to approve the minutes of January 9, 2017 as presented.  
Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.**

## **9. 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 Miller reported that he had attended the Portsmouth City Council meeting on January 23, 2017 and asked that the Coakley meetings be made public. He further stated no one from the committee has ever asked North Hampton to participate despite the hundreds of thousands of dollars contributed to the fund.

Chair Maggiore stated there would be a meeting on Coakley at the Bethenny Church on Breakfast Hill Road in Greenland on Thursday, January 26, 2017 at 6:30 PM presented by the EPA and that it is a public meeting.

**Motion by Selectman Stanton to approve the letter the Select Board drafted to send to Mayor Blalock. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.**

**Motion by Selectman Stanton to have Selectman Miller be a representative to the Coakley Landfill Group. Seconded by Chair Maggiore. Motion carries 3-0.**

**10. Second Public Comment Session**

See Item 2, above.

**11. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet L. Facella