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**TOWN OF NORTH HAMPTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MUNICIPAL BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING**

APRIL 5, 2021 6:00 PM

NORTH HAMPTON TOWN HALL

DRAFT MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Rick Stanton, Vice-Chairman Brian Goode, George Chauncey, Frank Ferraro, Sean Dionne, Select Board Rep James Sununu

ALSO PRESENT: Town Administrator Michael Tully

AGENDA

Acting Chairman Brian Goode welcomed everyone to the April 5, 2021 North Hampton Municipal Budget Committee Meeting and called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion/Vote on Chair and Vice Chair for 2021-2022

Acting Chairman Goode said they would first vote on and appoint a Chair and Vice-Chair of the Budget Committee for 2021-2022 and asked for nominations.

Mr. Chauncey nominated Mr. Frank Ferraro; Selectman Sununu nominated Mr. Rick Stanton and clarified that the Chair must be an elected representative and not appointed.

Acting Chairman Goode polled the Committee, and the vote was 4-2 in favor of *Mr. Rick Stanton* who was elected *Chairman of the Municipal Budget Committee for 2021-2022*.

Chairman Stanton asked for nominations for Vice-Chair.

32 Selectman Sununu nominated *Mr. Brian Goode* who was elected as *Vice-Chair of the Municipal Budget*
33 *Committee for 2021-2022* there being no other nominations.

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35 **Accepting Resignation of Jonathan Pinette**

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37 Chairman Stanton asked that the Municipal Budget Committee accept the resignation of Jonathan Pinette
38 who was elected to the Select Board and is prohibited by RSA 32 from sitting on this Board as an elected
39 member. As there were no objections by Committee members, Chairman Stanton moved the resignation
40 of Jonathan Pinette accepted.

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42 **Accepting Resignation of Margaret Delano**

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44 Chairman Stanton asked the Municipal Budget Committee to accept the resignation of Margaret Delano
45 as she is leaving town with a resignation date of March 15, 2021. As there were no objections by
46 Committee members, Chairman Stanton moved the resignation of Margaret Delano accepted.

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48 **Discussion on Replacement Members for Open Seats**

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50 Chairman Stanton stated that there were 2 open positions for the Budget Committee and by Town policy
51 or precedent they have opened it up to the public, and asked Town Administrator Tully to publish the
52 openings for 2 weeks and the Budget Committee would vote on candidates. He said 2 people had already
53 expressed interest.

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55 **Tentative Budget Committee Schedule**

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57 Chairman Stanton said he tentatively came up with a Budget Committee Schedule for the FY2021-2022
58 year. He said May 3, 2021 would be Committee Assignments and acceptance of new individuals. Anyone
59 interested should send a letter to Town Administrator Tully with background and interests. He asked
60 committee members to look over the schedule and email him at rhs-nh@comcast.net with any conflicts.

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62 Chairman Stanton said on the back of the schedule discussion questions are listed: (1) How to handle
63 submission of the Library Budget going forward; (2) whether taxpayer dollars should be used for donations
64 to 501(c)(3) organizations; (3) question of pay increases for non-contract employees as well as extra-
65 incentive pay; (4) funding sources for Capital items. Also need to think about the continually increasing
66 Health Care costs.

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68 Vice-Chair Goode questioned the May 3rd date and suggested the Budget Committee meet April 22nd to
69 appoint the new individuals before doing committee assignments and having discussions. Chairman
70 Stanton said if all in agreement the deadline for applications would be April 21, 2021.

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72 Selectman Sununu said the date for distribution of Budget Books is 2 weeks earlier than in the past which
73 will be hard to do and Town Administrator Tully said they usually go down to the day. Mr. Ferraro asked
74 if the Town and School need the budgets prepared to do the year-end review and default budget, and

75 Selectman Sununu said the Budget Books usually come after. Mr. Ferraro suggested October 13th for the
76 Town, October 20th for the School, and Budget Books October 27, 2021.

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78 Town Administrator Tully asked to review the dates with the Chair to make sure they line up. Chairman
79 Stanton said he would send out a revised proposed tentative schedule. Selectman Sununu recommended
80 he speak with School Business Administrator Matt Ferreira. Chairman Stanton said any other issues
81 members may have can be brought up during the discussion after election of new members.

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83 **ANY OTHER ITEM THAT MAY LEGALLY COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE**

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85 **PERIOD OF PUBLIC COMMENT**

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87 **ADJOURNMENT**

88 Selectman Sununu made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Vice-Chair Goode.
89 Chairman Stanton adjourned the Municipal Budget Committee Meeting at 6:22 pm.

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91 Respectfully submitted,

92 Patricia Denmark, Recording Secretary