



TOWN OF NORTH HAMPTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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62 **7. First Public Comment Session**

63 Public Comment is an opportunity for residents to ask questions, request information and make comments
64 on issues facing the Town. Individuals will be given not more than three (3) minutes to speak, and people
65 who have already spoken will be asked to wait until everyone has had the chance to speak once. The total
66 time devoted to this agenda item is fifteen (15) minutes. Individuals who are not able to speak during the
67 First Public Comment Session will be given first opportunity to speak during the Second Public Comment
68 Session at the end of the Meeting.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 102 8.1 Payroll Manifest of 12/14/2017 in the amount of \$70,249.95
103 8.2 Payroll Manifest of 12/21/2017 in the amount of \$55,999.26
104 8.3 Payroll Manifest of 12/28/2017 in the amount of \$58,769.98
105 8.4 Payroll Manifest of 01/04/2018 in the amount of \$64,437.36
106 8.5 Accounts Payable Manifest of 11/16/2017 in the amount of \$71,931.27
107 8.6 Accounts Payable Manifest of 11/30/2017 in the amount of \$1,203,533.12
108 8.7 Accounts Payable Manifest of 12/14/2017 in the amount of \$1,267,260.48
109 8.8 Accounts Payable Manifest of 12/28/2017 in the amount of \$1,043,907.62
110 8.9 Approval of Abatement Recommendation
111 8.10 Approval of Elderly & Disabled Tax Deferral Application
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113 **Motion by Selectman Miller to approve the Consent Calendar, noting that item 8.9 refers to the**
114 **amount of \$327 for the abatement on Seabreeze Drive. Seconded by Selectwoman Kilgore. Motion**
115 **carries 3-0.**
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117 **9. Correspondence**

- 118 9.1 Correspondence from New Hampshire Lottery Commission
119 9.2 Correspondence from New Hampshire Department of Transportation
120 9.3 Correspondence from Scott Baker
121 9.4 Correspondence Passed on from Chief Michael French
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123 Chair Maggiore read the entire letter from New Hampshire Lottery Commission and asked to have as an
124 agenda item at the next meeting. Selectwoman Kilgore asked to have the letter placed on the website.
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126 Chair Maggiore gave an overview of the paving proposed for Route 1 from Hampton to Portsmouth.
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128 Chair Maggiore read two letters of recognition for town employees, Susan Buchanan and Christopher
129 Popolaro.
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131 Chair Maggiore read a letter that came to the board on January 4 and was not in their packet. A letter was
132 received by a resident thanking three fire department employees for aiding them with an oil spill in their
133 basement.
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135 **10. Committee Updates**

136 10.1 Budget Committee

137 Selectman Miller stated the Budget Committee would be holding its Public Hearing on January 9, 2018 at
138 7PM in the Town Hall.
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140 10.2 Economic Development Committee

141 Selectwoman Kilgore stated she was unable to attend the last meeting. Interim Town Administrator Tully
142 was in attendance and he stated the subcommittee continues their work with UNH Survey Center on the
143 town survey. Selectwoman Kilgore stated the next meeting would be held on February 7 in the Town Hall.
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145 10.3 Heritage Commission

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

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149 10.4 Water Commission
150 Chair Maggiore stated the Water Commission continues with the actions they have been pursuing. Most of
151 the issues involve quality and quantity of water.

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153 10.5 Bandstand Committee
154 Selectwoman Kilgore stated the Bandstand Committee had just completed their summer series line up. She
155 stated bricks were still being sold if anyone was interested in purchasing one they could contact her or
156 Delores Chase.

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158 **11. Public Hearing**
159 11.1 To Consider the Acceptance of Funds in the Amount of \$4,141.22 for Reimbursement from the State
160 of New Hampshire for Homeland Security Emergency Management Exercise/Training

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

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

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168 Chair Maggiore opened the public hearing at 7:49 PM.
169 No questions or comments from the public.
170 Chair Maggiore closed the public hearing at 7:50 PM.

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

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176 **12. Report of the Interim Town Administrator**
177 12.1 General Report

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179 **13. Items Left on the Table**
180 No Items

181 **14. New Business**
182 14.1 Swearing In Ceremony for Fire Lieutenant Angelo Puglisi
183 (Scrivener's Note: This item was taken up at the beginning of the meeting.)

184 14.2 Acceptance of Bid for 2004 Ford Explorer
185 **Motion by Selectwoman Kilgore to accept Mr. Colin Hickmen's bid of \$410 for the Ford Explorer.**
186 **Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.**

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188 14.3 Discussion of House Bill 121 – Transportation Improvement Fee
189 Chair Maggiore stated a House Bill was proposed to change the Transportation Improvement Fee from \$5
190 to \$10 and where it passed by failed in the Senate and so therefore it will not be increased.

191 14.4 Discussion of Primex Contribution Assurance Program (CAP) for Workers' Compensation Program
192 and Property Liability Program

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

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

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

200 14.5 Discussion of Warrant Articles
201 Chair Maggiore started a discussion on establishing a "DPW Rolling Stock Capital Reserve Fund." (A
202 copy of the proposed article is attached.)
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204 Interim Town Administrator Tully distributed copies of the 1980 Capital Reserve Fund similar to the one
205 suggested, and also the 2008 Warrant Article to close that fund as it wasn't be used.
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207 Public Works Director John Hubbard suggested starting this fund next year, as the 1999 truck they would
208 like to be replaced this year will be the last major piece of equipment for some time, and there would be
209 time to start growing the fund starting "fresh" next year.
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211 Selectman Miller asked who determines what is in the "DPW Rolling Stock Schedule." Because if the
212 equipment is not in the schedule then the town is unable to buy it.
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214 Chair Maggiore stated he is hesitant to vote on this proposed article without proper study, and especially
215 handing it to the Budget Committee when they don't have answers to questions they may have.
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217 Selectwoman Kilgore stated she agreed with the concept of the warrant article and it avoids what happened
218 last year in the dump truck being voted down. She further stated the way the article is written, if the
219 equipment isn't listed on the schedule, then the funds will not be able to be used. Selectwoman Kilgore
220 agreed there is a lot of information to absorb 22 hours before the Budget Committee meeting.
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222 The Select Board agreed it would be wise to table until next year, and Selectwoman Kilgore stated she
223 would be sure to bring it up at the beginning of the budget process next year.
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225 Chair Maggiore stated the next warrant article that was tabled until this meeting was the changes proposed
226 to property tax exemptions and credits.
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228 **Motion by Selectwoman Kilgore to take this item off of the table. Seconded by Selectman Miller.**
229 **Motion carries 3-0.**
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231 Selectwoman Kilgore stated she had asked to table so that she could read through the data and fully
232 understand the article.
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234 Selectman Miller stated the purpose of his proposal was to aid in helping the people that most need the
235 relief and the change would add less than one cent to the tax rate. He further stated it was also attempt to
236 keep up with inflation as that continue to grow, but the exemptions and credit qualifications regarding
237 income remained the same.
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239 Selectwoman Kilgore stated she believed that the town should be the ones to decide and that it should go on
240 the ballot.
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242 **Motion by Selectman Miller to approve the warrant article as presented and placed on the official**
243 **ballot. Seconded by Selectwoman Kilgore. Motion carries 3-0.**
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245 14.6 Discussion of Cable Advisory Committee
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247 Chair Maggiore stated several months ago the board had discussed whether or not they wanted to
248 reconstitute the Cable Advisory Committee. Discussions about what the role the committee would play

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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281 14.7 Discussion of Select Board Letter for Town Report

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

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

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

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

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296 **15. Minutes of Prior Meetings**

297 15.1 Approval of December 11, 2017 Meeting Minutes

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

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

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304 Selectwoman Kilgore suggested adding this to the January 22, 2018 agenda. All board members were in
305 agreement.
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308 **16. Any Other Item that may legally come before the Board**

309 The Board reserves the right to take action on any item relative to the prudential administration of the
310 Town's affairs, which circumstances may require.
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312 **17. Second Public Comment Session**

313 See Item 7, above.

314 Arthur Nadeau, 34 Pine Road stated he would like to give "kudos" to the North Hampton Fire & Rescue
315 with the assistance they gave in helping the person house sitting their home with replacing batteries in the
316 smoke detector that was going off.
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318 Bill Gosselin, 2 Maple Road stated he had been watching the meeting at home and saw Mr. Perkins make
319 comments about contaminated soil that he wished to respond to.
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321 Mr. Gosselin stated he wasn't mentioning contaminated soil with "PCB's" or "arsenic." He stated he was
322 talking about the pristine conservation property and anything foreign to the conservation property is
323 considered contaminated soil, and that was what he meant by contaminated.
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325 Mr. Gosselin stated the easements, not the property are donations to the town and it can be seen on the
326 03862 website. He further discussed legal costs were not brought on by him as Mr. Perkins stated.
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328 Mr. Gosselin stated it is no secret to anyone on the Seacoast that the barn was going to be a "party barn."
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330 Mr. Gosselin stated there was a party in the barn on the west side of the property for friends and neighbors
331 and that as a neighbor he and his wife were there. He further stated Mr. Miller and his wife were also there
332 but they live miles away and are not neighbors.
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334 Selectman Miller expressed his disappointment in Mr. Gosselin's statement.
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336 **18. Adjournment**

337 Meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM.
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339 Respectfully,
340 Janet Facella
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North Hampton is so fortunate to have many volunteers and organizations that contribute to the fabric and quality of life in our coastal community. The North Hampton Community is served by a tireless Recreation Commission. After the abrupt departure of James O'Hara the Volunteer members of the Rec Department gathered to continue services for our community. These volunteers, in conjunction with the NHYA, provide a lifetime of lessons for our youth and their time and efforts are greatly appreciated. We also have Centennial Hall which provides space to the town when ever needed as they work to return this beautiful building to its original grandeur. The North Hampton Bandstand celebrated their 22nd year of providing free music at the common offering over a dozen concerts this year including the rousing performance by the Air Force Heritage band on July 1st. Also, to be recognized are the Friends of the North Hampton Library whose hard work and fundraising provide programs, supplies and equipment to the Library. These organizations continue to provide a level of enjoyment, entertainment and support that is felt by many in our town.

"Individual commitment to a group effort-that is what makes a team work, company work, a society work, a civilization work" Vince Lombardi. In the spirit of that thought, we recognize all that Jan Facella does for North Hampton. She is essential in keeping the day-to-day operation of the municipal business running efficient and helps our team successfully overcome the many challenges that it faces regularly.

The New Year will certainly provide many additional challenges, many known, and many unknown at this time. To name a just a few. In 2018 we are required by law to complete a town-wide revaluation of assessed property. The Board will continue to seek ways to provide better wireless service in underserved areas. The Economic Development Committee will commission a town-wide survey to include a gauge of satisfaction and interest in the development of Route 1. The New Hampshire House and Senate will evaluate nearly 1000 pieces of legislation which will directly or indirectly impact our town. Regardless of the challenges we will face, rest assure that your Select Board will work alongside our town employees, commission, committees, volunteers, town residents and businesses to successfully overcome these challenges and improve the quality of our town, our lives.

In closing, as your Select Board, we would like to recognize and thank the many residents who take time to actively participate in town matters. Whether you participate in town meetings or serve as commissioners, trustees, committee members on one or more of than the 20 boards and commissions in town, your time and effort is what makes our town the unique and special place we call Home.

Respectfully yours,

Jim Maggiore, Chair
Larry Miller, Vice Chair
Kathleen Kilgore, Member

The Police Department has seen changes in all levels of the department as well. The department has navigated the departure of Deputy Chief Steven Janvrin, the retirements of Chief Mike Maddocks and Detective Bill Adams under the helpful hand of Acting Chief Michael French. Our young staff has trained and worked with alongside our veteran officers to provide necessary services. During this interim period the PD has maintained the peace and has provide excellent protection to our community.

We would also like to acknowledge the work of John Hubbard and the North Hampton Department of Public Works for their continued hard-work and frugality in maintaining the towns roads, buildings and properties. Hub and his team provide a myriad of services and always seem to achieve their goals at or below budget. Their prudent and responsible maintenance of our roadways is a shining example on the Seacoast.

The North Hampton Building inspector, Kevin Kelly, moved on to a new opportunity in a neighboring community after years of service to our town. Glen Bosworth has stepped up to fill in with the help of Rick Milner to cover the department. As we move forward the Board hopes to have a more amicable relationship with our community, our businesses and land owners.

Our fiscal management is in the capable hands of Ryan Cornwell and Anne Kenney. Their tireless efforts include payroll, budget, accounts payable, purchasing functions and budget analysis. They offer resources and information not only to the Select Board but also the Town Administrator, the Budget Committee and other boards and committees as needed. Their accurate and precise data helps the entire town administration perform their duties with confidence.

Of course, without full and complete transparency, our town government would not perform to its fullest extent. With that goal in mind we must thank Channel 22 and our Cable Director, John Savastano. John and his team, "Goose" and "Maverick", have broadcast nearly all relevant meetings in 2017 and work to make sure the technology exists to provide even more in 2018. Without clear and open meetings available to all citizens, our local democracy cannot function. Channel 22 not only provides meetings on our access channel with Comcast but also provides on-demand content on Town Hall Streams so citizens can access past meetings at the touch of a button. Channel 22 has also broadcast local events such as concerts at our Bandstand, the events surrounding our 275th and the recent championship run of our Winnacunnet Warriors Football team.

This Board, as those before us, recognize the continued efforts of the Town Clerk, Susan Buchanan and her team. Sadly, the town bid farewell to the retiring Georgia Dougherty, who, after years of serving our town is now pursuing new adventures in education. Susan and her staff continue to offer a friendly face and helpful hand even when we need to pay our taxes or register our cars.

2017 also saw the celebration of North Hamptons 275th incorporation as a town in New Hampshire. Over the course of the year there were celebrations including cookouts, historical tours, a dinner celebration and a non-denominational service. We would like to thank the many volunteers who unselfishly gave their time to make this event a success. The Heritage Commission and North Hampton Business Association took a strong lead in helping raise funds, manage the events and help promote activities. Among those events was the Harvest dinner held at Throw Back Brewery in November. They were gracious and hospitable hosts and the dinner was spectacular.



North Hampton manages to average the 7th lowest tax rate over the last 5 years among the 37 communities in Rockingham County

The Select Board goals, post-March election, largely mirrored the goals of the Select Board prior to the March election. Some of the goals completed during the last year include: paramedics coverage on all shifts, air conditioning in the Town Hall, amicable negotiations with the unions, updating the Town web site, reinstating the publishing and mailing of the community newsletter, targeting to publish 3 times per year, receiving a grant to analyze the effectiveness of culverts in Philbrick Pond, and improving safety between North Hampton Beach to the Beach Plum restaurant by improving the marking of the crosswalk area. Goals in-progress include: analysis of a modern document management system, updating all town policies, public access to defibrillators in all public buildings and analysis of necessary repairs and renovations to the Town Hall and Town Clerk's building. The Board was also able to complete a much-needed improvement to our purchasing process by implementing an Electronic Purchase Order system. This will provide improved efficiency, reporting and transparency to the purchasing process.

Access to clean, safe drinking water remains a priority for the Select Board. The clear majority of drinking water wells managed by Aquarion Water Company, now a subsidiary of Eversource, exist within our bounds. These wells supply more than 9,000 homes and more than 25,000 total residents in North Hampton, Hampton, and areas of Rye. This past year the Select Board and Water Commission partnered with the Town of Hampton in several legal cases that ultimately sought to ensure our access to clean drinking water. In the final settlement agreement between parties, North Hampton will receive better well water testing, access to reporting documents, and an active participation in oversight of Aquarion's water quality management. In a separate yet parallel effort, we continue to make significant strides in analyzing the potential breadth and impacts of toxins seeping from the Coakley Landfill. For the first time in the more than the 25-year history of the Coakley Landfill Group, not just one, but two of their regular meetings were open to the public and held in our Town Hall. Your Select Board will remain diligent in continuing to work to safeguard our water resources and provide our residents access to clean, safe water.

In September of 2017 Paul Apple announced his resignation as Town Administrator after 5 years of service to the town of North Hampton. We thank him for his stewardship of the community and wish him well on his future endeavors in North Carolina. The Select Board chose Fire Chief / Deputy Town Administrator, Mike Tully, to assume the position of Interim Town Administrator. The Chief has worked exhaustively during the final months of 2017 to accomplish goals, complete budgets, assist in the hiring process of open staff positions, and assisting to negotiate a Collective Bargaining agreement with the Fire Fighters Union Chapter local 3211. We thank him for his service, which has been above and beyond what was expected during this time of transition.

As a recently awarded HeartSafe Community, North Hampton continues to provide an exceptional level of life services to the citizens of our town, these services being provided by both our Fire/Rescue and Police Departments. While Chief Tully has been tasked as our Interim Town Administrator, the Fire/Rescue Department has been deftly and adroitly managed by Deputy Chief Jason Lajoie. As with other town departments this year, this department has seen its share of changes in personnel during the year, highlighted by the departure of 3 paramedics. Faced with this challenge the Fire/Rescue team has stay focused and patient, which has paid off in dividends, we ended the year with a fully staffed paramedic program, maintaining the strong paramedic services mandated by the electorate in 2010.

The North Hampton Select Board is pleased to submit its annual report on major activities of the 2017 calendar year and fiscal year 2017 which ran from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017. The Select Board is the governing body of the Town of North Hampton and is obligated to observe their statutory duties, to carry out the policies adopted by town meeting and to managing the prudent affairs of the Town. Our responsibilities include, but are not limited to setting policy, preparing an annual budget for presentation to the Municipal Budget Committee, and honoring the votes on Election Day.

Town Meeting 2017:

The town of North Hampton held their election on March 14th, 2017, the second Tuesday of the month as determined by state mandate. Despite inclement weather the election was held, and total turnout was comparable to previous years. We applaud the efforts of the DPW, the Police and Fire Departments as well as the many volunteers and town employees that minimized the impact of the weather on the voters.

The fiscal year 2017 operating budget of \$6,982,118 was approved by a vote of 712 to 204. The Select Board submitted 19 spending articles on the 2017 ballot for a total of \$1,106,667 which included equipment, capital improvements and general maintenance for buildings and roads. Of the 19 articles, 7 passed for a total of \$536,463 and 12 failed to gain the 50% margin to pass for a total of \$570,204. A separate warrant article set forth by citizens petition for a Safety Complex on route 1 for \$6,250,000 was also defeated.

At the March 14th election the voters chose Kathleen Kilgore as their new Select Board member, to serve a 3-year term, joining Chairman Jim Maggiore and Vice Chair Larry Miller for the remainder of 2017. The Board would like to thank Rick Stanton for his years of service and dedication to the Town of North Hampton. The new board first met on March 20th to select their chair (Jim Maggiore) and to appoint representatives to the appropriate boards and committees.

2017 Financial Condition:

In December of 2017 the Select Board set the current tax rate for North Hampton at \$18.50 per \$1,000. This rate is comprised of 4 functional areas of spending: Municipal, County, Local Education and State Education.

Municipal:	\$ 5.62
County:	\$ 1.16
Local Education:	\$ 9.24
State Education:	\$ 2.48
Total:	\$18.50

The town portion of the North Hampton tax bill was lowered by \$.07 from FY 2016 primarily driven by the vote of the Legislative Body choosing not to pass \$570,204 in Warrant Articles. *The largest increases in our tax burden in the last year come from our obligation to local education (North Hampton School and Winnacunnet High School) as well as state education. The school portion makes up over 60% of our overall budget. We are ever mindful of the impact rising property taxes can have on households, particularly our senior citizens, and it is our intention to continue to keep taxes down as much as possible.*

The North Hampton Select Board is pleased to submit our annual report of the major activities for the past year. Our thanks go to all employees who are instrumental in producing our report. Special thanks goes to Ms. Jan Facella who selflessly commits herself to her responsibilities to residents, the Select Board, and Town Administrator, including all the time it takes to organize and produce this report.

We also take time here to recognize the many residents who serve as commissioners, trustees, committee members, and supervisors on one or more of the more than 20 boards and commissions of the Town. These positions require a great number of hours and careful study of numerous issues. Their willingness to volunteer merits our respect and appreciation.

North Hampton celebrated its 275th anniversary in 2017. Our 275th Anniversary Committee worked for more than a year with residents, employees, and the business community organizing the parade, cookout, home and historic tours, testimonials from some of our most senior residents, a fall harvest supper, and finally a non-denominational service all underscoring this milestone moment in our history.

The Town's financial condition remains very healthy as reported in the last audit. Despite ever increasing costs, the municipal portion of our tax rate dropped \$.07 in the last half of 2017 and \$.01 in first half of the tax year. North Hampton manages to average the 7th lowest tax rate over the last 5 years among the 37 communities in Rockingham County. The largest increases in our tax burden in the last year come from our obligation to local education (North Hampton School and Winnacunnet High School) as well as state education. The school portion makes up over 60% of our overall budget. We are ever mindful of the impact rising property taxes can have on households, particularly our senior citizens, and it is our intention to continue to keep taxes down as much as possible.

Access to clean, safe drinking water remains a priority for the Select Board. The vast majority of drinking water wells managed by Aquarion Water Company, now a subsidiary of Eversource, exist within our bounds. These wells supply more than 9000 homes and more than 25000 total residents in North Hampton, Hampton, and areas of Rye. This past year the Select Board and Water Commission partnered with the Town of Hampton in several legal cases that ultimately sought to ensure our access to clean drinking water. In the final settlement agreement between parties North Hampton will receive better well water testing, access to reporting documents, and generally better oversight of Aquarion's quality management. In a separate yet parallel effort, we continue to make significant strides in analyzing the potential breadth and impacts of toxins seeping from the Coakley landfill. For the first time in the more than 25 year history of the Coakley Landfill Group, one of their regular meetings was open to the public and held in our Town Hall. The Select Board will remain diligent in the scrutiny of the parties that can directly affect our health.

In addition to water issues, the Select Board goals post-March election largely mirrored the goals of the Select Board prior to the March election. Some of the goals completed during the last year include: paramedics on every shift in the fire-rescue department, air conditioning in

the Town Hall, amicable negotiations with the unions, updating the Town web site, publishing the community newsletter three times per year, receiving a grant to analyze the effectiveness of culverts in Philbrick Pond, and better crossing from the North Hampton Beach to the Beach Plum restaurant. Goals in-progress include: analysis of a modern document management system, updating all town policies, public access to defibrillators in all public buildings and analysis of necessary repairs and renovations to the Town Hall and Town Clerk's building.

The Board may have completed more goals during the year, however the retirement of Police Chief Michael Maddocks and the departures of Deputy Police Chief Steven Janvrin, Town Administrator Paul Apple, Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Kevin Kelly, and Recreation Director Jim O'Hara, as well as the retirement of Detective Bill Adams, and the departure of Corey Greeney and Adam Mills from our fire/rescue department required immediate attention. It is difficult to sufficiently thank all these individuals for their service to North Hampton. Their honesty, commitment, and unwavering standards for excellence are hallmarks for community service. For many of us, these people became trusted friends. We can't thank them enough for their dedication to North Hampton and wish them well in their endeavors.

During this transition period so many employees stepped up to serve in the breach. We must thank interim Town Administrator Michael Tully, interim Police Chief Michael French, Deputy Fire Chief Jason Lajoie, Administrative Assistant Jan Facella, Planning and Zoning Administrator Rick Milner, Finance Director Ryan Cornwell, Bookkeeper Anne Kenney, Town Clerk Susan Buchanan and her staff for overcoming many challenges and keeping the day-to-day operation of municipal business running efficiently.

The New Year will certainly provide many additional challenges. The New Hampshire House and Senate will evaluate nearly 1000 pieces of legislation, a staggering total. In 2018 we are required by law to complete a town-wide revaluation of assessed property. The Board will continue to seek ways to provide better wireless service in underserved areas. The Economic Development Committee commissioned a town-wide survey to include a gauge of satisfaction and interest in the development of Route 1. Regardless of the challenge, your Select Board is committed to the prudent management of all the affairs affecting our residents.

Your three-member Select Board is elected to staggered three-year terms. Board members are Kathleen Kilgore, Larry Miller and Jim Maggiore. Our responsibilities include: setting policy, preparing an annual budget for presentation to the Municipal Budget Committee, honoring the votes on Election Day, and managing the prudent affairs of the Town. The Select Board meets in regular session the second and fourth Monday of each month (and as needed at other times) in the Town Hall at 7:00PM. All regular meetings are streamed live to the internet via Town Hall Streams, streamed live to YouTube in high definition, and transmitted live on our educational and government access channel. Minutes of all meetings – regular, non-public, workshop, and special – are available on the Town web site.

In closing, the Board would like thank each and every citizen in North Hampton moved to become engaged at any level in sound government. We appreciate you for staying involved in community and keeping abreast of the issue affecting all of us.

Respectfully.

Kathleen Kilgore

Larry Miller

Jim Maggiore

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The North Hampton Select Board is pleased to submit its annual report on major activities of the 2017 calendar year and fiscal year 2017 which ran from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017. The Select Board is the governing body of the Town of North Hampton and is obligated to observe their statutory duties, to carry out the policies adopted by town meeting and to managing the prudent affairs of the Town. Our responsibilities include, but are not limited to setting policy, preparing an annual budget for presentation to the Municipal Budget Committee, and honoring the votes on Election Day.

Town Meeting 2017:

The town of North Hampton held their election on March 14th, 2017, the second Tuesday of the month as determined by state mandate. Despite inclement weather the election was held, and total turnout was comparable to previous years. We applaud the efforts of the DPW, the Police and Fire Departments as well as the many volunteers and town employees that minimized the impact of the weather on the voters.

The fiscal year 2017 operating budget of \$6,982,118 was approved by a vote of 712 to 204. The Select Board submitted 19 spending articles on the 2017 ballot for a total of \$1,106,667 which included equipment, capital improvements and general maintenance for buildings and roads. Of the 19 articles, 7 passed for a total of \$536,463 and 12 failed to gain the 50% margin to pass for a total of \$570,204. A separate warrant article set forth by citizens petition for a Safety Complex on route 1 for \$6,250,000 was also defeated.

At the March 14th election the voters chose Kathleen Kilgore as their new Select Board member, to serve a 3-year term, joining Chairman Jim Maggiore and Vice Chair Larry Miller for the remainder of 2017. The Board would like to thank Rick Stanton for his years of service and dedication to the Town of North Hampton. The new board first met on March 20th to select their chair (Jim Maggiore) and to appoint representatives to the appropriate boards and committees.

2017 Financial Condition:

In December of 2017 the Select Board set the current tax rate for North Hampton at \$18.50 per \$1,000. This rate is comprised of 4 functional areas of spending: Municipal, County, Local Education and State Education.

Municipal:	\$ 5.62
County:	\$ 1.16
Local Education:	\$ 9.24
State Education:	\$ 2.48
Total:	\$18.50

The town portion of the North Hampton tax bill was lowered by \$.07 from FY 2016 primarily driven by the vote of the Legislative Body choosing not to pass \$570,204 in Warrant Articles. *The largest increases in our tax burden in the last year come from our obligation to local education (North Hampton School and Winnacunnet High School) as well as state education. The school portion makes up over 60% of our overall budget. We are ever mindful of the impact rising property taxes can have on households, particularly our senior citizens, and it is our intention to continue to keep taxes down as much as possible.*

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The Select Board goals, post-March election, largely mirrored the goals of the Select Board prior to the March election. Some of the goals completed during the last year include: paramedics coverage on all shifts, air conditioning in the Town Hall, amicable negotiations with the unions, updating the Town web site, reinstating the publishing and mailing of the community newsletter, targeting to publish 3 times per year, receiving a grant to analyze the effectiveness of culverts in Philbrick Pond, and improving safety between North Hampton Beach to the Beach Plum restaurant by improving the marking of the crosswalk area. Goals in-progress include: analysis of a modern document management system, updating all town policies, public access to defibrillators in all public buildings and analysis of necessary repairs and renovations to the Town Hall and Town Clerk's building. The Board was also able to complete a much-needed improvement to our purchasing process by implementing an Electronic Purchase Order system. This will provide improved efficiency, reporting and transparency to the purchasing process.

Access to clean, safe drinking water remains a priority for the Select Board. The clear majority of drinking water wells managed by Aquarion Water Company, now a subsidiary of Eversource, exist within our bounds. These wells supply more than 9,000 homes and more than 25,000 total residents in North Hampton, Hampton, and areas of Rye. This past year the Select Board and Water Commission partnered with the Town of Hampton in several legal cases that ultimately sought to ensure our access to clean drinking water. In the final settlement agreement between parties, North Hampton will receive better well water testing, access to reporting documents, and an active participation in oversight of Aquarion's water quality management. In a separate yet parallel effort, we continue to make significant strides in analyzing the potential breadth and impacts of toxins seeping from the Coakley Landfill. For the first time in the more than the 25-year history of the Coakley Landfill Group, not just one, but two of their regular meetings were open to the public and held in our Town Hall. Your Select Board will remain diligent in continuing to work to safeguard our water resources and provide our residents access to clean, safe water.

In September of 2017 Paul Apple announced his resignation as Town Administrator after 5 years of service to the town of North Hampton. We thank him for his stewardship of the community and wish him well on his future endeavors in North Carolina. The Select Board chose Fire Chief / Deputy Town Administrator, Mike Tully, to assume the position of Interim Town Administrator. The Chief has worked exhaustively during the final months of 2017 to accomplish goals, complete budgets, assist in the hiring process of open staff positions, and assisting to negotiate a Collective Bargaining agreement with the Fire Fighters Union Chapter local 3211. We thank him for his service, which has been above and beyond what was expected during this time of transition.

As a recently awarded HeartSafe Community, North Hampton continues to provide an exceptional level of life services to the citizens of our town, these services being provided by both our Fire/Rescue and Police Departments. While Chief Tully has been tasked as our Interim Town Administrator, the Fire/Rescue Department has been deftly and adroitly managed by Deputy Chief Jason Lajoie. As with other town departments this year, this department has seen its share of changes in personnel during the year, highlighted by the departure of 3 paramedics. Faced with this challenge the Fire/Rescue team has stay focused and patient, which has paid off in dividends, we ended the year with a fully staffed paramedic program, maintaining the strong paramedic services mandated by the electorate in 2010.

North Hampton is so fortunate to have many volunteers and organizations that contribute to the fabric and quality of life in our coastal community. The North Hampton Community is served by a tireless Recreation Commission. After the abrupt departure of James O'Hara the Volunteer members of the Rec Department gathered to continue services for our community. These volunteers, in conjunction with the NHYA, provide a lifetime of lessons for our youth and their time and efforts are greatly appreciated. We also have Centennial Hall which provides space to the town when ever needed as they work to return this beautiful building to its original grandeur. The North Hampton Bandstand celebrated their 22nd year of providing free music at the common offering over a dozen concerts this year including the rousing performance by the Air Force Heritage band on July 1st. Also, to be recognized are the Friends of the North Hampton Library whose hard work and fundraising provide programs, supplies and equipment to the Library. These organizations continue to provide a level of enjoyment, entertainment and support that is felt by many in our town.

"Individual commitment to a group effort – that is what makes a team work, company work, a society work, a civilization work" Vince Lombardi. In the spirit of that thought, we recognize all that Jan Facella does for North Hampton. She is essential in keeping the day-to-day operation of the municipal business running efficient and helps our team successfully overcome the many challenges that it faces regularly.

The New Year will certainly provide many additional challenges, many known, and many unknown at this time. To name a just a few. In 2018 we are required by law to complete a town-wide revaluation of assessed property. The Board will continue to seek ways to provide better wireless service in underserved areas. The Economic Development Committee will commission a town-wide survey to include a gauge of satisfaction and interest in the development of Route 1. The New Hampshire House and Senate will evaluate nearly 1000 pieces of legislation which will directly or indirectly impact our town. Regardless of the challenges we will face, rest assure that your Select Board will work alongside our town employees, commission, committees, volunteers, town residents and businesses to successfully overcome these challenges and improve the quality of our town, our lives.

In closing, as your Select Board, we would like to recognize and thank the many residents who take time to actively participate in town matters. Whether you participate in town meetings or serve as commissioners, trustees, committee members on one or more of than the 20 boards and commissions in town, your time and effort is what makes our town the unique and special place we call Home.

Respectfully yours,

Jim Maggiore, Chair
Larry Miller, Vice Chair
Kathleen Kilgore, Member

The Police Department has seen changes in all levels of the department as well. The department has navigated the departure of Deputy Chief Steven Janvrin, the retirements of Chief Mike Maddocks and Detective Bill Adams under the helpful hand of Acting Chief Michael French. Our young staff has trained and worked with alongside our veteran officers to provide necessary services. During this interim period the PD has maintained the peace and has provide excellent protection to our community.

We would also like to acknowledge the work of John Hubbard and the North Hampton Department of Public Works for their continued hard-work and frugality in maintaining the towns roads, buildings and properties. Hub and his team provide a myriad of services and always seem to achieve their goals at or below budget. Their prudent and responsible maintenance of our roadways is a shining example on the Seacoast.

The North Hampton Building inspector, Kevin Kelly, moved on to a new opportunity in a neighboring community after years of service to our town. Glen Bosworth has stepped up to fill in with the help of Rick Milner to cover the department. As we move forward the Board hopes to have a more amicable relationship with our community, our businesses and land owners.

Our fiscal management is in the capable hands of Ryan Cornwell and Anne Kenney. Their tireless efforts include payroll, budget, accounts payable, purchasing functions and budget analysis. They offer resources and information not only to the Select Board but also the Town Administrator, the Budget Committee and other boards and committees as needed. Their accurate and precise data helps the entire town administration perform their duties with confidence.

Of course, without full and complete transparency, our town government would not perform to its fullest extent. With that goal in mind we must thank Channel 22 and our Cable Director, John Savastano. John and his team, "Goose" and "Maverick", have broadcast nearly all relevant meetings in 2017 and work to make sure the technology exists to provide even more in 2018. Without clear and open meetings available to all citizens, our local democracy cannot function. Channel 22 not only provides meetings on our access channel with Comcast but also provides on-demand content on Town Hall Streams so citizens can access past meetings at the touch of a button. Channel 22 has also broadcast local events such as concerts at our Bandstand, the events surrounding our 275th and the recent championship run of our Winnacunnet Warriors Football team.

This Board, as those before us, recognize the continued efforts of the Town Clerk, Susan Buchannan and her team. Sadly, the town bid farewell to the retiring Georgia Dougherty, who, after years of serving our town is now pursuing new adventures in education. Susan and her staff continue to offer a friendly face and helpful hand even when we need to pay our taxes or register our cars.

2017 also saw the celebration of North Hamptons 275th incorporation as a town in New Hampshire. Over the course of the year there were celebrations including cookouts, historical tours, a dinner celebration and a non-denominational service. We would like to thank the many volunteers who unselfishly gave their time to make this event a success. The Heritage Commission and North Hampton Business Association took a strong lead in helping raise funds, manage the events and help promote activities. Among those events was the Harvest dinner held at Throw Back Brewery in November. They were gracious and hospitable hosts and the dinner was spectacular.