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2 **TOWN OF NORTH HAMPTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE**
3 **NORTH HAMPTON SELECT BOARD MEETING**

4 **January 25, 2021 7:00 PM**

5 ***DRAFT MINUTES***

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7 MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Jim Maggiore, Vice Chairman James Sununu, Selectman Larry Miller

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9 ALSO PRESENT: Town Administrator Michael Tully

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11 **AGENDA**

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13 Chairman Jim Maggiore welcomed everyone to the January 25, 2021 Regular Select Board Meeting and
14 called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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16 Chairman Maggiore said no motions were made in the Non-Public Meeting.

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18 **Motion:** To seal the minutes of the Non-Public Meeting of January 25, 2021.

19 **Motioned:** Vice-Chair Sununu

20 **Seconded:** Selectman Miller

21 **Vote:** Motion approved by a vote of 3-0

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23 **First Public Comment Session**

24 *Phone: 603-758-1447; Email: jmaggiore@northhampton-nh.gov*

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26 No public comments.

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28 **Consent Calendar**

29 5.1 Payroll Manifest of January 14, 2020 in the amount of \$248,424.13

30 5.2 Payroll Manifest of January 21, 2021 in the amount of \$67,456.70

31 5.3 Accounts Payable Manifest of January 21, 2021 in the amount of \$1,724,147.30

32 5.4 Cemetery Deeds

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35 ***Disclaimer –These minutes are prepared by the Recording Secretary within five (5) business days as required by***
36 ***NH RSA 91-A:2, II. They will not be finalized until approved by majority vote of the Select Board.***

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38 ***A recording of the meeting can be found at: http://www.townhallstreams.com/towns/north_hampton_nh, and a***
39 ***DVD recording is available at the North Hampton Town Administrative Offices, 233 Atlantic Avenue, North***
40 ***Hampton, New Hampshire 03862.***

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- 42 5.5 Solar Exemption Application
- 43 5.6 Abatement Applications
- 44 5.7 Supplemental Tax Bills
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46 **Motion:** To approve the Consent Calendar as presented
47 **Motioned:** Vice-Chair Sununu
48 **Seconded:** Selectman Miller
49 **Vote:** Motion approved by a vote of 3-0

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51 **Correspondence**

52 *Correspondence from State of New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) received*
53 *December 22, 2020 regarding North Hampton 2018 Full Statistical Update.*

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55 Chairman Maggiore said on March 30, 2018 DRA received a signed contract between Town of North
56 Hampton and Vision Government Solutions to complete a full statistical update of all taxable and non-
57 taxable property effective 2018. The DRA Equalization Study of 2018 resulted in a median ratio of 95.5, a
58 coefficient of dispersion of 10.6 and a PRD of 1.03, all within IAAO and ASB recommended ranges and
59 show improvement over prior indicators of assessment level and equity; next assessment in 2023.

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61 **Committee Updates**

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63 Selectman Miller said at this time there is no meeting scheduled for the *Economic Development*
64 *Committee* for the next 2 months.

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66 Chairman Maggiore said the *Heritage Commission* was scheduled but they were unable to hold the
67 meeting. The *Water Commission* has not had a meeting and they have ongoing legal issues and are still
68 engaged with Counsel.

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70 Selectman Miller said the *Budget Committee* has adopted a Budget; the School will meet February 2, 2021
71 for Deliberative and the Town Deliberative will be held on February 6, 2021, both held in the School
72 Gymnasium.

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74 Vice-Chair Sununu said the *Rails to Trails Committee* has not met and will be meeting in February.

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76 **Report of the Town Administrator**

77 *A copy of the Report of the Town Administrator will be attached to these minutes.*

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79 **Report from January 12, 2020 through January 22, 2021** – The Budget Committee voted on all the Warrant
80 Articles and held the required Public Hearing on January 19, 2021; Warrants were published today and
81 posted on the Budget Committee webpage. Town is currently in good shape with 47% of the Budget
82 remaining and 24 weeks remaining in FY2021. Chief Mone warned of vehicle break-ins and stolen vehicles
83 in surrounding communities and an uptick in fraud and identity theft.

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85 Fire Department: New Ambulance delayed and should arrive this week; Director Manzi set up an Ice Rink
86 at Knowles Field; PFAS investigation meeting held with Stone Hill Environmental January 13, 2021 and
87 hope to complete the investigation by June for DES approval. CBA agreement signed with International

88 Association of Firefighters Local 3211 and Warrant Article passed Select Board 3-0, Budget Committee 6-
89 0. GIS Tax Maps initiative under way for this summer.

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91 Chairman Maggiore asked about providing information to the Town Moderator on who will move, second,
92 and speak to each Warrant Article. Vice-Chair Sununu offered to move each one and Selectman Miller
93 agreed to second.

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95 **Items Left on the Table**

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97 **NEW BUSINESS**

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99 **10.1 Discussion of Cable Availability in North Hampton**

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101 Chairman Maggiore said at legislative level last year was challenging bringing Cable Internet services to
102 unserved or underserved areas of North Hampton. Because all areas of North Hampton are served this
103 legislation does not open the Town to any benefits at the Board level. Vice-Chair Sununu said the
104 legislation in question here is NH SB170 which not only provides no benefits, but the Town would not be
105 eligible as they have an incumbent provider who provides high-speed internet services to the entire Town.

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107 **10.2 Discussion Heritage Commission Sub-Committee Regarding Walkway at Town Clerk's Office**

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109 Chairman Maggiore said the Town Clerk's office driveway reconfiguration is proposed by DOT with regard
110 to moving the entrance to the new Library construction project. The Heritage Commission came in with
111 the idea of turning the driveway into a walkway instead and wishes to establish a special Sub-Committee
112 to work with relative departments and DOT. Town Administrator Tully said the Sub-Committee was listed
113 under the Heritage Commission; Selectman Miller said it should be under the Select Board as they would
114 have authority over the use of the land. Vice-Chair Sununu said the purpose of the Sub-Committee would
115 be to get something to the Select Board to make a decision and said the proposed makeup of the
116 committee seems fine.

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118 **Motion:** Move to establish a special committee to work with the Town, DOT, Library, Heritage
119 Commission, Town Clerk and any other relevant agency or governing body to develop a plan to replace
120 the current oval driveway in front of the Town Clerk's office with an oval walkway and run an attendant
121 fund-raising campaign to support the effort.

122 **Motioned:** Chairman Maggiore; Selectman Miller said the walkway should not be designated as "oval"

123 **Seconded:** Vice Chair Sununu, as amended.

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125 Discussion: Chairman Maggiore said members of the Sub-Committee could be: 2 Heritage Commission
126 members, 1 Select Board member, 1 Library Trustee, Town Clerk or appointee, and 2 members of the
127 public. Town Administrator Tully said in general they usually advertise in Friday Folders for volunteers and
128 asked suggestions be presented at the Select Board meeting in March, and state that the committee stays
129 in place until project completion.

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131 **Vote:** Motion approved, as amended, by a vote of 3-0

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133 **10.3 Discussion of Oliver Brook Trail Parking Area**

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135 Town Administrator Tully said the Conservation Commission brought this project forward at the end of
136 last year for funding; project was put on hold pending grant application. They were successful in getting
137 the grant and asked Director Hubbard to go down to the site and work on the parking area. Director
138 Hubbard said his trucks are currently in winter mode but felt it would be a quick project as long as the
139 Board agrees with the minimal cost for materials. Completion and grading of parking area will provide a
140 place for wood deliveries and the NH SCA Corps will be there in summer to determine materials needed.

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142 **Motion:** To authorize the DPW to proceed with the construction of the parking area on Loman Road for
143 the Oliver Brook Trail project to the Little River Conservancy as previously discussed.

144 **Motioned:** Vice-Chair Sununu

145 **Seconded:** Selectman Miller

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147 Town Administrator Tully said the Town will take care of the funding and the cost should be minimal.
148 Chairman Maggiore thanked the Conservation Commission for their extensive work on this project.

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150 **Vote:** Motion approved by a vote of 3-0
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152 **MINTES OF PRIOR MEETINGS**

153 154 **Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 11, 2021**

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156 **Motion:** To approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 11, 2021 as presented.

157 **Motioned:** Vice-Chair Sununu

158 **Seconded:** Selectman Miller

159 **Vote:** Motion approved by a vote of 3-0
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161 **Approval of the Non-Public Meeting Minutes of January 11, 2021**

162 **Motion:** To approve the Non-Public Meeting Minutes of January 11, 2021 as presented.

163 **Motioned:** Vice-Chair Sununu

164 **Seconded:** Selectman Miller

165 **Vote:** Motion approved by a vote of 3-0; minutes remain sealed
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167 **Approval of the Non-Public Meeting Minutes of December 28, 2020**

168 **Motion:** To approve the Non-Public Meeting Minutes of December 28, 2020 as presented.

169 **Motioned:** Vice-Chair Sununu

170 **Seconded:** Selectman Miller

171 **Vote:** Motion approved by a vote of 3-0; minutes remain sealed
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173 **Any Other Item that may legally come before the Board**

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175 Chairman Maggiore said the Legislature will start with its active work next Monday; all meetings will be
176 virtual.

177 178 **Second Public Comment Session**

179 *Phone: 603-758-1447; Email: jmaggiore@northhampton-nh.gov*

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181 No public comments.
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183 **Next Regular Meeting:** February 8, 2021

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185 **Adjournment**

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187 Chairman Maggiore adjourned the meeting at 7:53 pm.

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189 Respectfully submitted,

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191 Patricia Denmark, Recording Secretary

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