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

4 **APRIL 11, 2022 7:00 PM**

5 **NORTH HAMPTON TOWN HALL**

6 ***DRAFT MINUTES***

7 SELECT BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman James Sununu, Vice Chairman Jim Maggiore, Selectman
8 Jonathan Pinette

9 ALSO PRESENT: Town Administrator Michael Tully

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11 **AGENDA**

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13 Chairman James Sununu welcomed everyone to the April 11, 2022 North Hampton Select Board Meeting
14 and called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. He said the Board was just coming from Non-Public Meetings
15 and asked for a motion to seal the minutes, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

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17 **Motion:** To seal the Meeting Minutes of Non-Public Sessions I and II of April 11, 2022.

18 **Motioned:** Selectman Pinette

19 **Seconded:** Vice-Chair Maggiore

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

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22 **First Public Comment Session**

23 *For comments please call 603-758-1447; email jsununu@northhampton-nh.gov*

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25 No public comment.

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27 **Consent Calendar**

28 6.1 Payroll Manifest of March 31, 2022 in the amount of \$73,270.41

29 6.2 Payroll Manifest of April 7, 2022 in the amount of \$271,607.21

30 6.3 Accounts Payable Manifest of March 31, 2022 in the amount of \$63,334.45

31 6.4 Veterans Tax Credit

32 6.5 Intents to Cut Wood or Timber

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34 ***Disclaimer –These minutes are prepared by the Recording Secretary within five (5) business days as required by***
35 ***NH RSA 91-A:2, II. They will not be finalized until approved by majority vote of the Select Board.***
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37 **A recording of the meeting can be found at: http://www.townhallstreams.com/towns/north_hampton_nh, and a**
38 **DVD recording is available at the North Hampton Town Administrative Offices, 233 Atlantic Avenue, North**
39 **Hampton, New Hampshire 03862.**

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41 **Motion:** To approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

42 **Motioned:** Selectman Pinette

43 **Seconded:** Vice-Chair Maggiore

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

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46 **Correspondence**

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48 Correspondence from New Hampshire Department of Transportation (DOT): Regarding North Hampton
49 Project 24457 – Finding Necessity of Public Meeting scheduled for April 28, 2022 at DOT Headquarters in
50 Concord at 2:00 pm; letter from Gabrelle N. Hayes, NHDOT Right of Way Bureau hearing coordinator; read
51 in full by Chairman Sununu.

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53 Town Administrator Tully said this is not a meeting for public comment but a meeting on the Bridge
54 Project. The Public Meeting was held 1-2 years ago at the North Hampton School and DOT is just getting
55 to it now.

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57 Correspondence from Greg Jordan, County Forester: Chairman Sununu said the letter is In response to
58 questions raised at the last meeting regarding Red Pine Scale discovered on Town-owned property behind
59 the School where some logging will be going on and the Board requested the opinion of the County
60 Forester on how to handle that.

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62 Town Administrator Tully suggested handling the correspondence under New Business Item 12.2 on the
63 agenda.

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65 **Committee Updates**

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67 Vice-Chair Maggiore said he has nothing for the *Water Commission* but may have an update for the Board
68 at the next meeting on a rate case to discuss in Non-Public.

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70 Chairman Sununu said neither the *Rails to Trails Committee* nor *Budget Committee* have met, but *Budget*
71 *Committee* will hold an organizational meeting later this week to elect Chair and Vice-Chair.

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73 **Public Hearing: To Consider the Acceptance of Unanticipated Revenue in the Amount of \$99,425,**
74 **Awarded to the Town of North Hampton from the Nature Conservancy for the Philbrick Pond Culvert**
75 **Project**

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77 Chairman Sununu opened the Public Hearing at 7:10 pm.

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79 Town Administrator Tully said the project has been completed, updates have been provided, and seeding
80 will be done in the spring. He said the project was a success and the Town gained 14-15 inches of tide
81 difference for the health of the marsh, and explained these funds are to repay us for the grant funds.

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83 Chairman Sununu closed the Public Hearing at 7:12 pm.

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85 **Motion:** To accept the funds in the amount of \$99,425 for the Philbrick Pond Project.

86 **Motioned:** Selectman Pinette
87 **Seconded:** Vice-Chair Maggiore
88 **Vote:** Motion approved by a vote of 3-0
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90 **Report of the Town Administrator**

91 *A copy of the Report of the Town Administrator will be attached to these minutes.*
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93 Report from March 29 – April 8, 2022: Finance: 24% of Budget remaining with 12 weeks left in fiscal year;
94 Chief Mone working on signage with DOT on Route 151/111 intersection; Chief Lajoie finalizing Fire
95 Dispatch move; Deputy Cook working on grants for new building to offset costs; RFP put forward for Clerk
96 of the Works for new building project; Building Inspector will be moving to a job in the private sector;
97 Route 1 Culvert meeting tomorrow with resident; Seacoast Private Well Initiative to provide well testing
98 at no cost, with possible extra charge for PFAS testing.
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100 Questions/Comments: Vice-Chair Maggiore said he had promised to go the RC Club but missed the
101 meeting due to a long legislative session and would try for the next one. Chairman Sununu asked the
102 anticipated closing date for the Bond Bank. Town Administrator Tully said it will not happen until the July
103 Bond Sale but they were trying to move the date up one month to get a better rate.
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105 **Items Left on the Table** – None
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107 **NEW BUSINESS**
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109 **12.1 Channel 22 Report**
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111 Channel 22 Director John Savastano said he and his colleagues have been working on their own website
112 to include everything from a video standpoint for Channel 22, with YouTube programming, meetings,
113 highlights, and Town events. He provided a quick video of highlights over the past year, and demonstrated
114 how to negotiate the Channel 22 Website at North Hampton Community Media.com.
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116 Director Savastano said they started up Radio North Hampton, a podcast they will try to do weekly, are
117 trying to bring back TownCenter Talks, and are working on the Dining-Out show. He said in spring they
118 were able to archive 10 years of meetings, and have a link to the Town Website and are hoping to get a
119 cross link. He said they are working to provide time and temperature and possibly a webcam; current
120 events and a weekly schedule of upcoming events is listed and everything is on this one website.
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122 Director Savastano for this year alone 34,546 people went on YouTube to watch something we produced.
123 He said they had to upgrade their Zoom capability equipment, retired the NEXUS controller after 13 years
124 and activated CASTUS System, added a new operations PC that helps us do livestreams and edit show
125 production, and will be resuming Atlantic Avenue and Radio New Hampshire programming schedule. He
126 said station purchases were limited to cabling and small electronics, and mentioned a few weeks ago a
127 possible construction cam and may call for some recalibration of their 2014 cameras in future.
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129 Questions: Selectman Pinette asked if the construction cam will be on a time lapse. Director Savastano
130 said it would not and said is a live cam 24/7. He said for the Library project they sent up a drone every 2
131 weeks for about 5 minutes of video and would do something similar.
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133 **12.2 Discussion and of Red Pine at North Hampton School**

134 Town Administrator Tully said months ago logging at the School was investigated as well as on other Town
135 properties in the area and it was decided to move forward for the health of the forest to take down dead
136 trees and let new growth come in. He said things were going as planned when it was discovered that Red
137 Pine trees planted 60 years ago have Red Pine Scale disease and beetles burrowing into the trees. He said
138 he walked the trail several times with Nate of Sweets Logging and they are willing to take them out while
139 they are in there.

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141 Town Administrator Tully said there are about 10 acres of 80 that have a lot of Red Pine and had not
142 intended to take that many trees. He said at the last meeting the Board asked that he bring in the Tree
143 Warden, who said the trees do not belong there and are infested and should be taken out, and said he
144 did not believe in plantings as the forest will just grow up naturally. He said Mr. Maggiore also talked to
145 the County Forester, which is the letter in the packet. For tonight he said he is looking for what the Board
146 would like to do: (1) not touch any of the Red Pine, (2) have the logging company uses their judgement,
147 or (3) take out the majority of the Red Pine for the health of the forest.

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149 Selectman Pinette suggested clearing out the infection and taking down all the Red Pine. Town
150 Administrator Tully said it is cost effective to not have to pay for Red Pine removal later and said the exit
151 is off the Rail Trail and loggers would then have to exit through the School parking lot.

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153 Chairman Sununu said the letter from the County Forester did not recommend removing every single tree,
154 and the Board could defer judgement to the expertise of a warden or forester. The Board discussed the
155 issue and decided to have Nate use his best judgement to do what has to be done and move forward.
156 Town Administrator Tully said he would have Nate not eradicate the Red Pine but use his best judgement.

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158 **12.3 Discussion of Request for Proposal (RFP) for 2023 Revaluation of the Town**
159 Town Administrator Tully said there are two ways to do the Town revaluation: (1) by full measure and list,
160 or (2) by statistical revaluation. He said the price difference is quite large and the Town has planned for a
161 smaller one and has a Capital Reserve Fund ready to go, but the Board has the choice to delve deeper.

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163 Vice-Chair Maggiore said in 2018 they did a statistical revaluation and have found this gives a fair
164 representation for what we should be doing. He said the full measure list is knocking on every single door
165 and costs hundreds of thousands of dollars but does not seem to give you the return on investment.

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167 Selectman Pinette said he did not think door-to-door was needed, and said it was his impression the Town
168 would do 10% or 5%, whatever the fair market value is per property, based on current property sales and
169 based on a fair percentage targeted. Town Administrator Tully said in addition they do quarterlies, so it is
170 updated as we go through. He said last time he waited too long and could not get a competitive price as
171 schedules had already been set.

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173 Selectman Pinette said also when there is a revaluation, the tax rate is adjusted accordingly. Town
174 Administrator Tully said yes tax rate is adjusted, but the Town may see certain ranges of home get hit
175 differently because of the market.

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177 Chairman Sununu said regarding the method, we have been putting money away for 5 years for the
178 statistical revaluation and that is what we should do. If they decide to do a full list it should be planned
179 for well in advance to have enough money put aside. The Board authorized Town Administrator Tully to
180 go ahead post the RFP.

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182 **MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETINGS**

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184 **Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of March 28, 2022**

185 **Motion:** To accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 28, 2022 as presented.

186 **Motioned:** Selectman Pinette

187 **Seconded:** Vice-Chair Maggiore

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

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190 **Approval of Non-Public Meeting Minutes of March 28, 2022**

191 **Motion:** To accept the Non-Public Meeting Minutes of March 28, 2022.

192 **Motioned:** Selectman Pinette

193 **Seconded:** Vice-Chair Maggiore

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

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196 **Any Other Item that may legally come before the Board**

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198 Vice-Chair Maggiore said at the last Planning Board Meeting the North Hampton Business Association
199 came before the Planning Board to talk about Outdoor Dining, and the Planning Board was very receptive
200 to coming up with a permit for restaurants to be able to do a simple permit process to extend their
201 outdoor dining privileges through a date certain this year. He said the Planning Board will have something
202 for our next meeting.

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204 **Second Public Comment Session**

205 *For comments please call 603-758-1447; or email jsununu@northhampton-nh.gov*

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207 No public comment.

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209 **Next Regular Meeting:** April 25, 2022.

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211 **Adjournment**

Chairman Sununu adjourned the meeting at 7:5 pm.

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213 Respectfully submitted,

214 Patricia Denmark, Recording Secretary