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

4 **JUNE 26, 2023 7:00 PM**

5 **NORTH HAMPTON TOWN HALL**

6 ***DRAFT MINUTES***

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8 **SELECT BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Jonathan Pinette, Vice-Chairman James Sununu, Selectman  
9 James Maggiore

10 **ALSO PRESENT:** Town Administrator Michael Tully  
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12 Chairman Pinette welcomed everyone to the Select Board Regular Meeting of June 26, 2023 and called  
13 the meeting to order at 7:03 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance; coming from Non-Public Sessions  
14 I and II; no need to seal Session I minutes.  
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16 **Motion:** To seal the meeting minutes of Non-Public Session II.

17 **Motioned:** Vice-Chair Sununu

18 **Seconded:** Selectman Maggiore

19 **Vote:** Motion approved 3-0  
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21 **First Public Comment Session**

22 No Public Comment.  
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24 **Consent Calendar**

25 6.1 Payroll Manifest of June 15, 2023 in the amount of \$103,976.04

26 6.2 Payroll Manifest of June 22, 2023 in the amount of \$86,608.37

27 6.3 Accounts Payable Manifest of June 22, 2023 in the amount of \$656,830.28  
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29 **Motion:** To approve Payroll Manifest items 6.1-6.3 as presented.

30 **Motioned:** Vice-Chair Sununu

31 **Seconded:** Selectman Maggiore

32 **Vote:** Motion approved 3-0  
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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](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 **Correspondence** – Lori Cotter, June 12, 2023 – Read in full by Chairman Pinette: Ms. Cotter stated that  
42 Public Safety in North Hampton has reached a crucial stage, she questioned the issue was about money,  
43 asked about a “toxic working environment, and requested the Board initiate an employee survey not  
44 handled by MRI.

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46 **Committee Updates**

47 Selectman Maggiore said the *Heritage Commission* presented their Master Plan update for the Historic  
48 Resources Chapter at the last meeting which was adopted by the Planning Board unanimously; *Water*  
49 *Commission* has not met.

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51 Vice-Chair Sununu said *Rails to Trails* has not met since the last meeting; no *Budget Committee* meeting.

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53 Chairman Pinette said *CIP Committee* has not met since last meeting.

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55 **Report of the Town Administrator**

56 **Period: Through June 23, 2023:** Finance at 5% of Budget with 2 weeks left in FY; Dylan Spence graduated  
57 from Police Academy and started field training; conditional offer made for Police Chief replacement;  
58 another employee going to Police Academy in July; Fire conducting life safety inspections and seeking  
59 candidate for open position; Rec: summer camp started June 19<sup>th</sup>, adult coed softball June 20<sup>th</sup>, Centennial  
60 Hall fireworks August 12<sup>th</sup>, First Annual Golf Tournament at Sagamore Golf Club September 12<sup>th</sup>; PFAS  
61 investigation work continuing; Fire Negotiations Union to meeting in July; Revaluation: Ryan Cornwell will  
62 join Board at next meeting for a review.

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64 Vice-Chair Sununu said *Rails to Trails* is still working with Lafayette Plaza to provide trail access and  
65 continuing work with RPC on 501-C to administer and coordinate use of trail going forward. He said  
66 requests were solicited from businesses interested in sponsoring the Golf Tournament in Friday Folders.

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68 **Items Left on the Table**

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70 **NEW BUSINESS**

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72 **11.1 Building Project Update**

73 Marc Jobin, Clerk of the Works for the Safety Complex, said work is being done tonight to spray foam  
74 insulation in the attic; all mechanical systems are being installed; rest of insulation will be completed and  
75 dry wall installed. Siding and trim continues on the outside; roof is weathertight; parking is limited and  
76 will be ramping up in a few weeks with drainage and septic system in back; base coat of asphalt in July;  
77 project should be completed by end of November with Budget on target.

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79 **11.2 Appointment of Library Trustee to Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Committee**

80 **Motion:** To appoint Jacqueline Brandt as Library Representative to the CIP Committee.

81 **Motioned:** Vice-Chair Sununu

82 **Seconded:** Selectman Maggiore

83 **Vote:** Motion approved 3-0

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85 **11.3 Discussion of Community Aggregation**

86 Town Administrator Tully said two meeting ago Stuart Ormsbee of Colonial Power Group and Bart  
87 Fromuth of Freedom Energy Logistics presented information on Community Aggregation to the Select  
88 Board. He said he went back for more information and also set up for Community Coalition to come in to  
89 present their information.

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91 Town Administrator Tully said he started moving forward with Colonial Power Group and scheduled June  
92 or July for Select Board to vote on an Energy Aggregation Committee which will work with Colonial Power  
93 Group to propose a draft of the program plan in accordance with State Statutes and PUC, hold 2 public  
94 hearings for comments in October or November, have Select Board approve a plan for a Warrant Article  
95 in December for voters to adopt in March 2024; Colonial Power Group will file with PUC for review and  
96 approval; program launches late 2024 or early 2025 depending on pricing going forward.

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98 Town Administrator Tully said if they do all this work now and decide it is not worthwhile to jump in at  
99 that time, they can wait for pricing to be most advantageous. He said the bill will look the same but power  
100 handled from another place. The program is opt-in and they are now seeing rates of \$0.11-\$0.12/kWh  
101 with Eversource charging \$0.22/kWh; percentages of energy from renewable power can be set. He said  
102 he thinks the program is worthwhile and the Select Board will need to sign a contract agreement with  
103 Colonial Power.

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105 Vice-Chair Sununu explained that this was enabled by an RSA passed a few years ago and this March was  
106 the first time towns were actually able to vote whether or not to move in this direction, after approval of  
107 PUC on the program structure. There are 2 options: (1) Cooperative venture between towns; (2) go out  
108 on our own to negotiate contract. He said Hampton recently approved a contract with Colonial Power  
109 Group and more data will be available by fall. He said the Town only pays if they decide to enter into an  
110 agreement. He said Eversource and Until have to look at pricing every 6 months but Colonial Power can  
111 look at up to 5 years of power purchases which helps even things out.

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113 **Motion:** For Select Board to form an Energy Aggregation Committee of up to 5 members and advertise  
114 to the public that interested people are being solicited to serve on that Committee.

115 **Motioned:** Vice-Chair Sununu

116 **Seconded:** Selectman Maggiore

117 **Vote:** Motion approved 3-0

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119 Town Administrator Tully said they should allow for at least 2 weeks in Friday Folders and vote at the  
120 second Select Board meeting July 24, 2023.

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122 **Motion:** That pending review by the Town Attorney the Select Board authorize the Town Administrator  
123 to execute the agreement with Colonial Power Group for the Community Choice Aggregation Program.

124 **Motioned:** Vice-Chair Sununu

125 **Seconded:** Selectman Maggiore

126 **Vote:** Motion approved 3-0

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128 Town Administrator Tully said the Colonial Power Group presentation was posted on the website; Select  
129 Board will be working with the Energy Committee, and he will be working on the Warrant Article for fall.

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131 **MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETINGS**

Select Board Regular Meeting  
June 26, 202

132 **12.1 Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of June 12, 2023**

133 **Motion:** To approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 12, 2023 as presented.

134 **Motioned:** Vice-Chair Sununu

135 **Seconded:** Selectman Maggiore

136 **Vote:** Motion approved 3-0

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138 **12.1 Approval of Non-Public Meeting Minutes of June 12, 2023**

139 **Motion:** To approve the Non-Public Meeting Minutes of June 12, 2023 as presented.

140 **Motioned:** Vice-Chair Sununu

141 **Seconded:** Selectman Maggiore

142 **Vote:** Motion approved 3-0

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144 **12.1 Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of June 21, 2023**

145 **Motion:** To approve the Non-Public Meeting Minutes of June 21, 2023 as presented.

146 **Motioned:** Vice-Chair Sununu

147 **Seconded:** Selectman Maggiore

148 **Vote:** Motion approved 3-0

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

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152 **Second Public Comment Session**

153 No Public Comments.

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155 **Next Regular Meeting:** July 10, 2023

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Chairman Pinette adjourned the meeting at 7:37 pm.

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158 Respectfully submitted,

159 Patricia Denmark, Recording Secretary