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

4 **AUGUST 28, 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,  
9 Selectman 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 August 28, 2023 and called  
13 the meeting to order at 7:03 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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15 **First Public Comment Session**

16 *Phone: 603-758-1447*

17 Town Administrator Tully asked that Item 8.4 be moved to first under New Business; Board agreed.

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19 **Ann Marie Banfield** of 7 Highland Drive said on August 1, 2023 she fell while walking in her neighborhood  
20 and dislocated her elbow and sprained her ankle. A neighbor called paramedics for her and they arrived  
21 within 5 minutes. She said they were excellent and very professional, and expressed her extreme gratitude  
22 for their invaluable assistance and said they are truly appreciated.

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24 **Consent Calendar**

- 25 3.1 Payroll Manifest of August 17, 2023 in the amount of \$80,885.01  
26 3.2 Payroll Manifest of August 24, 2023 in the amount of \$82,438.81  
27 3.3 Accounts Payable Manifest of August 17, 2023 in the amount of \$2,253,289.25  
28 3.4 Applications for Tax Exemptions

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30 Vice-Chair Sununu said he would move items 3.1 – 3.3 and asked the Board to deal with 3.4. separately.

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

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36 **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**  
37 **DVD recording is available at the North Hampton Town Administrative Offices, 233 Atlantic Avenue, North**  
38 **Hampton, New Hampshire 03862.**

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40 **Motion:** To approve Consent Calendar Items 3.1, 3.2, and 3.3 as presented.

41 **Motioned:** Vice-Chair Sununu

42 **Seconded:** Selectman Maggiore

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

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45 Vice-Chair Sununu said there are a number of tax exemptions here for charitable purposes for which forms  
46 are missing or the application was not received back: North Hampton Youth Association, One Sky, and  
47 Fuller Foundation. He asked that the Board approve the abatements for completed forms and postpone  
48 voting on those 3 until the next meeting and sending another letter.

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50 Town Administrator Tully said MRI asked for permission to go to the attorneys to discuss a few of the  
51 applications. Selectman Maggiore said MRI suggested going to the attorneys for Home Health VNA and  
52 Centennial Hall and recommended they also be tabled; Vice-Chair Sununu said MRI is asking to approve  
53 them for this year but do a follow-up in future regarding some technical details in qualifications.

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55 **Motion:** To approve abatements and follow-up as recommended with exception of One Sky, Fuller  
56 Foundation, and North Hampton Youth Association, and table those 3 until the next meeting.

57 **Motioned:** Vice-Chair Sununu

58 **Seconded:** Selectman Maggiore

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

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61 **Correspondence**

62 Chairman Pinette said correspondence was received from Mr. Joseph Fitzgerald dated August 25  
63 regarding Coakley Landfill, 20 pages with pictures and report from Coakley Landfill Site State DES,  
64 expressing concerns.

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66 Vice-Chair Sununu said Mr. Fitzgerald was very incensed about the Coakley Landfill and claimed the Board  
67 and the Town do not care and are doing nothing about it, which is absolutely not true. He said it happened  
68 in 1972 with hazardous waste being dumped for the 10 years it was open. He said Coakley Landfill Group  
69 (North Hampton, Greenland, Portsmouth and several private companies) is tasked with administering and  
70 monitoring the landfill with different percentages of responsibility. He said most years there is a Warrant  
71 Article to appropriate money for future expenditures.

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73 Vice-Chair Sununu said the pictures show wetlands and orange runoff which is related to bacteria in the  
74 soil type and has no relation to Coakley toxic waste. Surface contaminants have been detected in waters  
75 around the landfill (PFAS, PFOA) and there is constant surface monitoring, ground well and shallow and  
76 deep bedrock, around the entire Coakley site for further leaching into water table; signs have been placed  
77 along the Rail Trail in that area. Selectman Maggiore agreed and said suggesting we have done nothing  
78 about it is completely erroneous and he hopes for some kind of solution for Coakley Landfill in future.

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80 **Committee Updates**

81 Selectman Maggiore said the *Heritage Commission* has not met since last meeting. *Water Commission* has  
82 not met.

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84 Vice-Chair Sununu said *Rails to Trails Committee* meeting will be September 6, 2023. *Budget Committee*  
85 met last week to approve Little Boar's Head Operating Budget and Warrant Article.

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87 Chairman Pinette said *CIP Committee* has not met; CIP Report for FY2025-2030 is being prepared to be  
88 delivered to Select Board before October 1, 2023 deadline; report to be finalized September 15, 2023.

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90 **Report of the Town Administrator**

91 Period August 15 - 25, 2023: FY2023 books will be closed at end of August, September Audit is being  
92 prepared; Police: Chief Labarge designed community project around cruiser design, reviewing candidate  
93 for officer position, seeking parttime officers to assist with shift coverage; Fire: Deputy Chief position to  
94 post soon, training equipment purchased for new building; Rec: planning after-school program and Golf  
95 Tournament at Sagamore September 13; Highway: equipment trailer totaled by motorist, new trailer  
96 being priced; PFAS work continues on easement for water line; MRI presentation to Board in September  
97 on new assessments; Community Power Aggregation Meeting August 31 at 6:00 pm in Town Offices.

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99 **Items Left on the Table**

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101 **NEW BUSINESS**

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103 **8.4 Building Update**

104 Marc Jobin said drywall in building is nearly completed, painting started, railings going in, started  
105 acoustical grid in some offices, overhead doors in apparatus bay done later this week. Outside: last of  
106 drainage, paving later in September, new chain-link fencing in back on retaining wall, wood fence ordered;  
107 completion date in late November.

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109 **8.1 Discussion of Highway Block Grant**

110 Director John Hubbard said DPW gets the Highway Block Grant yearly consisting of anticipated income  
111 from toll revenues and motor vehicle fees, determined by a town's number of road miles and population.  
112 This year anticipating \$102,000 which comes every 3 months with the last through State Audit figures. He  
113 said \$95,000 was budgeted in the Highway Department to cover pavement and drainage as well as yearly  
114 Warrant Article for paving and road reconstruction and said Block Grant Funds are required to be used for  
115 roadwork (paving, guardrails, drainage).

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117 **8.2 Discussion of Voting Machine Funding**

118 Town Administrator Tully said both town voting machines are aged and need to be replaced but cannot  
119 be purchased until State decides what type is acceptable and no funding will be coming forward. He said  
120 some towns are sending letters to their representatives asking them to try to get State funding to  
121 communities; cost is approximately \$6,500 per machine which is a \$13,000 cost for North Hampton. He  
122 said he put together a draft letter for the Board to review.

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124 Selectman Maggiore said he agrees with the direction and believes money should come from State and  
125 Federal funding and not from taxpayer funds. Vice-Chair Sununu said current machines are 15 years old  
126 and parts and service are difficult to come by; the sooner we can get these in the better if the State will  
127 step up and cover funding.

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129 **8.3 Discussion of South Road Cemetery Wall**

130 Town Administrator Tully said a Warrant Article was put together to take care of the Post Road Cemetery  
131 wall and a donor contributed half the funds. The stone wall on South Road has been hit by vehicles due  
132 to a tight turn and is located close to the roadway where a stone recently fell, partially due to heavy  
133 rainfall. Cost to replace would be \$13,000 and Cemetery can come up with about \$3,000 - \$5,000.  
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135 Vice-Chair Sununu said this needs to be addressed given the age and condition of the stone wall and felt  
136 the Board should authorize the Town Administrator to go forward. Chairman Pinette asked about multiple  
137 estimates; Town Administrator Tully said they are hard to get at this time, and the current company did  
138 the estimate and are willing to start work soon. He said no capital reserve funds under the Town's control  
139 are available and Cemetery acts under control of Trustees.  
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141 **Motion:** To authorize the Town Administrator to work with Cemetery Commission and spend up to  
142 \$13,000 to repair the stone wall at the South and Post Road Cemetery.

143 **Motioned:** Vice-Chair Sununu

144 **Seconded:** Selectman Maggiore

145 **Vote:** Motion approved 3-0  
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#### 147 **MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETINGS**

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##### 149 **9.1 Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of August 14, 2023**

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151 **Motion:** To approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 14, 2023 as presented.

152 **Motioned:** Selectman Maggiore

153 **Seconded:** Vice-Chair Sununu

154 **Vote:** Motion approved 3-0  
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##### 156 **9.2 Approval of Minutes of Non-Public Session of August 14, 2023**

157 **Motion:** To approve the Minutes of the Non-Public Session of August 14, 2023 as presented.

158 **Motioned:** Selectman Maggiore

159 **Seconded:** Vice-Chair Sununu

160 **Vote:** Motion approved 3-0  
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#### 162 **Any Other Item that may legally come before the Board**

##### 163 **Second Public Comment Session**

164 *Phone: 603-758-1447*

165 No Public Comments.  
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167 **Next Regular Meeting:** September 11, 2023  
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#### 169 **ADJOURNMENT**

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171 Chairman Pinette adjourned the meeting at 7:44 pm.  
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173 Respectfully submitted,

174 Patricia Denmark, Recording Secretary