



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

APRIL 24, 2023 7:00 PM

NORTH HAMPTON TOWN HALL

Approved May 8, 2023

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

ALSO PRESENT: Town Administrator Michael Tully

Chairman Pinette welcomed everyone to the Select Board Regular Meeting of April 24, 2023 and called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance; Board is coming from two Non-Public Sessions.

Motion: To seal the minutes of Non-Public Session I of April 24, 2023.

Motioned: Selectman Maggiore

Seconded: Vice-Chair Sununu

Vote: Motion approved 3-0

Minutes of Non-Public Session-II will not be sealed.

First Public Comment Session

No Public Comments.

Consent Calendar

- 6.1 Payroll Manifest of April 20, 2023 in the amount of \$76,277.92
- 6.2 Accounts Payable Manifest of March 30, 2023 in the amount of \$690,234.42
- 6.3 Veterans Tax Credits
- 6.4 Elderly Tax Exemption

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

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Motion: Having reviewed and found Consent Calendar items 6.1 – 6.4 to be complete, make motion to approve Consent Calendar as presented.

Motioned: Selectman Maggiore

Seconded: Vice-Chair Sununu

Vote: Motion approved 3-0

Correspondence

Correspondence from Frank Ferraro regarding the Police Cruiser purchase deferred by Chairman Pinette to the 11.3 Discussion under New Business.

Correspondence from Hampton's Post 35: Commander Berk Bennett invites North Hampton to participate in Memorial Day Parade exercises Monday, May 29, 2023; start at 10:00 am at North Hampton Library, east on Atlantic Avenue, ending with Memorial Service immediately after at North Hampton School. The parade begins at 8:00 am in Hampton, Hampton Falls 9:00 am, North Hampton 10:00 am.

Correspondence from Rockingham County Board of Commissioners: Legal notice of Public Hearing for FY2024 Budget for RSA 24:13-c for estimated appropriation of \$95,802,557; Thursday, May 4, 2023 at 5:00 pm at Hilton Auditorium RC Rehab & Nursing Center, 117 North Road, Brentwood, NH.

Correspondence from Friends of Centennial Hall: Treasurer Patricia Vorkink wrote to request that the Friends of Centennial Hall be added to the Town website; building is on Historic Register; LCHIP has presented the hall with 4 grants for renovation and restoration.

Committee Updates

Selectman Maggiore provided an update from the *Heritage Commission* regarding the authorization in 2002 to encourage preservation of barns and historic buildings by granting property tax relief and said one would be coming to the Select Board; *Water Commission* has not met.

Vice-Chair Sununu said *Rails to Trails Committee* has not met.

Report of the Town Administrator

Period: April 11– April 21, 2023: Finance at 21% of Budget with 11 weeks remaining in the fiscal year. Police completing a comparative pay study, many communities offering sizable sign-on bonuses, will be a future agenda item for discussion by the Board, 23 individuals recently took the Law Enforcement Test; Fire has conditional offer of employment for a Firefighter/Paramedic position and Chief Lajoie is starting internal process for Deputy Fire Chief; Engine 1 back, Engine 2 to be sold, new engine in July of 2024.

Electric conduit buried in front of Tax Clerk's Office accessible by both entrances; Director Manzi working to update staffing; departments working together on a CPR/AED first aid class, Saturday May 6; Channel 22 set up cameras in Mary Hubbard Conference Room; Route 1 culvert still having backup issues, DOT advises not to remove screen in culvert; Tomforde Environmental working on bid spec to gather information to complete PFAS project. Community Power Aggregation scheduled presentation for Board May 8 from Coalition and from a private company; Rails to Trails: NHDOT has begun clearing branches, signage group to meet April 25th at 6:30 pm and working on grants.

Vice-Chair Sununu said the Rails to Trails meeting tomorrow night is the larger Seacoast Greenway Committee, also discussing 501-C nonprofit group. Selectman Maggiore expressed concern about the number of candidates available for police positions. Town Administrator Tully said there are just not enough candidates with area departments down several officers.

Items Left on the Table – None

NEW BUSINESS,

11.1 Discussion of Collaboration with Seacoast School of Technology

Town Administrator Tully said Director Joe Manzi is working in collaboration with Seacoast School of Technology (SST) for some enhancements at Dearborn Park, working with SST civil engineering students and architectural students, trying to create some structures there for storage and bathrooms, and improve water system/sprinkler. Students will also sit down with Town Building Inspector Jared Shaheen regarding local building codes and zoning; will be bringing something forward eventually.

11.2 Building Update

Clerk of the Works Marc Jobin said building framing is continuing, exterior walls nearly complete, many inside bearing walls done, roof trusses later this week. He said shell will be complete in another 3 weeks of framing, underground utilities complete, trench drains in apparatus bays, all underground plumbing and electrical. Starting installation of radiant heat piping tomorrow for apparatus bay, next week pouring that slab, all concrete in place by end of next week; project still holds to be done end of December.

11.3 Discussion of Police Cruiser Purchase

Chairman Pinette read correspondence from Frank Ferraro in full: he expressed concern with purchase while Police Department is operating with reduced staff and recommended holding the purchase until next year as it was no longer a pressing need.

Response from Interim Police Chief Kurz: Chairman Pinette read the letter in full; Chief Kurz said it was not prudent and cited 8 reasons to go ahead with the purchase: funds already allocated, NHPD has a dealer commitment to take possession of vehicle no later than August, current chip shortage, unused vehicle scheduled to be transferred to Building Inspector, transfer of equipment, price secured for 2023 Police Package and delays will cost more next year and a delay in purchase is ill-advised.

Town Administrator Tully said he also received a letter from Mr. Bottomley expressing the same concerns, and said it is prudent for the Board to discuss the merits of whether or not to go forward. Vice-Chair Sununu said the department may be using cruisers less but from a dollars and cents perspective a cruiser is secured at this year's price and said he would rather defer a future cruiser that will cost more. Selectman Maggiore agreed with all and said this would be a good conversation for CIP future planning for Town.

11. Appointments to Conservation Commission

Current Chair Lisa Wilson said she and 2 other members are up for re-appointment and asked the Board to consider their nominations.

Motion: To approve the recommended re-appointments to the Conservation Commission: Allyson Ryder, Alternate, Lauri Etela, and Lisa Wilson to expire in 2026.

Motioned: Vice-Chair Sununu

Seconded: Selectman Maggiore

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Vote: Motion approved 3-0

11.5 Appointments to Agriculture Commission

Chairman Pinette said there are 2 re-appointments: Philip Thayer, 3-term and Cheryl Kasztejna, Alternate 1-year term to the Agricultural Commission

Motion: To nominate the slate of re-appointments to the Agricultural Commission as presented.

Motioned: Selectman Maggiore

Seconded: Vice-Chair Sununu

Vote: Motion approved 3-0

11.6 Appointments to Capital Improvement Plan Committee

Chairman Pinette said we have Sean Dionne and Wendy Wallus as nominees for CIP Committee.

Motion: To recommend the slate as presented to us above.

Motioned: Selectman Maggiore

Seconded: Vice-Chair Sununu

Vote: Motion approved 3-0

Vice-Chair Sununu said Sean Dionne is the nominee from the Budget Committee to CIP and Wendy Wallus from the School Board to CIP.

MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETINGS

12.1 Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of April 10, 2023

Motion: To approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 10, 2023 as presented.

Motioned: Vice-Chair Sununu

Seconded: Selectman Maggiore

Vote: Motion approved 3-0

12.2 Approval of Minutes of Non-Public Meeting of April 10, 2023

Motion: To approve the Non-Public Meeting Minutes of April 10, 2023 as presented.

Motioned: Vice-Chair Sununu

Seconded: Selectman Maggiore

Vote: Motion approved 3-0

Any Other Item that may legally come before the Board

Second Public Comment Session

No Public Comments.

Next Regular Meeting: May 8, 2023

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Pinette adjourned the meeting at 7:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Patricia Denmark, Recording Secretary