



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

**AUGUST 14, 2023 7:00 PM**

**NORTH HAMPTON TOWN HALL**

***Approved August 28, 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 August 14, 2023 and called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance; coming from a Non-Public Session.

**Motion:** To seal the Non-Public Meeting Minutes of August 14, 2023.

**Motioned:** Selectman Maggiore

**Seconded:** Vice-Chair Sununu

**Vote:** Motion approved 3-0

**Joint Budget Committee Meeting**

Vice-Chair Sununu said the meeting did not get posted on time and will be held at the next Select Board Meeting of August 28, 2023.

**First Public Comment Session**

*Phone: 603-758-1447*

No Public Comments.

**Consent Calendar**

- 6.1 Payroll Manifest of July 27, 2023 in the amount of \$86,707.06
- 6.2 Payroll Manifest of August 3, 2023 in the amount of \$82,488.31
- 6.3 Accounts Payable Manifest of July 20, 2023 in the amount of \$2,163,023,86

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- 6.4 Accounts Payable Manifest of August 3, 2023 in the amount of \$288,136.59
- 6.5 Cemetery Deed

**Motion:** To approve Consent Calendar items 6.1 – 6.5 as presented.

**Motioned:** Vice-Chair Sununu

**Seconded:** Selectman Maggiore

**Vote:** Motion approved 3-0

### **Correspondence**

Town Administrator Tully suggested the correspondence for NHDOT Block Grant Funds received be tabled and put back on agenda for next meeting as Director John Hubbard was not available this evening. He also recommended the Board reconsider and move to Item 11.1 Swearing-in of Police Chief.

### **11.1 Swearing in of Police Chief Robert C. LaBarge, Jr.**

Town Administrator Tully read the Oath of Office to Police Chief Robert C. LaBarge, Jr. for his Swearing-in and his daughter Allison did the pinning of the badge.

Police Chief Robert C. LaBarge, Jr. thanked the Select Board and Town Administrator for entrusting him to lead the Police Department forward and focus on the future and thanked everyone for coming out tonight. He said this is a team sport working together with every other town in the community to ensure Public Safety; the Police Department Staff are dedicated and performing at their best. He said he is looking forward to the future and to serving the Town.

Chairman Pinette recessed the meeting for a 10-15-minute break and reconvened at 7:21 pm.

### **Committee Updates**

Selectman Maggiore said the *Heritage Commission* has not met since last meeting and will not meet in August; Sub-Committee for Demolition Review for barn approved. *Water Commission* has not met.

Vice-Chair Sununu said *Rails to Trails Committee* has not met. *Budget Committee* Joint Meeting August 28<sup>th</sup> to cover Little Boar's Head Budget.

Chairman Pinette said *CIP Committee* has not met; CIP findings forwarded electronically to Select Board and Budget Committee.

### **Report of the Town Administrator**

Period July 25 – August 11, 2023:

Police Chief Robert C. LaBarge, Jr. started work on creating a plan to move the Police Department forward and fill open positions; two officers completing field training; Fire Department looking to fill open position; basement fire due to lightning, citizen had to drive to center of town to get 911 service; Rec: great turnout for Old Home Day; Director Hubbard working to include 2 more parking spaces where construction trailers are now; PFAS had on-site meeting, working with truck company on easement; Director Savastano working on plan for Channel 22 to be HD; Community Power Aggregation waiting to hear back from people to set public meeting.

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Vice-Chair Sununu asked if the stone wall project was complete; Town Administrator Tully said he had not gotten the final word. Vice-Chair Sununu said DOT is primarily working in Greenland now on the Rail Trail and will come back to put the final stone-dust compacted surface on the trail by fall. He said discussions are continuing for Trail access with DOT and WS Development in Lafayette Plaza for potential designated parking.

### **Items Left on the Table**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **11.2 Acceptance of Police Department Traffic Safety Grant**

Town Administrator Tully said the Police Department applied for and received a Highway Safety Grant of \$8,200 for speeding/DWI patrols and meeting minutes need to show Board's acceptance and permission for myself and Lieutenant Russell to finish and sign the paperwork to move forward.

**Motion:** To accept the Police Department Safety Grant of \$8,200.

**Motioned:** Selectman Maggiore

**Seconded:** Vice-Chair Sununu

Town Administrator Tully asked that the Board add permission for himself and Lieutenant Russell to complete and sign the paperwork to move forward with the grant.

**Amended Motion:** To accept the Police Department Safety Grant of \$8,200 and give permission to Town Administrator Tully and Lieutenant Russell to complete and sign paperwork to move forward.

**Motioned:** Selectman Maggiore

**Seconded:** Vice-Chair Sununu

**Vote:** Motion approved 3-0

##### **11.3 Building Update**

Town Administrator Tully said the building is really coming together; siding and trim being done, garage doors to be put in soon; septic in back has been put in; all electrical and rooted irrigation systems to be put in. Next taking down most telephone poles on the site and moving underground which will require a shut-down of 2 days near end of August; sheet-rockers now in building; on budget and on schedule.

Vice-Chair Sununu said there is a second letter in the packet for a large DOT highway grant to rebuild the seawall and asking for a letter of support by August 18, 2023.

#### **MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETINGS**

##### **11.1 Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of July 24, 2023**

**Motion:** To approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 24, 2023 as presented.

**Motioned:** Vice-Chair Sununu

**Seconded:** Selectman Maggiore

**Vote:** Motion approved 3-0

##### **11.2 Approval of Minutes of Non-Public Session of July 24, 2023**

**Motion:** To approve the Minutes of the Non-Public Session of July 24, 2023.

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**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**

*Phone: 603-758-1447*

No Public Comments.

**Next Regular Meeting:** August 28, 2023

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Pinette adjourned the meeting at 7:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Patricia Denmark, Recording Secretary