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

4 **February 26, 2024 7:00 PM**

5 **NORTH HAMPTON TOWN HALL**

6 ***DRAFT MINUTES***

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8 **SELECT BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Jonathan Pinette, Selectman James Maggiore

9 **MEMBERS ABSENT:** Vice-Chairman James Sununu,

10 **ALSO PRESENT:** Town Administrator Michael Tully, Police Chief Robert LaBarge, Fire Chief Jason Lajoie,
11 Deputy Fire Chief Jake MacGlashing

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14 Chairman Pinette welcomed everyone to the Select Board Regular Meeting of February 26, 2024 and
15 called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. He said Vice-Chair James
16 Sununu would be absent this evening due to illness.

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18 **First Public Comment Session**

19 *Phone: 603-758-1447*

20 No Public Comments.

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22 **8.1 Swearing in of Police Officer Danny Genese**

23 Police Chief Robert LaBarge stated that a candidate applied, Andrew Genese, and the Department is now
24 bringing in his father, Danny Genese, as a Police Officer and rookie. He has 32 years in Law Enforcement,
25 worked in Keene for 5 years as field training and DARE officer then transferred to Federal Government as
26 a special agent with Drug Enforcement Administration (27 years); worked in Chicago and Boston; taught
27 at DEA Academy teaching evidence and case management; decided to retire and return to community
28 law enforcement where he started.

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

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

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38 Town Administrator Tully did the swearing in of Police Officer Danny Genese; Officer Genese's wife did
39 the pinning of the badge.

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41 Police Officer Danny Genese thanked everyone for coming and thanked the Select Board for endorsing
42 him to be hired here. He said it means to him a lot to come full circle

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44 Chairman Pinette recessed the meeting at 7:13 pm; the meeting was reconvened at 7:21 pm.

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46 **Consent Calendar**

47 3.1 Payroll Manifest of February 15, 2024 in the amount of \$82,049.13

48 3.2 Payroll Manifest of February 22, 2024 in the amount of \$86,671.50

49 3.3 Accounts Payable Manifest of February 15, 2024 in the amount of \$1,504,107.83

50 3.4 Veteran Tax Credits

51 3.5 Elderly Exemptions

52 3.6 Abatement Recommendation

53 3.7 Supplemental Tax Warrant

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55 **Motion:** To approve items 3.1 through 3.7 on the Consent Calendar as presented.

56 **Motioned:** Selectman Maggiore

57 **Seconded:** Chairman Pinette

58 **Vote:** Motion approved 2-0

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60 **Correspondence** – None

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62 **Committee Updates**

63 Selectman Maggiore said the *Heritage Commission* met last week; Discretionary Preservation Easements
64 are available for those who want to take advantage of RSA 79-E for tax relief, good for 10 years, renewals
65 sent out. *Water Commission* has not met.

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67 Chairman Pinette said no updates on *Rails to Trails Committee* per Town Administrator Tully.

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69 **Report of the Town Administrator**

70 Finance: 39% of Budget remaining with 19 days left in FY; Police: over 80 traffic stops in last 2 weeks

71 focusing on Post Road and Exeter Road intersection, recruitment ongoing; Fire: Chief working with HSEM

72 and FEMA to review January storm damage, student intern signed on to Internship Program, Deputy

73 Chief met with Portsmouth Hospital to discuss life-saving advanced capabilities for Medics and EMTs; REC:

74 Winterfest held Saturday; Highway: assisting at Recycling Center; Equipment Auction: 2014 Police Cruiser

75 \$3,200, 1997 Fire Engine \$3,900; Channel 22 working with REC setting up possible media club.

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77 **Items Left on the Table** – None

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79 **NEW BUSINESS**

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81 **8.2 Discussion of Purchase of Fire Equipment**

82 Deputy Fire Chief Jake MacGlashing said the department is looking to purchase a ZOLL Ventilator to

83 enhance capabilities working with patients with shortness of breath; ventilator will be used for CPAP to

84 bring next level of care in advanced life support (ALS).

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86 Selectman Maggiore asked if a motion was needed to authorize this purchase since it is being sole sourced
87 rather than obtaining 3 bids. Town Administrator Tully said the equipment is identical to other area towns
88 and will be interchangeable and the Fire Chief asked to bypass the bid process. Deputy Chief MacGlashing
89 said this company is the sole provider of this ventilator and nearby towns are getting this model for mutual
90 aid; to be paid from Ambulance Fund \$10,239.80.

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92 **Motion:** To authorize that the Fire Chief or designee enter into a purchase agreement for \$10,239.80
93 from ZOLL Ventilator as noted in packet, and to waive purchasing requirement for 3 competitive bids so
94 it can be sole sourced.

95 **Motioned:** Selectman Maggiore

96 **Seconded:** Chairman Pinnette

97 **Vote:** Motion approved 2-0

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99 **8.4 Discussion of Fire Department Internship Program at Winnacunnet High School**

100 Fire Chief Jason Lajoie said a Winnacunnet High School student is beginning an internship with the
101 Department in mid-March; a great opportunity to showcase the department and provide education to the
102 student. He said there is a lack of labor in Fire Service and New Hampshire Fire Academy hired a
103 recruitment and retention coordinator to see where the problems are; he and Deputy MacGlashing will
104 be participating in a discussion at the NH Fire Academy with ELO Coordinators on May 14, 2024.

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106 **8.3 Discussion of Lease for Recreation Department at Lafayette Crossings**

107 Town Administrator Tully said about 2 years ago Recreation Director Manzi reached out to W/S
108 Development and rented an available space to have more room for REC programs. He said it was great
109 for the community and the programs paid for themselves. That space has already been rented out and
110 W/S offered a larger space with the same \$500/month rent. He requested that the Board approve the
111 new lease commencing March 5, 2024 with W/S North Hampton Properties license amended.

112 **Motion:** To approve the Lease Agreement as presented in packet for the Town of North Hampton to lease
113 space at Lafayette Crossing until expiration date of March 4, 2024.

114 **Motioned:** Selectman Maggiore

115 **Seconded:** Chairman Pinnette

116 **Vote:** Motion approved 2-0

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118 **MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETINGS**

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120 **9.1 Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 12, 2024**

121 **Motion:** To approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 12, 2024, as presented.

122 **Motioned:** Selectman Maggiore

123 **Seconded:** Chairman Pinette

124 **Vote:** Motion approved 2-0

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126 **9.2 Approval of the Minutes of the Non-Public Meeting of February 12, 2024**

127 **Motion:** To approve the Non-Public Meeting Minutes of February 12, 2024.

128 **Motioned:** Selectman Maggiore

129 **Seconded:** Chairman Pinette

130 **Vote:** Motion approved 2-0

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

133 Selectman Maggiore brought up important legislation in Concord which involves taxation for the entire
134 community. He said SWEPT, Statewide Education Property Tax, is money collected by the town which
135 many towns keep. Recent court cases said those funds communities keep would have to go back and
136 essentially create donor towns again. Bill was before legislature and was indefinitely postponed meaning
137 it cannot come back for the rest of the term; situation very fluid right now with court cases.

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139 Chairman Pinette said the Select Board and the Town of North Hampton would like to send their
140 condolences to the family of Mr. Phil Miles, a close friend to me who connected over motorcycles. He
141 said he served as a police officer in Portsmouth and Rye and taught at the riding academy at Seacoast
142 Harley Davidson.

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144 **Second Public Comment Session**

145 *Phone: 603-758-1447*

146 Chairman Pinette opened Second Public Comment at 7:50 pm.

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148 Deputy Fire Chief Jake MacGlashing clarified that the \$10,239.80 quote for the ZOLL Ventilator did *not*
149 include the 5-year plan as he stated.

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151 Chairman Pinette closed Public Comment at 7:50 pm.

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153 **Next Regular Meeting:** March 11, 2024

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155 **ADJOURNMENT**

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157 Chairman Pinette adjourned the meeting at 7:51 pm.

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159 Respectfully submitted,
160 Patricia Denmark, Recording Secretary