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

4 **April 8, 2024**

5 **NORTH HAMPTON TOWN HALL**

6 ***DRAFT MINUTES***
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8 **SELECT BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Vice Chairman James Maggiore, Selectman Jonathan Pinette;
9 Chairman James Sununu on Zoom

10 **ALSO PRESENT:** Town Administrator Michael Tully, Police Chief Robert LaBarge

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12 Acting Chairman Jim Maggiore, sitting in for James Sununu, welcomed everyone to the Select Board
13 Regular Meeting of April 8, 2024 and called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm, followed by the Pledge of
14 Allegiance; coming from Non-Public.

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16 **Motion:** To allow Mr. Sununu to participate in the meeting via Zoom.

17 **Motioned:** Selectman Pinette

18 **Seconded:** Acting Chair Maggiore

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

20 *All votes will be by roll call.*
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22 **Motion:** To seal the Non-Public meeting minutes of April 8, 2024.

23 **Motioned:** Selectman Pinette

24 **Seconded:** Selectman Sununu

25 **Roll Call Vote:** James Maggiore-aye, Jonathan Pinette-aye, James Sununu-aye; Motion passed 3-0
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27 **First Public Comment Session**

28 *Phone: 603-758-1447*

29 **Amy Fahey** of North Road said she sees concerns in the community on every level and asked that people
30 be respectful and polite and volunteer to help keep the community clean. She expressed concern about
31 safety and asked that people slow down and be mindful of others.
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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, 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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Consent Calendar

- 5.1 Payroll Manifest of March 28, 2024 in the amount of \$81,910.39
- 5.2 Accounts Payable Manifest of March 28, 2024 in 7, 2024 in the amount of \$168,762.03
- 5.3 Payroll Manifest of April 4, 2024 in the amount of \$238,067.19
- 5.4 Abatement Recommendations
- 5.5 Elderly Exemptions
- 5.6 Veterans’ Tax Credit
- 5.7 Solara Exemption
- 5.8 Cemetery Deeds
- 5.9 Intent to Cut

Motion: To approve Consent Calendar items 5.1 through 5.9 as presented.

Motioned: Acting Chair Maggiore

Seconded: Selectman Sununu

Town Administrator Tully said one of the Abatements was recognized as denied.

Roll Call Vote: James Maggiore-aye, Jonathan Pinette-aye, James Sununu-aye; Motion approved 3-0

Correspondence – None

Committee Updates

Acting Chair Maggiore said the *Heritage Commission* will meet next week; *Water Commission* has not met.

Selectman Sununu said there is no update for *Rails to Trails Committee*.

Report of the Town Administrator

March 26 – April 5, 2024: Finance: 22% of Budget remaining with 13 weeks left in FY; Police/Fire/DPW participated in Seabrook Power plant exercise with FEMA; American Red Cross Blood Drive at REC successful; Fire Dept responded to numerous storm-related calls Thursday, noticing disregard for authority at emergency scenes; Landscaping and final paving at Safety Complex in spring; REC: April vacation camp, new summer camp director Nadiah Hamdi; Highway assisting at recycling center; PFAS legal aspects with easement; Rails to Trails: will work with Greenland and Rye to install mile markers.

Items Left on the Table – None

NEW BUSINESS

10.1 Discussion of Speeding Complaints – Police Chief LaBarge

Police Chief Robert LaBarge said after a lot of turnover, the department needs to focus on the community. He said the Town Administrator consistently responds to calls about speeding and traffic; data collection was started a few weeks ago, doing directed patrols at least twice daily but still understaffed. Purchased a LIDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) remote sensing unit which collects pin-point specific data, officers being trained; can be used by DOT and DPW to work out road design. He said he set up “coffee with the Chief” and needs the help of the community on what is perception is, what is reality, and how the community wants the department to deal with this.

10.2 Discussion of Capital Improvements Committee Citizens Representative

86 Town Administrator Tully said there is an open position for a Select Board Citizen Representative to the
87 CIP Committee with 2 names submitted: Tom Argue and Frank Ferraro.

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89 **Motion:** To appoint Tom Argue as the Select Board Citizens Representative to CIP Committee.

90 **Motioned:** Acting Chair Maggiore

91 **Seconded:** Selectman Pinette

92 **Roll Call Vote:** James Maggiore-aye, Jonathan Pinette-aye, James Sununu-aye; Motion approved 3-0

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94 **10.3 Discussion of SWEPT Funding**

95 Acting Chair Maggiore said he would start with the legislative update and fold into SWEPT.

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97 **10.4 Legislative Update:**

98 HB 1002: Relative to fees for records under right-to-know law; went through amendments and back to
99 committee; bill now specifically targeted to individuals, organizations, and entities that might make large
100 record requests; first 250 communications free; amendment passed 268-106.

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102 HB 1479: Relative to prohibiting use of Federal, State, and local funds for lobbying, already contained in
103 State Law; defeated by "indefinitely postponed".

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105 HB 1055: Permits a charitable organization to file a late application for property tax exemption.

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107 HB 1279: Relative to payments to the State of a portion of Retirement System contributions; would
108 require that the State pay 7.5% of normal and accrued liability contributions for both Groups 1 and 2;
109 permanent change.

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111 HB 2024: Relative to State 10-year Transportation Improvement Plan; passed unanimously out of
112 committee and out of House on voice votes; \$5 Billion over 10 years for roads, bridges, infrastructure.

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114 HB 1215: Relative to Subdivision regulations regarding Building Permits to make it easier for builders with
115 Site-Plan approval to build in a couple of years stating: "site plan would not need to comport with any
116 changes to building codes for 10 years."

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118 **Discussion of SWEPT Funding:**

119 HB 1583: Relative to per pupil cost of adequate education opportunity; passed House 228-150; increases
120 the adequacy aid payment from \$4,100 to \$4,404 per student beginning FY2025. Coursing through courts
121 right now bill had amendment which would have raised adequacy aid from \$4,404 to \$7,000. Amendment
122 was withdrawn and bill passed House Finance 18-7 *cutting* SWEPT language; bill only for adequacy aid at
123 \$4,404.

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125 Town Administrator Tully said the bill got right down to the wire and said Coalition Communities has been
126 fighting this for years. He said the State found funding elsewhere for communities in need without forcing
127 burden on other communities.

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129 **MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETINGS**

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131 **11.1 Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of March 25, 2024**

132 **Motion:** To approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 25, 2024, as presented.

133 **Motioned:** Selectman Pinette

134 **Seconded:** Selectman Sununu

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

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137 **11.1 Approval of Non-Public Meeting Minutes of March 25, 2024**

138 **Motion:** To approve the Non-Public Meeting Minutes of March 24, 2024, as presented.

139 **Motioned:** Selectman Pinette

140 **Seconded:** Selectman Sununu

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

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

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145 **Second Public Comment Session**

146 *Phone: 603-758-1447*

147 **Amy Fahey** of North Road said she would email a list of concerns to the Select Board. She said data
148 collection is resources the town has but it's spread too thin. She said most people in the community do
149 not know there are layers or what they are.

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151 Acting Chair Maggiore said Ms. Fahey's comments are very valuable and the information is put out so that
152 everyone is working together.

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154 **Next Regular Meeting:** April 24, 2024

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156 **ADJOURNMENT**

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158 Chairman Sununu adjourned the meeting at 7:49 pm.

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160 Respectfully submitted,

161 Patricia Denmark, Recording Secretary