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

4 **NOVEMBER 23, 2020 7:00 PM**

5 **NORTH HAMPTON TOWN HALL**

6 ***DRAFT MINUTEES***
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8 MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Jim Maggiore, Vice Chairman James Sununu, Selectman Larry Miller
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10 ALSO PRESENT: Town Administrator Michael Tully, Police Chief Kathryn Mone, Fire Chief Jason Lajoie
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12 **AGENDA**
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14 Chairman Jim Maggiore welcomed everyone to the November 23, 2020 Regular Select Board Meeting
15 and called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
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17 Chairman Maggiore said the meeting will start with an award presentation for the Police, and after a short
18 break welcome the Fire Department to recognize a promotion.
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20 **8.2 Presentation of the North Hampton Police Department "524 Award"**
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22 Police Chief Kathryn Mone said she was here tonight to present the 4th Annual Officer Peter Cormier "524
23 Award". Officer Cormier was an 18-year law enforcement officer of the North Hampton Police Department
24 when he passed away suddenly in 2015, the Police Department has left his call number 524 vacant in his
25 honor, and the "524 Award" was developed in 2017. The Award is presented to an officer who represents
26 the exemplary qualities of Officer Cormier: dedication, teamwork, and fellowship.
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28 Police Chief Mone presented the 4th Annual Officer Peter Cormier "524 Award" to Officer James Mascioli.
29 She said he has a remarkable work ethic, has expanded in many leadership roles, and serves on the
30 Seacoast Emergency Response Team, and it is my honor to present this award to Officer James Mascioli.
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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, 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 Officer James Mascioli thanked his family for their love and support and his colleagues in the North
41 Hampton Police Department and said he was humbled to receive the award. He said he worked closely
42 with Officer Pete Cormier, learned much of what he knows about the job from him, and will continue to
43 honor him

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45 *The Select Board took a short break.*

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47 **8.1 Swearing in of Fire Lieutenant Lee W. Taber**

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49 Fire Chief Jason Lajoie said following the retirement of Lieutenant Peter Francis in July, the Fire
50 Department has had a vacant Fire Officer position and announced a promotion from within their ranks.
51 He said Officer Will Taber has been that shift supervisor for the past 4 months and has met all the
52 requirements to be promoted to the rank of Fire Lieutenant. He said Lieutenant Taber is a graduate of
53 Winnacunnet High School, was first hired as a call member, and hired fulltime in 2014.

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55 Town Administrator Michael Tully administered the oath of office and Lieutenant Taber's wife did the
56 pinning of the badge.

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58 Lieutenant Taber thanked everyone and said he was grateful for the opportunity to serve the great town
59 he grew up in and serve with these great individuals here.

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61 *The Select Board took a short break.*

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63 **First Public Comment Session**

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No one from the Public called in or came forward.

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67 **Consent Calendar**

68 3.1 Payroll Manifest of November 12, 2020 in the amount of \$70,861.98

69 3.2 Payroll Manifest of November 19, 2020 in the amount of \$73,029.76

70 3.3 Accounts Payable Manifest of November 12, 2020 in the amount of \$356,025.72

71 3.4 Cemetery Deeds

72 3.5 Department of Revenue Administration Sales Ratio Survey

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74 **Motion:** To approve the Consent Calendar as presented

75 **Motioned:** Vice-Chair Sununu

76 **Seconded:** Selectman Miller

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78 Discussion: Chairman Maggiore explained that Item 3.5 Department of Revenue Administration Sales
79 Ratio Survey comes to us from Scott Marsh our Assessor's Agent, who reviewed the information and
80 believes it to be accurate; overall the Town's assessment is expected to be approximately 86.5% for the
81 2020 tax year, roughly 6% change from last year (91,6%), and expected given current Real Estate Market.
82 Selectman Miller explained that the reason the average went down is because the assessment stays the
83 same, but sales values go up.

84 **Vote:** Motion approved by a vote of 3-0

85 **Correspondence** – No Items
86 *Copies of all Correspondence will be attached to these minutes.*

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88 **Committee Updates**

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90 Selectman Miller said the next *Economic Development Committee (EDC)* meeting is December 2, 2020 and
91 he hoped to get a report for the Select Board regarding the final Ironwood report.

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93 Chairman Maggiore said the *Heritage Commission* met and he reviewed the draft minutes of the meeting.
94 He said the *Water Commission* met last week and the Town received notice that Aquarion has filed for a
95 Rate Case, an action of Court which can take a year to settle but would be an adjustment to charges paid
96 for water.

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98 Selectman Miller said the next *Budget Committee* meeting for the 2nd review of the School Presentation
99 was scheduled for December 2, 2020. Town Administrator Tully said it would be December 21st as
100 December 7th is a holiday.

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102 Vice-Chair Sununu said the *Rails to Trails Committee* had their initial meeting and reviewed the charge to
103 the Committee and discussed some goals in general. They will be meeting monthly and setting up some
104 sub-committees to work on specific tasks; next meeting is in December.

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106 Selectman Miller asked if there was any idea of when the State will conclude its environmental
107 assessment. Vice-Chair Sununu said it is currently projected for some time next fall (2021) and do their
108 construction on the Trail the following year (2022).

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110 **Report of the Town Administrator**
111 *A copy of the Report of the Town Administrator will be attached to these minutes.*

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113 Town Administrator Tully said the proposed FY2021-2022 Town Operating Budget was sent to the Budget
114 Committee November 16, 2020; Default Budget 4.62% increase; Library Bond 1.8% increase to Budget;
115 Proposed Budget now at 3.16%. He said the Deputy Fire Chief position was filled by Mark Cook a former
116 Lieutenant from Exeter with start date of November 30, 2020.

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118 For facilities the Town Hall copper roof is completed, and cradle is back in place; staging will remain for
119 Mr. Schnitzler to redo trim; Jo-Jo Nadeau is working with Phil D'Avanza on the clock. The Library build is
120 on schedule; second grant received for Cobble Weir Project for Philbrick Pond; Coakley Landfill meeting
121 December 9th; Corona Virus update requires temporary 14-day quarantine for travelers out of State; GIS
122 Tax Maps underway for website; unbudgeted Revision Appraisal Software upgrade estimated at \$20,000
123 required.

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125 Chairman Maggiore asked Town Administrator Tully to schedule a 15-minute Non-Pubic before the next
126 meeting for update on contract negotiations.

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128 **Items Left on the Table**

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130 **NEW BUSINESS**

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132 **8.3 Acceptance of FEMA Floodplain Maps**

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134 Chairman Maggiore said acceptance of FEMA Flood Map, FEMA Flood Insurance Maps and Study become
135 effective January 29, 2021. By establishing Flood Maps and identifying Flood Zones in Town we comply
136 with State and Federal Guidelines which allow homeowners and renters to acquire Flood Insurance. It is
137 important for the Town to update the Zoning Ordinance and comply with State Statutes; once accepted
138 by the Board the Town is eligible for Federal Grants, disaster relief, and Federal Mortgage Insurance for
139 everyone.

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141 Discussion: Vice-Chair Sununu pointed out that under RSA State Law specifies this is adopted by the
142 governing body, not the legislative body; it is adopted by the Select Board and immediately becomes part
143 of the Town Zoning Ordinance and does not go to Warrant for voter approval.

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145 **Motion:** Move that pursuant to RSA 674:57 by resolution of the North Hampton Select Board, all land
146 designated as special Flood Hazard Areas by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in its
147 Flood Insurance study for the County of Rockingham dated January 29, 2021, together with associated
148 Flood Insurance Rate Maps dated January 29, 2021 are declared to be a part of the Town of North
149 Hampton Zoning Ordinance and are hereby incorporated by reference.

150 **Motioned:** Selectman Miller

151 **Seconded:** Vice-Chair Sununu

152 **Vote:** Motion approved and adopted by a vote of 3-0.

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154 **8.4 Discussion of the Route 111/151 Intersection Plan**

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156 Chairman Maggiore said a second meeting was held to discuss possible reconstruction/reconfiguration
157 safety improvements for the Route 111/151 Intersection at Post Road and Atlantic Avenue. He thanked
158 Senator Tom Sherman and DOT for their willingness to address the dangerous intersection so quickly with
159 a temporary fix and continue to look for a long-term fix.

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161 Vice-Chair Sununu said DOT came back with a suggested reconfiguration to hopefully alleviate some of
162 the problems with the Route 111/151 Intersection. Proposing: coming eastbound on Exeter Road where
163 the road turns into a "Y" and southbound is veering right, northbound left on "Y", to eliminate the "Y" and
164 have Exeter Road come through the grassy area in the middle and hit a "T" at Post Road for better visibility
165 and a clearly delineated stop to hopefully reduce incidents; still a question about a right-hand turn lane
166 at Post Road southbound to Exeter Road. DOT will use maintenance funds and design over the winter and
167 start the reconfiguration late spring/early summer. Anything long term would presumably be part of the
168 10-year plan.

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170 Selectman Miller asked about the area near Centennial Hall and Vice-Chair Sununu said that would be
171 part of a larger-scale reconfiguration. Town Administrator Tully said a resident reached out to him about
172 the amount of truck traffic there and making sure trucks can make the turn. Selectman Miller said he
173 would like to see a flashing speed sign on Mill Road southbound, and Town Administrator Tully said there
174 may be some that can be brought into compliance.

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176 **8.5 Request from Department of Environmental Services for Supplemental Site Investigation**

177 Chairman Maggiore said the Department of Environmental Services (DES) wants to do more testing of
178 possible contamination of 227-227A Atlantic Avenue (Fire Station area).

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180 Town Administrator Tully said this started 2 years ago when a property tested positive for PFAS, and DES
181 contacted the Town one year ago asking for testing of wells for further study; used grant funds to move
182 forward; got results that the Town property may have been a contributing factor to the PFAS found. DES
183 is now requiring the Town to do a Site Investigation of all drinking wells within a 1,000-foot radius, and
184 further look at whether they are the contributor, where it is going, and how fast it is moving. Met with
185 DES and discussed with other towns involved in the same process.

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187 Vice-Chair Sununu said it is happening all over the State with DES and the Town has to go forward with it,
188 while continuing discussion of an endgame for this study so the Town is not endlessly putting out RFPs for
189 investigation. Unless there is some specific action we are required to take, we try to put some parameters
190 around this regarding what they we are expected to do, for how long, and to what benefit.

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192 Town Administrator Tully said the Town has already taken a lot of the actions: installed tanks under the
193 Fire Department which are pumped and treated; highway shed out back is gone and its drain closed in
194 2001; foam is no longer used by the Fire Department. He said this is something they cannot afford to wait
195 on and will start this year and finish what they can and possibly encumber funds at the end of the year.

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197 Selectman Miller said they have \$50,000/year for Coakley and should perhaps consider some budget
198 funds moving forward. Town Administrator Tully said they first need to move forward with an RFP to
199 determine costs and the number of homes that might need to be connected to Town water. He said the
200 next step is to approve the Town Administrator to put out an RFP to find a firm who has worked with PFAS
201 contamination in New Hampshire and does investigations under these specific guidelines.

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203 **Motion:** To approve the RFP drafted by Town Administrator Tully.
204 **Motioned:** Vice-Chair Sununu
205 **Seconded:** Selectman Miller
206 **Vote:** Motion approved by a vote of 3-0

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208 **MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETINGS**

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210 **Approval of the Regular Minutes Meeting of November 9, 2020**

211 **Motion:** To approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 9, 2020 as presented.
212 **Motioned:** Vice-Chair Sununu
213 **Seconded:** Selectman Miller
214 **Vote:** Motion approved by a vote of 3-0

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216 **Approval of the Non-Public Meeting Minutes of November 9, 2020**

217 **Motion:** To approve the Non-Public Meeting Minutes of November 9, 2020 as presented.
218 **Motioned:** Vice-Chair Sununu
219 **Seconded:** Selectman Miller
220 **Vote:** Motion approved by a vote of 3-0

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222 **Approval of the Workshop Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2020**

223 **Motion:** To approve the Workshop Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2020 as presented.
224 **Motioned:** Vice-Chair Sununu
225 **Seconded:** Selectman Miller
226 **Vote:** Motion approved by a vote of 3-0

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

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230 **Second Public Comment Session**

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232 No one from the Public called in or came forward.

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234 **Next Regular Meeting:** December 14, 2020

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236 **Adjournment**

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238 Vice-Chair Sununu made a motion to adjourn, and Chairman Maggiore adjourned the meeting at 8:17 pm.

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240 Respectfully submitted,

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242 Patricia Denmark, Recording Secretary

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