



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

**MARCH 28, 2022 7:00 PM**

**NORTH HAMPTON TOWN HALL**

***Approved April 11, 2022***

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

ALSO PRESENT: Town Administrator Michael Tully, Fire Chief Jason Lajoie

**AGENDA**

Chairman James Sununu welcomed everyone to the March 28, 2022 North Hampton Select Board Meeting and called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Motion:** To seal the Minutes of the Non-Public Session of March 28, 2022 as presented.

**Motioned:** Vice-Chair Maggiore

**Seconded:** Selectman Pinette

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

**First Public Comment Session**

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No public comment.

**Consent Calendar**

- 5.1 Payroll Manifest of March 17, 2022 in the amount of \$79,916.66
- 5.2 Payroll Manifest of March 24, 2022 in the amount of \$73,689.70
- 5.3 Cemetery Deed

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

**Motioned:** Vice-Chair Maggiore

**Seconded:** Selectman Pinette

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

### **Correspondence**

Correspondence from Ronald Grandmaison NH DOT: Chairman Sununu read the correspondence in full; email from NH DOT regarding notification of State paving of roads in North Hampton during the 2022 construction season, asking utilities be notified and the Town complete any maintenance (crosswalk striping, curb or sidewalk activities) prior to road resurfacing.

Town Administrator Tully said this will occur on Route 1A and the Town does have crosswalks; the letter was also sent to Director Hubbard. Vice-Chair Maggiore asked if the Commissioner of Little Boar's Head had been notified and Town Administrator Tully said he would forward a copy and touch base with Aquarion.

Correspondence from Craig Musselman, CMA Engineers, Inc: Regarding Philbrick Pond Post-Construction; Chairman Sununu read the correspondence in full.

Town Administrator Tully said Craig Musselman spearheaded the Philbrick Pond project and got it completed with the cobble weir; pictures included the marsh and inlet showing the 15-inch difference between high and low tides which they wanted to bring more water in and out of the marsh to prevent stagnation, and said the project was a success.

### **Committee Updates**

Vice-Chair Maggiore said he was unable to attend the *Heritage Commission* meeting; *Water Commission* met last week for organizational meeting and also met in non-public to discuss ongoing case.

Chairman Sununu said he had no updates on the *Rails to Trails Committee*.

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

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

Report from March 15 – 25, 2022: Finance 28% of Budget remaining with 14 weeks left in FY; Police Chief Mone working on the department receiving asset forfeiture funds; Deputy Cook working on grant applications to assist EOC in new complex; meeting held to discuss rough schedule for work to be completed and securing space for departments during the build; Bond Bank looking to move up the July sale; Route 1 culvert still causing serious issues with property owners; researching possibly going out to bid for town-wide trash collection. Coakley Landfill: EPA and DES do not think bedrock study went deep enough; Rails to Trails work continuing on regional signage committee.

**Items Left on the Table** – None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **10.1 Appointments to Heritage Commission**

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Letter from Chair of Heritage Commission Donna Etela to renew appointment of Cynthia Swank as Commissioner for 3 years /2025; Jane Robbie for 1 year as Alternate/2023. Nancy Monaghan renewed as Planning Board Rep Alternate/2023.

**Motion:** To approve the nomination of Cynthia Swank as Commissioner for a 3-year term and Jane Robbie for a 1-year term as Alternate.

**Motioned:** Vice-Chair Maggiore

**Seconded:** Selectman Pinette

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

#### **10.2 Appointments to Capital Improvements Committee**

**Motion:** To approve Chuck Gallant as Select Board Representative to CIP.

**Motioned:** Selectman Pinette

**Seconded:** Vice-Chair Maggiore

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

#### **10.3 Appointments to Agriculture Commission**

Letter from Chair of Agricultural Commission Audrey Prior to appoint Jane Ganotis as member for a 2-year term; Audrey Prior as member for a 3-year term; Hank Brandt as member for a 3-year term; Pollyanna Ford as Alternate for 1-year term.

**Motion:** To recommend the slate of candidates as presented above.

**Motioned:** Vice-Chair Maggiore

**Seconded:** Selectman Pinette

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

#### **10.4 Discussion and Approval of Fire Engine Bids**

Fire Chief Jason Lajoie said different fire apparatus manufacturers were solicited to see interest on building our spec and bidding on it and only E-One gave 100% of what we were looking for. He recommended the Select Board accept the department proposal going with Greenwood Fire Apparatus for \$689,945 for a new fire engine pumper to replace *Engine 2*, and sign a written agreement; Greenwood would honor an \$18,000 discount with 100% prepayment July 1, 2022.

Chairman Sununu asked if \$110,000 was enough to completely outfit the engine the way they want. Chief Lajoie said the vehicle comes here and they equip the vehicle and are working with vendors to get more equipment at a better price and felt it would be sufficient. He said this is a custom-built fire apparatus which will take 570 days to complete.

**Motion:** To accept Fire Chief Lajoie's recommendation for the fire engine pumper from Greenwood Fire Apparatus as presented.

**Motioned:** Selectman Pinette

**Seconded:** Vice-Chair Maggiore

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

#### **10.5 Discussion of Rules and Regulation Regarding the Issuance of a Beach Parking Permit**

Town Administrator Tully said there is a short window of time between State notification of availability of leasing parking spaces to making sure they will be held. He said this was listed as a goal for the Select Board to look at these requirements to make sure they cover all issues, with the Town Administrator

making the decision about who gets the Beach Stickers. He said he drafted different requirements opening it up to more people and wanted the Board's feedback on whether or not to make changes.

Vice-Chair Maggiore asked if the Board would consider in line 6 where it says "property owners and those residents that lease or own property in North Hampton" be changed to *residential property* to be clearer. Town Administrator Tully agreed that commercial plates are not allowed to have beach stickers. He said as it stands now, either the owner of the property or the lessee can get a sticker but not both and this would open it up to both and encompass more people. Chairman Sununu said he is open to putting "residential property owners" and if there are issues the Town Administrator has the authority to adjudicate those questions. He also noted that the costs paid to the State have increased dramatically.

Town Administrator Tully said they decided in the office to sell more stickers over the last 2 years with no more complaints than usual, and spaces were added by the Rye Town line. He said the Town has held the price of stickers to \$35.00 for 5 years and he recommended no increase again this year, as the money goes into the Rec account for programs.

**Motion:** To adopt these Rules and Regulations for North Hampton Beach Parking Requirements as amended with "residential" added.

**Motioned:** Selectman Pinette

**Seconded:** Vice-Chair Maggiore

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

#### **10.6 Discussion and Approval of Beach Parking Lease Cost and Permit Cost**

Town Administrator Tully said Ryan provided a spreadsheet including revenue expected, and he recommended the price for Beach Stickers remain at \$35.00. The Board was in agreement.

**Motion:** To authorize Town Administrator Tully to sign the agreement with the State of New Hampshire for leasing parking spaces.

**Motioned:** Selectman Pinette

**Seconded:** Vice-Chair Maggiore

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

#### **10.7 Discussion of Red Pine Scale Disease on Trees at North Hampton School**

Chairman Sununu said this is related to tree cutting recently approved by the Board; Forester prepping to do the cut has discovered diseased trees and the Board needs to discuss a strategy to deal with that.

Town Administrator Tully said he walked the area they are logging a few times to get a good idea of what it looks like, and said someone planted these red pines about 60 years ago behind the School and on Town property. He said the disease grows on the outside bark of the trees and trees start dying from the ground up with the top the last to die. He said about 50% of the red pines are definitely infected and others probably will not make the next cut; these trees are not valuable and the Forester has offered to take them out while he is in there.

Town Administrator Tully said there are 3 areas of these trees off the trail that would be more significantly cut leaving clear-cut areas. The area covers 80 acres altogether with about 8-10 acres of a lot of red pine. A decision of the Board is needed after discussion is whether to (a) not touch the red pine trees, (b) take out all red pine, or (c) let the Forester use his best judgement. He said the School is doing this to make sure the trail is safe.

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Selectman Pinette asked about clear-cutting and taking out all; Town Administrator said just taking out red pines but there are areas where there are not a lot of other trees. Selectman Pinette said visually there would be a large section of bare stumps and said they were originally removing the stumps when taking trees for harvesting. Town Administrator Tully said Red Pine is not worth a lot, and diseased ones and others would be chipped.

Selectman Pinette said he was in favor of taking out diseased trees but wondered if the Board should have someone else go out there to be 100% sure. Vice-Chair Maggiore said the Town does have a Tree Warden and could ask for a second opinion and liked the idea of new plantings. Town Administrator Tully said with more light available smaller trees would grow up. He offered to meet the Tree Warden with Nate and have the warden make the decision on the trees if he agrees, then put the item back on the agenda.

### **MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETINGS**

#### **10.1 Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 14, 2022**

**Motion:** To accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 14, 2022 as presented.

**Motioned:** Selectman Pinette

**Seconded:** Vice-Chair Maggiore

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

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

Vice-Chair Maggiore said he was invited to an RC remote control meeting at a local business and asked the Board if they had any objections to his going to the meeting just to listen. Chairman Sununu said he does not and said the RC Club operates some property off the Rail Trail and are looking at trail access. He suggested Vice-Chair Maggiore attend and bring back feedback which would be helpful to the Rail Trail Committee.

#### **Second Public Comment Session**

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No public comment.

**Next Regular Meeting:** April 11, 2022.

#### **Adjournment**

Chairman Sununu adjourned the meeting at 8:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Patricia Denmark, Recording Secretary