



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

**JUNE 30, 2020 7:00 PM**

**NORTH HAMPTON TOWN HALL**

***MINUTES***

SELECT BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Jim Maggiore, Vice Chairman James Sununu, Selectman Larry Miller

ALSO PRESENT: Interim Town Administrator Michael Tully, Police Chief Kathryn Mone

**AGENDA**

Chairman Jim Maggiore welcomed everyone to the June 30, 2020 North Hampton Select Board Meeting and called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Maggiore said they were coming out of Non-Public Session for the purpose of discussing the results of the Town Administrator process, and there was a unanimous vote taken.

**Motion:** To Seal the Meeting Minutes of the Non-Public Session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (b,c) of June 30, 2020.

**Motioned:** Vice-Chair Sununu

**Seconded:** Selectman Miller

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

Chairman Maggiore said after a comprehensive hiring and interview process and recommendations from 2 separate Sub-Committees the Select Board has made a vote to hire, upon successful completion of a contract, *Mr. Michael Tully* as our permanent *North Hampton Town Administrator*.

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Interim Town Administrator Tully thanked the Chairman and the Board and said he hoped to continue to work on even bigger challenges for the Town and the community for years to come. Chairman Maggiore said he drafted a press release to send to the newspaper.

### **First Period of Public Comment**

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Pete Robie of 87 Exeter Road said he was unable to join the Library Trustees Public Hearing but his letter was read at the meeting. He said he supports Lauri Etela's proposal to rotate the Library building 90 degrees on the Homestead lot, as it makes more sense for traffic flow and parking.

The Select Board Meeting paused to deal with technical difficulties.

Chairman Maggiore said the US Census Bureau called yesterday needing confirmation of the initial boundary validation program, to be signed by the Chairman of the Select Board, which required him to confirm the boundaries of the Town. He said he compared the latest maps in Planning/Zoning which were the same and signed the document due to urgency.

Mr. Robie said rotating the Library will also set the building off for great solar access for photo-voltaic panels, and they could aim for net-zero energy in the building. He said this new Library must be as well-built and energy-efficient as possible to last generations. He said his main concern is whether anyone has looked into having an energy model done on the Library, and hoped it would be strongly considered before construction starts.

Frank Ferraro of Post Road called to say nothing is showing on Town Hall Streams.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **4.1 Discussion of North Hampton Public Library Hearing**

Chairman Maggiore said last Thursday Library Trustees held a Public Hearing and they presented the proposed new Library for construction on the Homestead Property; a Select Board Meeting was opened within the hearing.

Vice-Chair Sununu said he attended the Public Hearing and had a number of questions and comments, and was encouraged by the number of people who took part. He said everyone in the Town who participated had strong feelings about the Library design, and it was overwhelming that folks want more intensive thought given to the layout of the Library on the lot. He said Mr. Lauri Etela proposed and sketched out an alternative which addresses concerns about access and public safety, and he hoped the Trustees were taking that into account.

Vice-Chair Sununu said he had been particularly interested in whether Trustees had spoken with Town departments in collaboration because of the adjacency to the existing Library. He said he was surprised to find they had not consulted with Fire and Police about safety issues or traffic flow, had not spoken to the Highway Department about maintenance and plowing, and had not spoken with Town Administration or the Select Board about coordination given the future use of the old Library for Town Offices. He said at the Deliberative Session when he spoke in favor of this compromise, he assumed those things would be taken into consideration and it was disappointing that did not happen. He said they need to make sure

the project serves the public interest to its highest possible extent, and do their best as a community to make sure they are getting as much as they can, and right now they are falling short.

Interim Town Administrator Tully said Ron Lamarre did recently reach out to him, there is a Library Trustees meeting tomorrow morning at 10:30 am in Town Hall, and the Trustees are looking for updates to Stormwater to send to the Town Engineer. He said a meeting with Ron Lamarre was set up with the Fire Department for next week.

Selectman Miller said the number of people who spoke in favor of the Etela Plan at the hearing was 13 and none in favor of the Library Plan. He said he would like to remind people that Article 9 passage included no plans; the public only approved siting the Library on the Homestead lot with caveats of funds involved. He said the wish of the Library Trustees to use the neighboring lot as a driveway is not lawful and can only be authorized by the Town as owners.

Selectman Miller said the Town did the work using the existing lot entrance to build a Library on the Homestead and got 3 bids for a Library, parking lot, and a Stormwater containment system, all for a little over \$3 Mil, so they know the cost of putting in and taking out the ledge, and said the gradient can be lowered. He said turning the building for southern exposure and making changes in the building have not been taken into account, and the project needs to be slowed down to get more public input and make sure it can be built on the lot it was legally authorized to be built on.

Chairman Maggiore said for any application that comes before the Planning Board you must consider the effects the project might have on abutters, and he strongly encouraged Library Trustees to include the abutters and make sure they are being a good neighbor. He said he also wanted to dispel the notion that the Board is moving forward with *any* plans to turn the current Library into a police station, and said there has *never* been any such conversation.

Chairman Maggiore said letters were read at that meeting into public record but there were no comments on any of those letters. He said Mr. Robie's idea for southern exposure to make the building as energy-efficient as possible is wise and should be part of the conversation. Mr. Robie said it is not just adding PV panels, but looking at all the finer details of this building to see how energy efficient you can make it. He said there are people out there who can look at the plans, digest them, and in a very short time show things that could be done and have the contractor price them out.

Selectman Miller said the Board will not be meeting until July 13, 2020 and felt it would be wise to send a letter today, to be delivered to Library Trustees tomorrow, saying the Board just discussed that they seriously believe changes need to be made to the Library plans as evidenced in the Public Hearing. Chairman Maggiore said they could draft something to be delivered prior to the meeting tomorrow morning. Selectman Miller said the gist of the letter is that the present Library plan utilizing 2 lots is not going to work, they need to work on one lot, the Etela Plan was favored by the public at the Hearing, and they have not considered anything to do with Energy Efficiency.

#### **4.2 Discussion of FY2020 Encumbrances**

Chairman Maggiore said they made it to the end of the fiscal year in good financial shape, and the Town Administrator and Department Heads put together a list of encumbrances for the Board to consider and vote on.

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Interim Town Administrator Tully said the planned Conservation Commission encumbrance for the Olivier Brook Trail was pulled and is now scheduled for fall of 2021, with possible grant money available. He said many of the outstanding POs will be taken care of in the next Accounts Payable (AP); a PO being out means a quote has already been received and the PO is in the system and a vote from the Board is needed. He said the list here totals \$61,426 of current open POs, with last year being just over \$80,000.

Chairman Maggiore said these are open POs looking for support as an encumbrance so they can be paid after the end of the fiscal year. Interim Town Administrator Tully said they actually keep the fiscal year open until end of August/beginning of September, and said some are invoices right now waiting for AP to pay them next week. Chairman Maggiore said areas they are looking at are general, highway, Police, and Fire for item POs, and they have the vendor, amount and purpose.

Questions: Vice-Chair Sununu asked Police Chief Mone about the last item for 2-Way Communications for a rear trans seal and barrier. Chief Mone said 2-Way is where they buy all their equipment for cruisers, and this is for equipment in the new vehicle on order that cannot be transferred from the old Crown Vic. Chairman Maggiore asked if the \$4,200 from InsureCom for deep cleaning and disinfecting was COVID-related. Interim Town Administrator Tully said it was for a deep clean of this building and Town buildings, and said the sanitizing machine uses a mist which is safe for computer equipment. He said a contract was signed with InsureCom, and he will be putting the expenses in for reimbursement.

Selectman Miller asked the number of buildings being done, and Interim Town Administrator Tully said this building, Town Offices, Police Station, Fire Station, and Stone Building were all done today. He said Police will be done once a month for the next 6 months and Fire employees sanitize twice per day already. Selectman Miller suggested making it a regular process until they are out of the pandemic. Interim Town Administrator Tully said that can be done, and said as part of the contract they also do Fire vehicles and Police cruisers free, and Board-Up has a great relationship with emergency departments.

**Motion:** That the Select Board move to encumber the balance of \$61,426 from FY2020.

**Motioned:** Selectman Miller

**Seconded:** Vice-Chair Sununu

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

Interim Town Administrator Tully announced that he had some problems with the mail and Beach Stickers being delivered, and had ordered 100 more to cover those individuals with a few extra and provided this information in Friday Folders.

**Second Period of Public Comment**

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George Chauncey of Hobbs Road said he attended the Public Hearing last week and agrees there was overwhelming support for Mr. Etela's plan. But he said the vast majority of those people were Step-Up members and not representative of the general public. He asked Mr. Miller why he approved the same curb cut in 2014 for the Safety Building, and Selectman Miller said because the plan for the Safety Building also involved demolition of the existing Library.

**Any other Item that may legally come before the Board**

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Chairman Maggiore said as your State Representative today is the last day of the General Session for the legislature. He said in summary of the relevant bills that may go off for signature from the Governor, they received an omnibus package with 30 different bills in it to consider with groupings, and he would send out a summary of what they believe is going off to signature.

**Next Regular Meeting:** July 13, 2020

**Adjournment**

Chairman Maggiore adjourned the meeting at 7:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Denmark, Recording Secretary