



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

SEPTEMBER 12, 2022 7:00 PM

NORTH HAMPTON TOWN HALL

Approved October 3, 2022

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

ALSO PRESENT: Town Administrator Michael Tully, Police Chief Kathryn Mone, Public Works Director John Hubbard

AGENDA

Chairman James Sununu welcomed everyone to the Select Board Meeting of September 12, 2022 and called the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

First Public Comment Session

Call 603-758-1447 or email: jsununu@northhampton-nh.gov

No Public Comments.

Consent Calendar

- 3.1 Payroll Manifest of August 25, 2022
- 3.2 Payroll Manifest of September 1, 2022
- 3.3 Accounts Payable Manifest of September 1, 2022
- 3.4 Cemetery Deed
- 3.5 Yield Tax Invoices

Motion: To approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

Motioned: Selectman Pinette

Seconded: Vice-Chair Maggiore

Vote: Motion approved by a vote of 3-0

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A recording of the meeting can be found at: http://www.townhallstreams.com/towns/north_hampton_nh, and a DVD recording is available at the North Hampton Town Administrative Offices, 233 Atlantic Avenue, North Hampton, New Hampshire 0386.

4.1 Correspondence – From Little Boar’s Head District Commissioners

Chairman Sununu said the letter is to residents of Little Boar’s Head (LBH) regarding the Annual Meeting held September 6, 2022 at Union Chapel to approve their Budget, which the Budget Committee previously viewed and recommended. He said LBH has a slightly different fiscal year from the Town; Warrant Articles are posted in the packet online.

Committee Updates

Vice-Chair Maggiore said the *Heritage Commission* has been working for several years on the potential for a Certified Local Government (CLG), and at the last meeting the Commission decided to pause their efforts to create an Historic District that would have enabled their application for CLG; requests for CLG have grown substantially reducing the probability of funding; Commission will keep apprised of developments. No updates on the *Water Commission*.

Vice-Chair Maggiore said tomorrow, September 13 at 10:00 am at the Bandstand will be the unveiling of an historic Lafayette Trail Marker commemorating his visit to North Hampton and recognizing the efforts of one of our younger residents who went above and beyond to celebrate history and North Hampton.

Chairman Sununu said *Rails to Trails* had no update; *Budget Committee* met to review and recommend the Little Boar’s Head Budget for FY2023 unanimously; next Budget Committee meeting in October.

6.1 Public Hearing

To consider the acceptance of unanticipated revenue in the amount of \$87,327.51 awarded to the Town, pursuant to Senate Bill 401, as additional appropriation of Highway Block Grant Funds.

Chairman Sununu read the Notice of Public Hearing in full and opened the Public Hearing at 7:13 pm.

Public Works Director John Hubbard said these are additional Block Grant Funds to be divided between Road Programs and Bridge Programs and divided out to cities and towns. He said the funds are going towards our normal street program, with fuel and asphalt up he was considering putting off the project until next summer due to lack of funds. He said all our bridges are State owned and maintained.

Chairman Sununu closed the Public Hearing at 7:16 pm.

Report of the Town Administrator

Town Administrator Tully said the Finance Department heads are now preparing the Budgets for submission; Board should look at scheduling two Budget Workshops in early October to review. Police Department is seeing an increase in bicycle accidents on roadways and are currently seeking an entry-level Police Officer; Fire Department hired a new Firefighter; Catwalk in Town Hall mostly complete; MRI beginning work on revaluation this fall, with need for a Warrant Article to replenish the fund.

Chairman Sununu thanked both Chiefs for their extra efforts in making the transition to temporary quarters smooth. He said regarding the Cell Tower he wants people to understand the number of factors involved in being able to site a tower in North Hampton. He said the Town is constrained by their Zoning Ordinance which says the land must be town-owned; private property would need a waiver. He said a lot of effort has been put into looking at potential areas.

Items Left on the Table – None

NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Update on Building Project

Town Administrator Tully said construction fencing is up and demolition started on the new Town Office Building today; looking at 2 weeks to start foundation and move AOS pumps, with completion in early December, and demolition of old police and fire buildings in mid-December.

9.2 Discussion of Coalition Communities 2.0

Chairman Sununu said this relates to school funding which is always a controversial issue in New Hampshire and said at one point in the past a group of communities came together, donor towns who were paying more back to the State than they were receiving in State Funds, to advocate for changing that system; North Hampton would have had to raise an amount in the millions to be made up locally. He said the group formed *Coalition Communities 2.0* and hired representation for legislation on this topic in the legislature last year.

Town Administrator Tully said this was a 2-year agreement for X amount of dollars to be divided by a number of towns who joined weighted by population (first year \$2,114/second \$2,250) and they are looking for North Hampton to re-up for another 2-year period. He said the idea was to bring this up tonight, have the Board do some research, and put back on the agenda to make a decision.

Chairman Sununu said it is not a lot of money but wanted to look into it more closely and get a better idea of what is coming up, and make sure this is still a focused and valuable effort towards the issue for which this group was formed. Vice-Chair Maggiore said there are 2 different filing periods in the fall for legislation and said he would be more than happy to watch both filing periods and report back.

9.3 Discussion of Historical District and Certified Local Government

Already covered under *Heritage Commission* update.

9.4 Request from United Church of Christ to use Town Green

Motion: To approve the request by United Church of Christ to use Town Green for a Church Picnic on September 18, 2022 and waive the associated fee.

Motioned: Selectman Pinette

Seconded: Vice-Chair Maggiore

Vote: Motion approved by a vote of 3-0

9.5 Rockingham Planning Commission – TAC Position

Vice-Chair Maggiore said the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC), part of Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) of the Rockingham Planning Commission (RPC), has asked for a representative to TAC. Bob Landman has been doing this for many years. He said TAC is a Standing Committee and they provide technical guidance and recommendations to RPC concerning transportation issues, and the representative would advocate for North Hampton. He suggested to post the position for volunteers and put on agenda for next meeting.

9.6 Discussion of School Resource Officer and Proposed Memorandum of Understanding

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Police Chief Kathryn Mone said School Safety conversations again came to the forefront May into June, and the public, residents, and School Board demonstrated a renewed interest in a School Resource Officer. She said this MOU is defining the roles when Police Officers are at the School for clarity and the commitment of the School to pay our officers OT rates to be there approximately 12 hours/month according to what the Department can support and based on the School's budget.

Chairman Sununu said he had questions for the School and wanted to make sure everyone has the same understanding before approving, and what the expectations are in terms of time and responsibilities. He said he would address his questions to Chief Mone and the School Superintendent and put the item on the next Select Board Agenda.

Town Administrator Tully said the School Board had thoughts of increasing the time in the future and talked about Warrant Articles. He said it may be a good idea to have a joint meeting for a conversation on what the School envisions moving forward.

MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETINGS

10.1 Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of August 22, 2022

Motion: To approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 22, 2022 as presented.

Motioned: Selectman Pinette

Seconded: Vice-Chair Maggiore

Vote: Motion approved by a vote of 3-0

10.2 Approval of Non-Public Meeting Minutes of August 22, 2022

Motion: To approve the Non-Public Meeting Minutes of August 22, 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 tomorrow is Primary Day and State law requires members of the Select Board be at the polls, but he will not be there as he is on the Ballot. Town Administrator Tully said he already arranged for a past Select Board member to be there and would also be there himself all day.

Second Public Comment Session

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No Public Comments

Next Regular Meeting: September 26, 2022

Adjournment

Chairman Sununu adjourned the meeting at 7:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Denmark, Recording Secretary