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

4 **March 11, 2024**

5 **NORTH HAMPTON TOWN HALL**

6 ***DRAFT MINUTES***

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8 **SELECT BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Jonathan Pinette, Vice Chairman James Sununu.
9 Selectman James Maggiore

10 **CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair Lisa Wilson, Vice-Chair Kathy Grant, Andrew
11 Vorkink, David Cicalone, Audrey Prior, Jay Chabot, Jennifer Kotzen

12 **ALSO PRESENT:** Town Administrator Michael Tully

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14 Chairman Pinette welcomed everyone to the Select Board Regular Meeting of March 11, 2024 and called
15 the meeting to order at 7:03 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance; Non-Public was not held today.

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17 **First Public Comment Session**

18 *Phone: 603-758-1447*

19 No Public Comments.

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21 **Consent Calendar**

22 5.1 Payroll Manifest of February 29, 2024 in the amount of \$79,520.89

23 5.2 Payroll Manifest of March 7, 2024 in the amount of \$261,642.72

24 5.3 Accounts Payable Manifest of February 29, 2024 in the amount of \$354,136.38

25 5.4 Cemetery Deed

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27 **Motion:** To approve items 5.1 through 5.4 on the Consent Calendar as presented.

28 **Motioned:** Selectman Maggiore

29 **Seconded:** Vice-Chair Sununu

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

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32 ***Disclaimer –These minutes are prepared by the Recording Secretary within five (5) business days as required by***
33 ***NH RSA 91-A:2, II. They will not be finalized until approved by majority vote of the Select Board.***

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35 ***A recording of the meeting can be found at: http://www.townhallstreams.com/towns/north_hampton_nh, and a***
36 ***DVD recording is available at the North Hampton Town Administrative Offices, 233 Atlantic Avenue, North***
37 ***Hampton, New Hampshire 03862.***

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39 **Correspondence** – None

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41 **Committee Updates**

42 Selectman Maggiore said *Heritage Commission* will meet in about a week; easements coming up with a
43 site walk. *Water Commission* has not met.

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45 Vice-Chair Sununu said *Rails to Trails Committee* has not met; Seacoast Greenway Alliance has finished
46 forming 501(c)(3) not-for-profit, received status letter from IRS and is now official. Working on trail-
47 related issues with towns and he has been elected to that board; top coating work underway, with trail
48 opening this spring; working on trailhead issues.

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50 **Public Hearing**

51 Pursuant to RSA 36-A:4 and RSA 675:7 to Consider the Acquisition of a 4-Acre Parcel of Land Located at
52 Map 002, Lot 078 from the Batchelder Family for the Purchase Price of \$14,800.

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54 Chairman Pinette opened the Public Hearing at 7:11 pm.

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56 Call to Order: Chair Lisa Wilson called the Conservation Commission meeting to order; first order of
57 business: vote to unseal and approve the Non-Pubic meeting minutes of January 9, 2024; minutes reflect
58 desire of Conservation Commission to acquire the 4-acre property located at Map 002, Lot 78 in a sensitive
59 ecological area in proximity of Aquarion Wells and trails, and authorize the Conservation Commission to
60 proceed with sale.

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62 **Motion** by _____ to unseal and approve the Conservation Commission Non-Public meeting minutes of
63 January 9, 2024 as presented; **seconded** by _____; **vote**: Approved 7-0

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65 Mr. Andrew Vorkink said the parcel of land is approximately 1,800 ft long and 100 ft wide; one of original
66 parcels of 12 Shares granted to original settlers of Hampton in 1600s. Wetlands area between Woodland
67 and Mill Road; parcels cross the border of North Hampton and Hampton; trail put in from Whites Lane to
68 North Hampton border with opportunity to extend into North Hampton. Proceeds to acquire parcel will
69 have no impact on taxes.

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71 **Motion** by Audrey Prior to approve and accept the above agreement to move forward to Select Board;
72 **seconded** by Jay Chabot; **vote**: Approved 7-0

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74 Ms. Wilson said the next order of business is for the Select Board to discuss the Acquisition.

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76 Chairman Pinette said is he 100% for acquisition of this parcel which is a huge benefit to the town.
77 Selectman Maggiore emphasized the size and shape of the lot, the willingness of the owners to sell the
78 lot to the Town, and said he was supportive of this purchase. Vice-Chair Sununu said in general these are
79 undevelopable parcels and this allows the opportunity to work with Hampton to expand their trail system.

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81 **Motion**: To accept recommendation of Conservation Commission to purchase property as presented in
82 our packets this evening and as confirmed in purchase and sales agreement and Warranty Deed.

83 **Motioned**: Selectman Maggiore

84 **Seconded**: Vice-Chair Sununu

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

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87 Ms. Wilson said she would leave the paperwork for the Board’s signatures and notarization.
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89 Chairman Pinnette closed the Public Hearing at 7:22 pm and Ms. Wilson adjourned the Conservation
90 Commission meeting.
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92 **Report of the Town Administrator**

93 Report February 27 to March 11, 2024: Finance: 28% of Budget remaining with 17 weeks left in FY; Police:
94 targeting problem traffic areas, Sergeant Kyle Manlow participated in 15th Annual Battle of the Badges
95 raising \$2,000 for Dartmouth Hitchcock, applying for grants; Fire: intern starting next week through end
96 of semester, received life support equipment for engine; goal to complete and close Town Office and
97 Safety Complex projects by May; REC: Egg Scramble March 23, moved into new rec space and began
98 programming; Rails to Trails: trail in good condition, no evidence of water damage.
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100 Chairman Pinette stressed the importance of voting tomorrow at the North Hampton School from 8:00
101 am to 7:00 pm.
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103 **Items Left on the Table** – None
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105 **NEW BUSINESS**
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107 **8.2 Quarterly Update from Aquarion Water**

108 Aquarion Operations Manager Carl McMorrان said the storm a few months ago wiped out a side of the
109 road on Ocean Boulevard and took out 200 ft of water main; some customers experienced low water
110 pressure for a few hours; shut down affected pipes in Philbrick Pond and one of mains that feeds water
111 to Rye. Installed 300 feet of new high-density polyethylene (HDPE) water main with valve, replaced old
112 asbestos concrete pipes.
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114 Director of Community Relations George Logan talked about 60-gallon Rain Barrels which can be ordered
115 from Aquarion for \$85 until May 1, 2024; Environmental Champions Awards of \$5,000 each, an
116 opportunity for the public to nominate a company for a non-profit, a non-profit, or an individual.
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118 Aquarion Engineer Amanda Keyes working on capital projects for this year: (1) Little River Water
119 Treatment Plant to be constructed to treat wells off Bonnie Lane, Hampton in process of designing and
120 permitting, bid project in late spring with construction in the fall and online next year; have Well 7, Well
121 22, and mechanical duplicate for each of those wells, allowing treatment of the full capacity. (2)
122 Replacement of Exeter Road Water Storage Tank: in design phase, seek ZBA height variance, bid in fall and
123 start construction next spring.
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125 Selectman Maggiore asked the meaning of “mechanical duplicate”; Ms. Keyes said that is a second well
126 for each of the wells, there for redundancy and backup, not used at same time. Vice-Chair Sununu said
127 EPA has proposed significant new rules on lead service lines, including visual inspection, if necessary, and
128 expects this to be done by end of this year. Mr. McMorrان said Aquarion was aware this was coming and
129 are doing everything they can to identify service line materials. Mr. McMorrان said Aquarion knows 1/3-
130 1/2 of what customers services lines are, but replacement would mean a great expense. He said if people
131 are not in compliance, it could degrade public confidence in water service utilities everywhere.
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133 **8.4 Discussion of New Coakley Monitoring Well**

134 Town Administrator Tully said Coakley has been conducting a deep bedrock study of movement of water
135 out of landfill and looking for another place to put a well on our side at 136 Lafayette Road by April. He
136 told them there was land available on Cherry Road for storage of their equipment. Board agreed it was a
137 good idea.

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139 **8.3 Update on Water Line Grant and Project**

140 Vice-Chair Sununu said we are required by DES to put in a service line to a location that has a well behind
141 the town complex, which was found to have PFAS. A grant was received for \$40,000, working with a
142 consultant engineering firm because it requires directional drilling underground; also needs access
143 easements across private property. Funds are from ARPA grant distributed by the State expiring end of
144 2026. Need to make sure this is a service line and not a treatment system.

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146 Town Administrator Tully said he also put in for 2 grants for funding to lift Old Locke Road on the Rye side
147 and will try to get that project done.

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149 **MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETINGS**

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151 **12.1 Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 26, 2024**

152 **Motion:** To approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 26, 2024, as presented.

153 **Motioned:** Vice-Chair Sununu

154 **Seconded:** Selectman Maggiore

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

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

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159 **Second Public Comment Session**

160 *Phone: 603-758-1447*

161 Chairman Pinette opened the Second Public Comment Session at 7:57 pm; no public comment, Public
162 Hearing closed.

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164 **Next Regular Meeting:** March 26, 2024

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166 **ADJOURNMENT**

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168 Chairman Pinette adjourned the meeting at 7:57 pm.

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170 Respectfully submitted,

171 Patricia Denmark, Recording Secretary