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

4 **MARCH 13, 2023 7:00 PM**

5 **NORTH HAMPTON TOWN HALL**

6 ***DRAFT MINUTES***

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

9 ALSO PRESENT: Town Administrator Michael Tully

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11 Chairman James Sununu welcomed everyone to the Select Board Regular Meeting of March 13, 2023 and
12 called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. He said the Board is coming
13 from two Non-Public Sessions and asked for a motion to seal the minutes.

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15 **Motion:** To seal the minutes of Non-Public Sessions I and II of March 13, 2023.

16 **Motioned:** Selectman Pinette

17 **Seconded:** Vice-Chair Maggiore

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

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20 **First Public Comment Session**

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

22 **Kathleen Kilgore** of 220 Atlantic Avenue said in light of new information that has come out regarding
23 eminent domain at 168 Mill Road since the last meeting, the Select Board should consider reimbursing
24 the Cotter Family for their legal expenses.

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26 **George Chauncey** of Hobbs Road said he read an article in the paper that really surprised him concerning
27 eminent domain and the citizens' petition. He said at the time the Select Board said they were acting on
28 a petition from citizens when they actually initiated the petition and got citizens to sign it; \$20,000-
29 \$30,000 of taxpayer money was spent on legal fees and land evaluation; the Select Board did not do the
30 right thing and handled this badly.

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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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Amy Bucklin Faley of 3 North Road sad the community is becoming separated and lacking trust, and we should be welcoming people and trying to unite them. She said there is a lot of information out there, a lot of it not correct, which has become such a maze and blur no one really knows what is going on which makes her uncomfortable. She said open, honest communication is what people would really like and asked if there had been progress on any other cell tower options.

Chairman Sununu said there is nothing to report on this and it is not on the agenda for this evening.

Consent Calendar

- 6.1 Payroll Manifest of March 2, 2023 in the amount of \$86,624.25
- 6.2 Payroll Manifest of March 9, 2023 in the amount of \$234,320.70
- 6.3 Accounts Payable Manifest of March 2, 2023 in the amount of \$56,419.38
- 6.4 Cemetery Deed
- 6.5 Veterans Tax Credit

Motion: To accept Consent Calendar items 6.1 - 6.5 as presented.
Motioned: Vice-Chair Maggiore
Seconded: Selectman Pinette
Vote: Motion approved 3-0

Correspondence

Town Administrator Tully said he did receive a correspondence but first needed to get back to the writer; it was a positive letter praising the Highway Department.

Committee Updates

Vice-Chair Maggiore said the *Heritage Commission* will be meeting on Thursday; *Water Commission* has not met, no update.

Chairman Sununu said *Rails to Trails Committee* has not met recently.

Public Hearing

To consider the acceptance of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds of \$40,000 through the Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) to finance an interconnection of an affected property to the municipal water supply to remediate per and polyfluoroalkyl (PFAS)

Chairman Sununu read the Hearing Notice in full and opened the Public Hearing at 7:14 pm.

Town Administrator Tully said as part of the investigation of PFAS on Town property required by NHDES, a well was found to be affected by higher PFAS and the Town was required to figure out how to provide water. A grant was put forward to put the well on the Town water system; cost is \$40,000 to dig and drill under the property here to connect to Aquarion Water.

As there were no public comments Chairman Sununu closed the Public Hearing at 7:16 pm.

Motion: To accept the \$40,000 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) through NHDES to finance an interconnection of an affected property to the municipal water supply to remediate PFAS on the affected property.

86 **Motioned:** Vice-Chair Maggiore
87 **Seconded:** Selectman Pinette
88 **Vote:** Motion approved 3-0

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90 **Report of the Town Administrator**

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92 Period: February 28, 2023 – March 10, 2023: Finance at 32% of Budget remaining with 16 weeks
93 remaining in the fiscal year; CHAD hockey game 3/18/2023 in Manchester; Police Chief retirement on
94 agenda; Firefighter position available in FD; work continues on Safety Building, on schedule for December;
95 Rec: registration for Summer Camp opened March 1st, Easter Egg Hunt at Elementary School April 1st;
96 NHDOT on agenda tonight to discuss Route 1 culvert and bridge replacement; Rails to Trails discussed
97 regional grant submission with RPC for signage and trail heads.

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99 **Items Left on the Table** – None

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101 **NEW BUSINESS**

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103 **12.1 Presentation from North Hampton School** – Rebecca Carlson and Superintendent Meredith Nadeau

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105 School Superintendent Meredith Nadeau said students will present Portrait of a Learner, a student-
106 centered strategic planning process, which begins with what the community wants for its students and
107 what we are looking to achieve; started with a number of questions to lead us through the process.

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109 Curriculum Coordinator Rebecca Carlson said last fall a plan was created and stakeholder input gathered.
110 Two key questions were what they would want for their students and what programs and facilities would
111 be needed to achieve that; all collected data was synthesized to create a draft of a Portrait of a Learner.
112 She said the five pillars are: Academics, Mindsets, Essential Life Skills, Physical & Mental Health, and
113 Community Engagement. Student Josh Mason introduced the first three pillars and said their job is to
114 develop outcomes for students like us; Riley Quinn explained the last two pillars and then asked the Select
115 Board for feedback.

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117 Chairman Sununu said it is important to bring these things to the broader community and there may be
118 ways to partner with the Rec Department and suggested the School provide periodic updates to the Board.
119 Vice-Chair Maggiore wondered about connecting with UNH Cooperative Extension. Chairman Sununu said
120 getting people to come to a Public Meeting and get engaged is the most productive. Ms. Riley Quinn asked
121 how the community can partner with the School in future to make this vision a reality. Vice-Chair Maggiore
122 said you have started that process now and made a great first step.

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124 Ms. Carlson said the Town and School have another Earth Day Cleanup scheduled for the weekend of April
125 10, 2023. Superintendent Nadeau said they will be joining Seniors for lunch next week and expect a date
126 for a community dinner in the next week or so.

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128 **12.2 Discussion of North Road Bridge Project with NHDOT**

129 Dan Primo said he is filling in for Project Manager Matt Lampron who is working with the Town and said
130 Engineer John Hebert is here from the Roadway Design Section. He said the Public Hearing for this was
131 held in 2018 and they are now entering the final design phase and seeking direction from the town on
132 which construction alternative is preferred: (1) accelerated construction of the Bridge requiring a shorter-

133 term detour of 2-3 weeks for Route 1 traffic; (2) traditional construction alternating one-way traffic on
134 the bridge with longer duration of 4-5 months.

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136 Mr. Hebert said DOT bought the corridor from PanAm/B&M RR and will do the bridge replacement. He
137 said the intent is to do some realignment of North Road W above and North Road E below with roadway
138 reconstruction. He reviewed the background and said there were concerns about North Road E
139 realignment. The existing roadway corridor is Route 1, a minor urban arterial carrying 18,000/vehs/day,
140 with a 2-way left turn lane and limited shoulders and typical 12-ft-wide lanes. The Bridge is considered
141 historic, built in 1936; superstructure and deck are failing but granite substructure is in good shape; intent
142 is to remove superstructure and build on top of existing granite abutment.

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144 Mr. Hebert showed an overview of the area and said they are teeing up North Roads W and E to more of
145 a standard intersection to improve sight distance. He said another project is going on at Little River
146 crossing for culvert replacement. For the phased bridge construction the concrete deck and girders make
147 work more difficult here as concrete is part of the integrity of the bridge: Step one would be to remove
148 part of the existing bridge structure and slide traffic over with only one lane and eventually move the two
149 phases together for one bridge.

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151 Mr. Hebert said the phased option would need alternating 2-way traffic for 4-5 months. He said the traffic
152 is always heavy with AM and PM peaks: AM backup would be 1500 ft with PM at 1200 ft at both temporary
153 traffic lights. Chairman Sununu clarified that would be the longest line of traffic you could expect to build
154 at that light in the busiest time of day. Mr. Hebert said that was correct and said after the first week people
155 seek alternate routes. He said the other option is to close the road and build the bridge with detours
156 around and anticipated needing 2-3 weeks, which will be accelerated bridge construction working 12-
157 hour days or longer.

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159 Mr. Hebert said the road detour would be about 10 miles with the truck detour about 14.4 miles. He said
160 they cannot keep people off other roads and specified the location of local Emergency Services. He said
161 the closure affects businesses and they will still maintain access to North Road. He said the other factor
162 recently is a stone culvert under Little River Bridge which is beginning to fail and is a separate project
163 which appears to be tracking on the same schedule at this time but is not guaranteed, and said their focus
164 is the bridge.

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166 Mr. Primo said they have focused on the bridge but they have a lot of work to do to relocate North Road
167 E and reconstruct Route 1. He said the bridge may take 3 weeks but the project will probably be under
168 construction for a full year with all the roadway approach work. He said they are tracking the culvert to
169 hopefully coordinate both projects and are hoping to get the final design underway and advertise for bids,
170 probably looking at a construction start time of 2025. He said Matt Lampron is still the Project Manager.

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172 Chairman Sununu said the culvert being done at the same time would be ideal and he leans toward the 2-
173 3 week closure versus 4-5 months of a quarter-mile backup. He asked how possible it would be to target
174 the closure to a certain time, before Memorial Day or after Labor Day. Selectman Pinette agreed and
175 asked if there was a certain ideal time to pour concrete. Mr. Primo said they will be pouring concrete but
176 a lot of the elements for the bridge are pre-cast. He said the closure time will depend on the advertising
177 date with contractor starting approximately 3 months later, but could not say with certainty.

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179 Vice-Chair Maggiore asked about accommodating the four businesses on North Road and how much
180 communication there will be with property owners. Mr. Primo said they do try to work with property

181 owners through the right-of-way process and make sure they are being listened to, and a construction
182 foreman will be onsite daily.

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184 There was consensus of the Select Board that the best option would be the 2-3 week road closure.
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186 **12.3 Acknowledgement of Police Department Employee Retirement**

187 Chairman Sununu stated that on March 1st the town's Police Chief Kathryn Mone submitted a letter of
188 retirement effective March 31, 2023. He said they wished Chief Mone all the best in the future and
189 thanked her for her services to the Town.

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191 Town Administrator Tully said he had reached out to MRI to bring a temporary police administrator and
192 MRI will also run a countrywide search for the best candidate for our Town and Police Department to
193 move forward. Chairman Sununu said there will be a process which will expand into the community and
194 input will be provided as we move further down the road.

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196 **12.4 Discussion of Little Boar's Head (LBH) Zoning Grant**

197 Town Administrator Tully explained that this is on the agenda looking to the Town and Select Board to act
198 as fiscal agents for this contract with LBH. He said the purpose of the \$50,000 grant is to assist municipal
199 and village districts with Planning & Zoning authority to look to increasing housing opportunities for
200 community engagement and regulatory change. He said LBH Planning Board will be working through this
201 with RPC to establish a Housing Master Plan Chapter to bring LBH into compliance with workforce housing.
202 LBH does not have the credentials needed to take a Federal Grant and the Town will accept it with a vote
203 so LBH can move forward.

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205 Chairman Sununu said this would be subject to LBH Planning & Zoning Ordinance; a Public Hearing will be
206 held at a future date for acceptance of the grant. Town Administrator Tully said the first step is that the
207 Select Board vote to be the fiscal agents for this grant.

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209 **Motion:** That the North Hampton Select Board intends to act as fiscal agents for this contract with LBH.

210 **Motioned:** Selectman Pinette

211 **Seconded:** Vice-Chair Maggiore

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

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214 **12.5 Appointments to Agricultural Commission**

215 **Motion:** To reappoint Dieter Ebert for a 3-year term as Member of the Agricultural Commission and
216 Pollyanna Ford for a 1-year term as Alternate Member of the Agricultural Commission, and appoint Rowan
217 Perkins for a 1-year term as Alternate Member of the Agricultural Commission.

218 **Motioned:** Vice-Chair Maggiore

219 **Seconded:** Selectman Pinette

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

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222 **MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETINGS**

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224 **12.1 Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of February 27, 2023**

225 **Motion:** To approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 27, 2023 as presented.

226 **Motioned:** Selectman Pinette

227 **Seconded:** Vice-Chair Maggiore

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

Select Board Regular Meeting
March 13, 2023

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12.2 Approval of Minutes of Non-Public Meeting of February 27, 2023

Motion: To approve the Minutes of the Non-Public Sessions of February 27, 2023

Motioned: Selectman Pinette

Seconded: Vice-Chair Maggiore

Vote: Motion approved 3-0

Any Other Item that may legally come before the Board

Second Public Comment Session

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Next Regular Meeting: March, 27 2023

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Sununu adjourned the meeting at 8:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Denmark, Recording Secretary

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