



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

**MAY 23, 2022 7:00 PM**

**NORTH HAMPTON TOWN HALL**

***Approved June 13, 2022***

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman James Sununu, Vice-Chair Jim Maggiore, Selectman Jonathan Pinette

ALSO PRESENT: Town Administrator Michael Tully, School Curriculum Coordinator Rebecca Carlson

**AGENDA**

Chairman James Sununu welcomed everyone to the North Hampton Select Board Meeting of May 23, 2022 and called the meeting to order at 7:12 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Motion:** To seal the Non-Public meeting minutes of Sessions I, II, III of May 23, 2022.

**Motioned:** Vice-Chair Maggiore

**Seconded:** Selectman Pinette

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

Chairman Sununu asked that New Business Item 13.1 Swearing in of Sergeant James Mascioli be moved up in the calendar.

**13.1 Swearing-in Ceremony for Sergeant James Mascioli**

Lieutenant Jim Russell said on behalf of Chief Mone and the entire North Hampton Police Department, he was pleased to announce the promotion of James Mascioli to the rank of Sergeant. He said he began his career at North Hampton Police Department in 2014 and is a dedicated worker and natural born leader, 2020 recipient of the 524 Award, and proud member of the Emergency Response Team. He said his wife Paige will do the pinning of the badge this evening, which is a time-honored tradition in Police and Fire Service.

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Town Administrator Tully presented the Oath of Office, and Paige Mascioli did the pinning of the badge. Sergeant James Mascioli thanked everybody in the Town of North Hampton for their support throughout his career and thanked his family; he said was looking forward to his new role.

The Select Board took a brief recess and resumed at 7:20 pm.

### **First Public Comment Session**

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No public comment.

### **Consent Calendar**

- 8.1 Payroll Manifest of April 28, 2022 in the amount of \$75,852.07
- 8.2 Payroll Manifest of May 5, 2022 in the amount of \$251,124.04
- 8.3 Payroll Manifest of May 12, 2022 in the amount of \$76,171.65
- 8.4 Payroll Manifest of May 19, 2022 in the amount of \$77,492.44
- 8.5 Accounts Payable Manifest of April 28, 2022 in the amount of \$71,807.41
- 8.6 Accounts Payable Manifest of May 12, 2022 in the amount of \$78,925.15
- 8.7 Approval of Veterans Tax Credits
- 8.8 Approval of Elderly Exemptions
- 8.9 Cemetery Deeds

**Motion:** To approve Consent Calendar items 8.1 – 8.9 as presented.

**Motioned:** Selectman Pinette

**Seconded:** Vice-Chair Maggiore

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

### **Correspondence**

**9.1 Correspondence from Hamptons American Legion Post 35** – Inviting the Select Board to participate in the Memorial Day Parade and exercises, May 30, 2022 starting at 10:00 am, from Citizens Bank on Lafayette Road and ending at Town Offices with a Memorial Service in front of Town Clerk's Office.

### **Committee Updates**

Vice-Chair Maggiore said the *Heritage Commission* met last Thursday and is continuing to make progress on Certified Local Government; Water Commission just addressed in Non-Public and when it is available will be made public and posted.

Chairman Sununu said the *Rails to Trails Committee* last week was postponed due to schedule conflicts; *Budget Committee* met last week to have an Economic Review presentation by myself.

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

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

**Report from April 26 – May 20, 2022:** Finance 12% of Budget remaining with 6 weeks left in fiscal year; Police Department participating in extra patrols targeting texting and driving funded by a grant, and today is Deputy Daly's last night with the department; Fire Department in process of hiring; building fire last night quickly contained; Lease signed at 34 Lafayette Road as temporary quarters for Police and Fire;

interviewing for Building Inspector; parttime job at Transfer Station still open; grant for Old Locke Road not awarded.

**Items Left on the Table** – None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **13.2 Presentation on Trees at North Hampton School** – Rebecca Carlson

Chairman Sununu said tree cutting is being done on Town property behind the School, and it was before the Board to remove some diseased Red Pine trees and recommended by the Forester which will clear out space there.

School Curriculum Coordinator Rebecca Carlson said an environmentalist walked the property with us, with the idea to take advantage of this unique time in our School forest history. A School Forest Stewardship Program will be started, dividing the area into 8 parcels with each parcel assigned to a grade (1-8) to care for and study that parcel until graduation. She said she would talk about curriculum connections that will be created, partnerships we hope to establish, current assets, and wants and needs for the future.

Ms. Carlson said curriculum connections include Humanities to inspire writing, Service work to promote health of the land, STEM to study flora and fauna, and Unified Arts using technology to study the land as creative inspiration in arts. Partnerships are with Town of North Hampton, UNH, County Forester Greg Jordan, and School Greenhouse stewards, as well as establishing connections with community partners, environmental services, and outdoor education groups. Students are already engaged in environmental work, and there will be greater access to more areas; outdoor equipment repairs are in the Budget for next year.

Ms. Carlson said wants and needs include some physical delineation of parcels, possible camera drone to study forest canopy, binoculars and magnifying glasses, as well as overshoes and mud boots for students to fully engage in the experience. Program Timeline: July 2022 completion of harvesting; summer 2023 repair of outdoor elements for training of faculty; August 2022 delineation of parcels; September 2022 present stewardship program to students; 2022-2023 inaugural year of School's Forest Stewardship Program.

Questions/Comments: Chairman Sununu asked the size of the parcels; Ms. Carlson said they will be large to make them worth studying, and will be divided to provide equitable experiences for all students.

### **13.3 Appointments to Capital Improvement Plan Committee**

Chairman Sununu said there are 2 nominees from the Planning Board: Nancy Monaghan as a Planning Board member and Cynthia Swank as a Citizen Member, and the School Board has nominated Danielle Strater as their member.

**Motion:** To affirm Nancy Monaghan for a 1-year term, Cynthia Swank for a 3-year term, and Danielle Strater for a 1-year term to Capital Improvements Plan Committee.

**Motioned:** Vice-Chair Maggiore

**Seconded:** Selectman Pinette

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

### **13.4 Appointments to Recreation Commission**

**Motion:** To appoint Martin Tavitian, Jane Morse, and Willow Foley to the Recreation Commission, each for a 3-year term.

**Motioned:** Vice-Chair Maggiore

**Seconded:** Selectman Pinette

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

### **13.5 Discussion of Bandstand Committee Request for Trailer at Town Common**

Town Administrator Tully said the Bandstand Committee requested they be able to leave a trailer parked under the trees on the side of Post Road.

Selectman Pinette said due to: (1) the redesign of the hill because of accidents on an annual basis, having a structure where they suggested would be a safety hazard, and (2) the visual aspect of having a structure there for the summer; made a recommendation *not* to have any type of structure there. Vice-Chair Maggiore concurred emphasizing the line of sight and recent work being done at the Bandstand, and said even the smallest distraction there is a challenge and he does not support leaving anything there on a permanent basis.

Chairman Sununu agreed and shared the concern with anything parked along the road. He said that leaves the Board with not being in favor of having this trailer on that piece of property at this time, and asked Town Administrator Tully to communicate that back to the Bandstand.

### **13.6 Municipal Buildings Project Update**

Chairman Sununu said Town Administrator Tully already covered temporary quarters and Clerk of the Works in his report. He said the Bond paperwork was approved by the Select Board last week and has gone to State Bond Bank today for the Public Safety Center, scheduling for the Bond Bank to post that out June 7, 2022 with Bond funds secured on the market and finalize the rate and cost for Bond. Planning is proceeding apace with details, architectural and building plans as approved in the concept.

Town Administrator Tully said we are all seeing rising interest rates and the Bond Bank moved up the sale of the Bond by one month for a better rate; now probably looking at 3-4% for a Bond. He said he received a communication today looking at what is happening with the economy and asking how the Board is going to continue keeping this project on budget.

Chairman Sununu said when the numbers were put together for this project the project manager sourced the cost information and was very careful to look at costs in compiling those numbers, also adding a 10% contingency (around \$1 Mil) into the cost of the project because of uncertainty. He said they will work to come in under budget and leave contingency untouched, to be used to mitigate cost of debt payments. He said we will continue to provide regular updates to the public as we proceed.

## **MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETINGS**

### **14.1 Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of April 25, 2022**

**Motion:** To accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 25, 2022 as presented.

**Motioned:** Selectman Pinette

**Seconded:** Vice-Chair Maggiore

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

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**14.2 Approval of Meeting Minutes of May 16, 2022**

**Motion:** To accept the Meeting Minutes of May 15, 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**

**Second Public Comment Session**

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No Public Comment

**Next Regular Meeting:** June 8, 2022.

**Adjournment**

Chairman Sununu adjourned the meeting at 8:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Patricia Denmark, Recording Secretary