



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

JUNE 13, 2022 7:00 PM

NORTH HAMPTON TOWN HALL

Approved June 27, 2022

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

ALSO PRESENT: Town Administrator Michael Tully

AGENDA

Chairman James Sununu welcomed everyone to the North Hampton Select Board Meeting of June 13, 2022 and called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

First Public Comment Session

For comments please call 603-758-1447; email jsununu@northhampton-nh.gov

No public comment.

Consent Calendar

- 3.1 Payroll Manifest of May 26, 2022 in the amount of \$81,077.41
- 3.2 Payroll Manifest of June 2, 2022 in the amount of \$110,524.89
- 3.3 Payroll Manifest of June 9, 2022 in the amount of \$254,541.09
- 3.4 Accounts Payable Manifest of May 26, 2022 in the amount of \$929,269.73
- 3.5 Accounts Payable Manifest of June 9, 2022 in the amount of \$807,957.89
- 3.6 Approval of Exempt Properties – Religious/Charitable/Educational

Motion: To approve Consent Calendar items 3.1 – 3.6 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 03862.

Correspondence

4.1 Letter from Joe Fitzgerald – Read in full by Chairman Sununu: Regarding stock market crashing, 401Ks, and housing prices starting to tumble; advised Selectmen to pull the plug on the new building project.

Committee Updates

Vice-Chair Maggiore said the *Heritage Commission* met and reported that Jeff Hillier, longtime member of the Heritage Commission and many other committees in North Hampton, is moving out of town after 50 years as a resident. His wife also served as a Library Trustee and they will be missed. No updates on the *Water Commission* yet.

Chairman Sununu said *Rails to Trails* and the *Budget Committee* have not met since our last meeting and there are no updates.

Report of the Town Administrator

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

Report from May 24 – June 10, 2022: Finance 7% of Budget remaining with 3 weeks left in fiscal year; Fire Department hired paramedic Kevin Levine from Hampton Fire Department; Dispatch responsibilities transferred to Rockingham County Dispatch Center in preparation for move to interim facilities; plan of repair put together for new leased spaces; Planning Board Hearing on project planned for July and moving schedule set; completing background process for new Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector.

Items Left on the Table – None

NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Aquarion Water Quarterly Update

Carl McMorran, Aquarion Operations Manager, said the area has been a little dry and running at a bit of a deficit. He said all our wells are in really good shape and we are officially in a Moderate Drought. Metered Services trends over last 12 years show steady growth, but number of seasonal accounts is declining with more cottages being modified to year-round.

Dan Lawrence, Aquarion Vice-President for Engineering, said treatment is in for Mill Road Well Field with treatment at Well 6 with highest PFAS rate, in an effort to control migration of that contamination and protect remainder of wells. A PFOA chart shows Well 6 before treatment with 16-18 parts per trillion (ppt), treated Well 6 now has zero, with 3 ppt out of the Mill Road Well Field, and we are at a good spot now relative to maximum contaminant levels established by DES.

Mr. Lawrence said a small water main replacement will be done in Hampton to upgrade 300 ft of asbestos-cement pipe 70 years old. He said the company also applied through the SRF Program to DES for Wells 7 and 22 for arsenic treatment, which the states will receive in October; DES lowered arsenic standard from 10 to 5, and it is an emerging high contaminant.

8.2 Review of Statistical Revaluation Request for Proposals Received

Town Administrator Tully said in an effort to be ahead of the curve the Board approved me to go out with an RFP; sent to 21 companies with 3 responses received, one of which does not have the staffing at this time. There is a Capital Reserve account for the Revaluation with enough money to cover either RFP.

Chairman Sununu said proposals are from Vision Government Solutions for \$56,000 and Municipal Resources Inc. (MRI) for \$52,000, with very little difference in what they are proposing. Vice-Chair Maggiore said both bids are in line with what we expect to pay and he has no concerns with either.

Motion: That the Board hire Municipal Resources, Inc. (MRI) for our revaluation process at a price not to exceed \$52,000 as stated on their proposal.

Motioned: Vice-Chair Maggiore

Seconded: Selectman Pinette

Vote: Motion approved 3-0

8.3 Legislative Update

State Representative Maggiore said about 1,000-1,200 bills have been submitted to legislature with about 150 that become law. Those important for North Hampton include: Senate Bill 401 allocates \$36 Mil for municipally owned bridges, \$30 Mil for municipal roads, and \$1 Mil for body-worn and dashcam cameras with funding coming to the states; \$11,500 for North Hampton to go to roads and bridges.

House Bill 1221 would have made contributions we make to retirement fund a permanent 7.5% contribution from the State; ultimately amended and limited to one year only. House Bill 1547 allocates another \$25 Mil to existing PFAS Remediation Loan Fund increasing it from \$50 Mil to \$75 Mil and provides additional relief to towns and cities addressing PFAS chemicals in their water systems.

House Bill 1069 allows Village Districts to go from 3 commissioners to 5 commissioners; House Bill 1157 provides that no election ballot-counting device shall have access to the internet; House Bill 1457 specifies that sealed containers holding ballots and absentee ballot materials be stored in a location under direction of the Town Clerk; Senate Bill 239 requires that all political subdivisions of municipalities notify the Department of Revenue Administration of completed municipal or county audits. Bills that have become law: 132 and hundreds that did not get a vote.

8.4 Acceptance of the Per and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Remediation Grant & Loan Fund (PTAS RLF)

Town Administrator Tully said during PFAS investigation our consultant was tasked to look around a certain radius of the Town Complex and determine whether houses/businesses were on town water or private water. One business was found to be on private water and DES asked that we either bring public water to that site or put in a point of service system which the Town would have to service and maintain forever. The site has an easement to enter over someone else's property which has been paved and a bid was needed for a contractor to come in and directional drill it. He said he applied for and received a grant which will allow us to fix that problem.

Motion: That the North Hampton Select Board enter into a PFAS Remediation Loan Fund Grant agreement with NHDES to fund a water system improvement project; Town of North Hampton further authorizes Michael J. Tully, Town Administrator, to execute any documents which may be necessary to effectuate this grant agreement.

Motioned: Vice-Chair Maggiore

Seconded: Selectman Pinette

Vote: Motion approved 3-0

8.5 Discussion of Clerk of the Works Position

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Chairman Sununu said a resume was received from Mark Jobin for the position of Clerk of the Works, a position that is part of the Budget for the building projects as someone hired by the Town to represent its interests who has some level of technical expertise in construction and can work closely with the project manager and sub-contractors in overseeing planning and execution of the project on our behalf. This is a particular candidate that stood out and the Board recommends authorizing Mr. Tully to engage Mr. Jobin.

Motion: That the Board authorize Mr. Tully to engage in finalizing an agreement with Mr. Mark Jobin for Clerk of the Works position.

Motioned: Selectman Pinette

Seconded: Vice-Chair Maggiore

Vote: Motion approved 3-0

8.6 Building Projects Update

Town Administrator Tully said the Bond Sale happened June 7th and the Town was notified today that the 30-year interest rate would be 3.98%, higher than we expected. He said they estimated 52-cent increase to taxes which would probably now be 55 cents. He said both Chiefs met with PCG and Two-Way putting together certain changes that have to happen to the buildings as well as working with Mr. Ricci. Those will start end of June/beginning of July with hope to have Fire and Police in the building in mid-August; would like them operating in that space before we make decisions on demolishing buildings probably at end of October/beginning of November.

Town Administrator Tully said Mr. Ricci will be doing a walkthrough with the Chiefs next week to put together a punch list on what needs to happen inside the building and we will move forward. Right now still shooting for a July Planning Board date for a Public Hearing; looking at a construction schedule to start end of October/beginning of November on Fire/Police Building; renovation would start sometime toward end of July/beginning of August.

8.7 Appointment of Kathy Kilgore to Capital Improvements Committee (Library Representative)

Motion: That the Board appoint Kathleen Kilgore as Library Representative to the Capital Improvements Committee.

Motioned: Selectman Pinette

Seconded: Vice-Chair Maggiore

Vote: Motion approved 3-0

MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETINGS

14.1 Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of May 23, 2022

Motion: To approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 23, 2022 as presented.

Motioned: Vice-Chair Maggiore

Seconded: Selectman Pinette

Vote: Motion approved by a vote of 3-0

14.2 Approval of Non-Public Sessions I, II, and III Meeting Minutes of May 23, 2022

Motion: To approve Non-Public Sessions I, II, and III Meeting Minutes of May 23, 2022, as presented.

Motioned: Vice-Chair Maggiore

Seconded: Selectman Pinette

Vote: Motion approved by a vote of 3-0

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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 27, 2022

Adjournment

Chairman Sununu adjourned the meeting at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Denmark, Recording Secretary