



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

JULY 24, 2023 7:00 PM

NORTH HAMPTON TOWN HALL

Approved August 14, 2023

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

ALSO PRESENT: Town Administrator Michael Tully, Public Works Director John Hubbard

Chairman Pinette welcomed everyone to the Select Board Regular Meeting of July 24, 2023 and called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance; coming from a Non-Public Session.

Motion: To seal the Minutes of the Non-Public Session of July 24, 2023.

Motioned: Selectman Maggiore

Seconded: Vice-Chair Sununu

Vote: Motion approved 3-0

First Public Comment Session

Phone: 603-758-1447

No Public Comments.

Consent Calendar

- 5.1 Payroll Manifest of July 13, 2023 in the amount of \$281,092.06
- 5.2 Payroll Manifest of July 20, 2023 in the amount of \$84,920.53
- 5.3 Accounts Payable Manifest of July 6, 2023 in the amount of \$739,917.95

Motion: To approve Consent Calendar items 5.1 – 5.3 as presented.

Motioned: Selectman Maggiore

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Seconded: Vice-Chair Sununu
Vote: Motion approved 3-0

Town Administrator Tully said there have been lots of questions about the Revaluation and the percentages given, and he is telling people taxes will go down but the amount will not be known until the rate is set in the fall from an equation based on the Budget.

Correspondence – None

Committee Updates

Selectman Maggiore said the *Heritage Commission* met with DOT in 2019 about the proposed construction of the Route 1 Bridge at Drake Hill and decided the concrete railing there is historic. DOT agreed to pay to set up a Pocket Park on the Rail Trail to display the section of railing and provide literature describing it. The Heritage Commission decided the best place for the concrete railing was at the Town Offices with literature still provided by DOT. *Water Commission* has not met.

Vice-Chair Sununu said *Rails to Trails Committee* has not met; no update from *Budget Committee*.

Chairman Pinette said *CIP Committee* met last week with presentations by the Town and DPW.

Report of the Town Administrator

Period July 11 – July 21, 2023: Finance: FY2023 has ended with books closing in August; Police: Ryan Stephens receiving initial training before going to Police Academy, Officers Spence and Tuttle halfway through field training, Chief search almost complete with August start date; Fire presented long-term Capital Plan to CIP, will continue apparatus purchases without further tax impact on residents; need to remove equipment from Engine 2 and auction off for parts, need motion:

Motion: To authorize the Town Administrator to move forward with disposal of Engine 2.

Motioned: Vice-Chair Sununu

Seconded: Selectman Maggiore

Vote: Motion approved 3-0

Recreation: Summer Camp continues, Old Home Day kickoff August 11 at Centennial Hall with Fireworks August 12; Golf Tournament at Sagamore August 13; Reval complete; Energy Committee to discuss Community Aggregate Power; Cell Tower application submitted for rear lot on Mill Road.

Items Left on the Table

NEW BUSINESS

10.1 Discussion of Energy Committee Nominees

Vice-Chair Sununu said the Board decided to enter into an agreement with Colonial Power Group to work with them to recommend a program for the Town, set up an Energy Aggregate Committee, and put together a Warrant Article for the ballot next March then ask the Town to approve the concept of entering into an Energy Aggregate Program. If/When Warrant passes would bring forward a specific program that would alter the default electrical services from Eversource to a third party with favorable rates; Town will have a lot of flexibility with this.

Vice-Chair Sununu said as first step an Energy Aggregate Committee needs to be set up; 7 applicants for 4 positions and 1 Select Board Representative. After discussion the Board agreed to nominate: Allyson Ryder, Victor Ribeiro, Matt Wynn, and Jay Chabot; other applicants already serve on other committees.

Motion: To nominate as a slate of candidates for the *Energy Committee*: Allyson Ryder, Victor Ribeiro, Matt Wynn, and Jay Chabot.

Motioned: Vice-Chair Sununu

Seconded: Selectman Maggiore

Vote: Motion approved 3-0

Motion: To nominate James Sununu to serve as Select Board Representative to the *Energy Committee*.

Motioned: Selectman Maggiore

Seconded: Chairman Pinette

Vote: Motion approved 3-0

10.2 Building Update

Clerk of the Works Marc Jobin said electrical and plumbing continue inside the building, drywall started on first floor of 2-story section; will move upstairs and then into Apparatus Bay in coming weeks; poured some concrete pads in entrances, installing bollards, then working on leach field in back and bringing up parking with pavement by early August. They are 52% of the way through the Budget and remain under budget; still on track for late November completion then working on moving schedule. Mr. Jobin said he speaks with the Chiefs regularly and they sometimes meet weekly on site.

10.3 Discussion of North Road Speed and Lighting Complaints

Town Administrator Tully said the Board received correspondence at the last meeting regarding speeding on North Road and lighting and asked for direction. Vice-Chair Sununu said DOT or State Police have a lot of data about what methods are effective for slowing traffic and said adding lighting may have the opposite effect. Town Administrator Tully said he could reach out to DOT District 6 Engineer Brian Schutt. Chairman Pinette suggested also bringing this up to the new Police Chief.

10.4 Discussion of Town Server Replacement

Town Administrator Tully said the Town Server is getting older and he has been working with PCG but did not want to replace it before the move, and said he was notified that recently-modified software will no longer be serviced after September. The cost will be in the range of \$40,000 and there is \$50,000 in the IT Capital Account; the account is funded by Channel 22 monies coming in; generally \$30,000/year and spend just over \$20,000. He said this was brought to CIP and asked permission of the Board to move forward with the project.

Motion: To authorize the Town Administrator to move forward with the plan for server replacement.

Motioned: Vice-Chair Sununu

Seconded: Selectman Maggiore

Vote: Motion approved 3-0

10.5 Discussion of Ongoing Paving Projects

Director of Public Works John Hubbard said a section of North Road was overlaid and will be reclaimed once the State is done with their move of the intersection, then work from there to the Rye line; replace some drainage then reclaim and redo that road; already finished Park Circle except for shoulder work;

from there to Highlander skimmed and overlaid plus shoulders. Reclaimed a section of Woodknoll with overlay in spring; all of Juniper and all of Woodridge paving completed except a few drainage aprons; based and topped.

Director Hubbard said he is getting down on funds with cost of paving and fuel driving up prices industry-wide, making it more and more difficult to hold to the plan. Going for more funding through CIP for next 6 years with 2 more years in 15-year plan. Almost to point where reclamation will be less frequent with mostly overlays. Another project was changing intersection of Fern Road and Route 1; plan to Board and public this fall; will need DOT approval and plan is already paid for.

Director Hubbard said the pavement on Woodknoll is in good shape and drainage well-established; during reclamation must restore all drainage including roadsides and curbing which would cost the Town \$40,000 for that section which it does not really need. Chairman Pinette said Director Hubbard is on top of the roads in North Hampton as far as paving compared to other towns; Director Hubbard said that is because the public supports the program. Town Administrator Tully thanked the Highway Department and Director Hubbard for grading and smoothing the handicap ramp at the beach.

MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETINGS

11.1 Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of June 10, 2023

Vice-Chair Sununu pointed out a name correction was needed on the last page; Selectman Maggiore said the name should be Scott Myers.

Motion: To approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 10, 2023 as amended.

Motioned: Selectman Maggiore

Seconded: Vice-Chair Sununu

Vote: Motion approved 3-0

11.2 Approval of Minutes of Non-Public Session of July 10, 2023

Motion: To approve the Minutes of the Non-Public Session of July 10, 2023.

Motioned: Selectman Maggiore

Seconded: Vice-Chair Sununu

Vote: Motion approved 3-0

Any Other Item that may legally come before the Board

Second Public Comment Session

Phone: 603-758-1447

Amy Bucklin Faley of 3 North Road thanked Director Hubbard for everything he does and said he promptly addressed her concerns on North Road; she said speeds there are not new and speeding signs do nothing to slow traffic, only the presence of a Police Officer. She said she does not know how to make people care and follow the rules. She said she also takes care of elders and thanked Director Hubbard for his work on the beach ramp; she said elders need to be able to do the things other people are enjoying. She said she sees more hope and unity in the town and thinks things are moving in the right direction.

Next Regular Meeting: August 14, 2023

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ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Pinette adjourned the meeting at 7:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Denmark, Recording Secretary