



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

MAY 24, 2021 7:00 PM

NORTH HAMPTON TOWN HALL

Approved June 14, 2021

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

ALSO PRESENT: Town Administrator Michael Tully, Fire Chief Jason Lajoie, Deputy Fire Chief Mark Cook, Police Chief Kathryn Mone

AGENDA

Chairman Jim Maggiore welcomed everyone to the May 24, 2021, North Hampton Select Board Meeting and called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Maggiore said they were coming from 2 sessions of Non-Public, no motions in either, intent to seal.

Motion: To seal the Meeting Minutes of Non-Public Session I of May 24, 2021.

Motioned: Vice-Chair Sununu

Seconded: Selectman Pinette

Vote: Motion approved by a vote of 3-0

Motion: To seal the Meeting Minutes of Non-Public Session II of May 24, 2021.

Motioned: Vice-Chair Sununu

Seconded: Selectman Pinette

Vote: Motion approved by a vote of 3-0

Chairman Maggiore said **Channel 22** Director John Savastano asked for a few minutes prior to Public Comment.

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Channel 22 Director John Savastano stated that he wanted to recognize Luke Bednarz on his 21st Birthday today and recognize Troy Klidas on his 21st Birthday of a month ago. Their service is invaluable, and they are the key to success with the new system coming online.

Memorial Day: Chairman Maggiore said the Town of North Hampton has a long tradition celebrating Memorial Day and honoring those who have given their lives. COVID-19 has restructured our lives and the ability to celebrate; per the American Legion there will be no parade again this year.

Honorable Henry Marsh read a poem about the United States Flag in remembrance of what Memorial Day means. Chairman Maggiore then asked for a moment of silence to reflect.

First Public Comment Session

In order to assure the public has the ability to comment and share ideas during the Public Comment portion of the meeting we have arranged the ability to include live phone calls and email during the meeting:

Call 603-758-1447; email jmaggiore@northhampton-nh.gov

No Public Comments.

Consent Calendar

- 6.1 Payroll Manifest of May 13, 2021 in the amount of \$267,473.81
- 6.2 Payroll Manifest of May 20, 2021 in the amount of \$85,730.87
- 6.3 Accounts Payable Manifest of May 13, 2021 in the amount of \$64,540.43
- 6.4 Abatement Application
- 6.5 Elderly Tax Deferral Application

Motion: To approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

Motioned: Selectman Pinette

Seconded: Vice-Chair Sununu

Vote: Motion approved by a vote of 3-0

Correspondence

Copies of all Correspondence will be attached to these minutes.

Comprehensive letter from Tim Harned on Intent to Cut to be included with agenda item 12.3

Committee Updates

Economic Development Committee: Suspended.

Chairman Maggiore said the *Heritage Commission* met this past Thursday and discussed continuing business they are working on for Town of North Hampton. *Water Commission* met this morning to consider ongoing legal issues for Town; update at next meeting in Non-Public.

Vice-Chair Sununu said the *Rails to Trails Committee* has not met since last meeting and will meet in July. The *Budget Committee* also has not met.

Public Hearing

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9.1 To Consider the Acceptance of Unanticipated Revenue in the Amount of \$12,009.71 for Reimbursement from the State of New Hampshire Vaccination Fund.

Posted under conditions of RSA 31:95-b III (a):

Fire Chief Jason Lajoie said this federal funding is for reimbursement to municipalities that provided staffing for ongoing vaccination efforts, with additional monies coming in on a monthly basis.

Chairman Maggiore opened Public Hearing 9.1 at 7:21 pm.

Chief Lajoie said Staff has worked close to 1500 off-duty hours since beginning of February; involves all firefighters and paramedics across the State.

Chairman Maggiore closed Public Hearing 9.1 at 7:24 pm.

9.2 To Consider the Acceptance and Adoption of a Town Ordinance creating Specific Prohibitions against Unreasonable Noise in the Town of North Hampton.

Chairman Maggiore said Chief Mone crafted the Noise Ordinance in response to recent concerns in the community, and this is what the Board has put forward to Public Hearing for consideration.

Police Chief Kathryn Mone said this was a joint effort with the Code Enforcement/Building Inspector to address specific issues and outline a timeframe for unreasonable noise. The hours of 9:00 am to 7:00 pm are to be used for enforcement efforts in conjunction with State Laws, as a means to address unreasonable noise at the local level.

Questions: Selectman Pinette said he had no additional questions and said what is not being handled by the Ordinance will be handled by State Statute.

Chairman Maggiore opened Public Hearing 9.2 at 7:26 pm.

Mr. Tim Harned of Lovering Road asked if the Ordinance had been reviewed by Counsel. Chief Mone said before it goes in full effect there will be a legal review.

Mr. Jeff Hillier of Glendale Road thanked Chief Mone and all others who responded to their neighborhood's concerns and set up a mechanism that will help in the future. Town Administrator Tully said this Ordinance is not going to stop someone from doing their work during the hours in the Ordinance and does not curtail the length of time of projects. He said rock hammering is the product of trying to clear rock off a property because other actions have been put out of price range.

Chairman Maggiore said the Planning Board heard Mr. Hiller loud and clear and what can be done exactly and how is yet to be determined.

Chairman Maggiore closed the Public Hearing 9.2 at 7:32 pm.

Motion: To adopt the Town of North Hampton Noise Ordinance as presented pending review by Legal Counsel.

Motioned: Vice-Chair Sununu

Seconded: Selectman Pinette

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Chairman Maggiore asked the procedure if Legal makes substantive changes and Town Administrator Tully said they would hold another Public Hearing. Chief Mone encouraged anyone being disturbed by noise to contact the North Hampton Police Department and they will respond and investigate.

Vote: Motion approved by a vote of 3-0

Report of the Town Administrator

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

Report May 11 through May 21, 2021: Finance: 12% of Budget remaining with 6 weeks left in fiscal year; Police working on grant to replace laptop computers in cruisers; Library project on schedule; Richie Construction met with Department Heads to begin a space assessment for Town buildings; PFAS samples taken from drilled wells; BPS will make appropriate cuts in pavement for the Walkway and bill separately; Philbrick Pond Wetlands Permit approved by Conservation Commission.

Items Left on the Table

11.1 Current Use Application

Vice-Chair Sununu said he asked this to be taken of the last Consent Calendar and requested additional information about current use as it relates to Wetlands; question whether fractions of acres are appropriate to go into current use.

Motion: To approve the Current Use Application as presented.

Motioned: Chairman Maggiore

Seconded: Selectman Pinette, for discussion

Discussion: Vice-Chair Sununu said he planned to abstain due to notion of current use applying to such small parcels. Selectman Pinette said he was not familiar enough with current use for small portions of land to make a relevant comment.

Chairman Maggiore said the applicant followed procedure and followed the rules and should be entitled to benefit of that. Selectman Pinette said if there is no size minimum, he did not want this to set the stage going forward for other properties to use this to take advantage of the tax rate. Vice-Chair Sununu agreed there could be a measurable decrease in tax revenue.

Chairman Maggiore asked the Board if they felt they have enough information to make a decision. Vice-Chair Sununu said his questions were answered but he is troubled by this technicality and Selectman Pinette said he preferred to hold off until the next meeting.

Selectman Pinette withdrew his second and Chairman Maggiore withdrew his motion. Item will remain on the table until the next scheduled meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

12.1 Approval of Highway Safety Grant Application

Police Chief Mone said this grant will allow the department to purchase 3 new mobile data terminals for cruisers; Grant Funds of \$7,671 towards computers and equipment to print tickets and scanners and the cost of outfitting 3 cruisers; cost to Town is \$9,000.

Motion: Move that the Town of North Hampton under authority of RSA 21-P:43, accept funds from the Highway Safety Grant Funding in the amount of \$7,671, and further that the Select Board empowers Town Administrator Michael Tully and Chief of Police Kathryn Mone as designated signing authorities to the Town of North Hampton in pursuit of these funds.

Motioned: Vice-Chair Sununu

Seconded: Selectman Pinette

Vote: Motion approved by a vote of 3-0

12.2 Approval of Emergency Management Performance Grant Application

Deputy Chief Mark Cook said this Emergency Management Performance Grant is provided by the State of New Hampshire Homeland Security and assists local towns with emergency preparedness and Emergency Operations Center. Grant will provide hard cash funding for phone system itself with the Town responsible for a 50% in-kind match using the \$1,000 monthly payment for service and maintenance to offset hard costs for hardware.

Motion: That the Select Board accept the terms of the Emergency Management Performance Grant as presented in amount of \$8,830 to update local Emergency Information Phone System, and further move the Select Board acknowledge total cost of project will be \$17,660 in which the Town is responsible for 50% match of \$8,830, and further Select Board empowers Town Administrator Michael Tully and Fire Chief Jason Lajoie as designated signing authorities for the Town of North Hampton in pursuit of these funds.

Motioned: Vice-Chair Sununu

Seconded: Selectman Pinette

Vote: Motion approved by a vote of 3-0

Phone System Update:

Police Chief Mone said they started looking a few years ago and their former carrier recommended replacement of the brains of the system at that time; issues have now become unacceptable in our current environment. Planning on mostly cable internet phone lines, with copper lines remaining for emergency automatic backup. Existing company understands our current situation and how we can move forward with least amount of expenditure and act quickly to meet our needs; other companies needed changes and upgrades to our infrastructure. The cost of the grant is built on the quote provided and will suit our needs and be moveable if buildings renovated.

12.3 Intent to Cut Application

Chairman Maggiore said the application was received last year and involves a Town property at the School. Questions were raised, the application lapsed, and a second application (same as the first) has been submitted. As there were still concerns, the logger came in to answer questions as well as a school representative. The Select Board has the responsibility to control all town-owned land.

Tim Harned said his recent letter is posted online and the Select Board has read the letter which is fine with him, and he does not feel the need to read it. In summary he said he was against the idea because

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of impacts of overall biological diversity and raised more issues with this letter and still remains opposed to the concept.

Discussion: Vice-Chair Sununu said he appreciates Tim's viewpoint and his efforts to provide additional information. He said he is still in favor of this Intent to Cut given the overall scope of the land in conservation in the Town and feels it is reasonable to have a portion of land with some timber harvest and it provides access for school programs.

Selectman Pinette said Nate did a good presentation regarding the Intent to Cut for the timber harvest and he is comfortable with the questions asked and how they were answered. Chairman Maggiore said in Tim Harned's letter he cannot get away from the wetlands issue though he agrees with the safety issue.

Motion: To approve the Notice of Intent to Cut Timber as presented.

Motioned: Vice-Chair Sununu

Seconded: Selectman Pinette

Vote: Motion approved by a vote of 2-1

Chairman Maggiore said he hopes they can work with them to mitigate any impact there on the wetlands.

12.4 Approval of Select Board Letter to Walkway Committee

Chairman Maggiore said he drafted a letter of thanks to the Walkway Sub-Committee members and asked if there were any changes.

Motion: To approve the letter to the Walkway Committee as presented.

Motioned: Vice-Chair Sununu

Seconded: Selectman Pinette

Vote: Motion approved by a vote of 3-0

MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETINGS

Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 26, 2021

Motion: To approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 26, 2021 as presented.

Motioned: Vice-Chair Sununu

Seconded: Selectman Pinette

Vote: Motion approved by a vote of 3-0

Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 10, 2021

Motion: To approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 10, 2021, as presented.

Motioned: Selectman Pinette

Seconded: Vice-Chair Sununu

Vote: Motion approved by a vote of 3-0

Any Other Item that may legally come before the Board

Chairman Maggiore said the Town of North Hampton is supportive of all efforts for Centennial Hall; a letter was received from Marcy McCann announcing their participation in New Hampshire Gives June 8-9, 2021, a 24-hour day of giving for New Hampshire Nonprofits. They are going in with a \$50,000 matching

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commitment and the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation is offering \$300,000 matching campaign for all participants. Go to New Hampshire Gives website and click on link to register for the event to make contributions.

Town Administrator Tully said the Board agreed to accept the Grant Funds for the phone system and they do actually have a quote and asked if the Board approves their going ahead with the phone system pending receipt of the Grant with an amount up to \$10,000. The Board had no issues with the request.

Motion: To approve the expenditure of up to \$10,000 for purchase of new phone system pending result of grant application.

Motioned: Selectman Pinette

Seconded: Vice-Chair Sununu

Vote: Motion approved by a vote of 3-0

Second Public Comment Session

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No Public Comments.

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Adjournment

Chairman Maggiore adjourned the meeting at 8:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Denmark, Recording Secretary