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

4 **MAY 24, 2021 7:00 PM**

5 **NORTH HAMPTON TOWN HALL**

6 ***DRAFT MINUTES***
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8 SELECT BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Jim Maggiore, Vice Chairman James Sununu, Selectman
9 Jonathan Pinette

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

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

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

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

19 **Motioned:** Vice-Chair Sununu

20 **Seconded:** Selectman Pinette

21 **Vote:** Motion approved by a vote of 3-0
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23 **Motion:** To seal the Meeting Minutes of Non-Public Session II of May 24, 2021.

24 **Motioned:** Vice-Chair Sununu

25 **Seconded:** Selectman Pinette

26 **Vote:** Motion approved by a vote of 3-0
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29 Chairman Maggiore said **Channel 22** Director John Savastano asked for a few minutes prior to Public
30 Comment.

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

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

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

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50 **First Public Comment Session**

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

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

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56 No Public Comments.

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58 **Consent Calendar**

59 6.1 Payroll Manifest of May 13, 2021 in the amount of \$267,473.81

60 6.2 Payroll Manifest of May 20, 2021 in the amount of \$85,730.87

61 6.3 Accounts Payable Manifest of May 13, 2021 in the amount of \$64,540.43

62 6.4 Abatement Application

63 6.5 Elderly Tax Deferral Application

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65 **Motion:** To approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

66 **Motioned:** Selectman Pinette

67 **Seconded:** Vice-Chair Sununu

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

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70 **Correspondence**

71 *Copies of all Correspondence will be attached to these minutes.*

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

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75 **Committee Updates**

76 *Economic Development Committee:* Suspended.

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

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

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85 **Public Hearing**

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

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88 **9.1** To Consider the Acceptance of Unanticipated Revenue in the Amount of \$12,009.71 for
89 Reimbursement from the State of New Hampshire Vaccination Fund.

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

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

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

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

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

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102 **9.2** To Consider the Acceptance and Adoption of a Town Ordinance creating Specific Prohibitions against
103 Unreasonable Noise in the Town of North Hampton.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

134 **Motioned:** Vice-Chair Sununu

135 **Seconded:** Selectman Pinette

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

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

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143 **Report of the Town Administrator**

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

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

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152 **Items Left on the Table**

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154 **11.1 Current Use Application**

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

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160 **Motion:** To approve the Current Use Application as presented.

161 **Motioned:** Chairman Maggiore

162 **Seconded:** Selectman Pinette, for discussion

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

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

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

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

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180 **NEW BUSINESS**

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182 **12.1 Approval of Highway Safety Grant Application**

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

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

192 **Motioned:** Vice-Chair Sununu

193 **Seconded:** Selectman Pinette

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

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196 12.2 Approval of Emergency Management Performance Grant Application

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

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204 **Motion:** That the Select Board accept the terms of the Emergency Management Performance Grant as
205 presented in amount of \$8,830 to update local Emergency Information Phone System, and further move
206 the Select Board acknowledge total cost of project will be \$17,660 in which the Town is responsible for
207 50% match of \$8,830, and further Select Board empowers Town Administrator Michael Tully and Fire
208 Chief Jason Lajoie as designated signing authorities for the Town of North Hampton in pursuit of these
209 funds.

210 **Motioned:** Vice-Chair Sununu

211 **Seconded:** Selectman Pinette

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

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214 **Phone System Update:**

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

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223 12.3 Intent to Cut Application

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

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

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

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

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

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

245 **Motioned:** Vice-Chair Sununu

246 **Seconded:** Selectman Pinette

247 **Vote:** Motion approved by a vote of 2-1

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

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251 **12.4 Approval of Select Board Letter to Walkway Committee**

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

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

257 **Motioned:** Vice-Chair Sununu

258 **Seconded:** Selectman Pinette

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

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261 **MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETINGS**

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263 **Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 26, 2021**

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

265 **Motioned:** Vice-Chair Sununu

266 **Seconded:** Selectman Pinette

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

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269 **Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 10, 2021**

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

271 **Motioned:** Selectman Pinette

272 **Seconded:** Vice-Chair Sununu

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

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275 **Any Other Item that may legally come before the Board**

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277 Chairman Maggiore said the Town of North Hampton is supportive of all efforts for Centennial Hall; a
278 letter was received from Marcy McCann announcing their participation in New Hampshire Gives June 8-
279 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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280 commitment and the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation is offering \$300,000 matching campaign for
281 all participants. Go to New Hampshire Gives website and click on link to register for the event to make
282 contributions.

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

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

290 **Motioned:** Selectman Pinette

291 **Seconded:** Vice-Chair Sununu

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

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294 **Second Public Comment Session**

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

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297 No Public Comments.

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299 **Next Regular Meeting:** May 24, 2021

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301 **Adjournment**

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303 Chairman Maggiore adjourned the meeting at 8:23 pm.

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305 Respectfully submitted,

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307 Patricia Denmark, Recording Secretary

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