



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

DECEMBER 28, 2020 7:00 PM

NORTH HAMPTON TOWN HALL

Approved January 11, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Jim Maggiore, Selectman Larry Miller

VIA ZOOM: Vice Chairman James Sununu

ALSO PRESENT: Town Administrator Michael Tully, Police Chief Kathryn Mone,

AGENDA

Chairman Jim Maggiore welcomed everyone to the December 28, 2020 Regular Select Board Meeting and called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

First Public Comment Session

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No one from the Public called in or came forward.

Consent Calendar

- 5.1 Payroll Manifest of December 17, 2020 in the amount of \$67,330.24
- 5.2 Payroll Manifest of December 3, 2020 in the amount of \$73,330.24
- 5.3 Accounts Payable Manifest of December 24, 2020 in the amount of \$1,209,054.25
- 5.4 Cemetery Deed
- 5.5 Supplemental Tax Warrants
- 5.6 Abatement Applications

Motion: To approve the Consent Calendar as presented

Motioned: Vice-Chair Sununu

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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.

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Roll Call Vote: Jim Maggiore-aye, James Sununu-aye, Larry Miller-aye
Motion approved by a vote of 3-0

Correspondence – No Items

Committee Updates

Selectman Miller said the *Economic Development Committee* has no scheduled meeting for January or February at this time.

Chairman Maggiore said the *Heritage Commission* did not meet in December but will meet in January. He said he has updates from 2 *Water Commission* meetings to be covered under New Business.

Selectman Miller said the *Budget Committee* did pass a Town Budget and the next meeting will be January 19, 2021.

Vice-Chair Sununu said the *Rails to Trails Committee* has not met since the last meeting and will meet the first week of February 2021.

Public Hearing

The purpose of the hearing is to consider acceptance and adoption of the following Parking Ordinance:

Election Day Parking: Any parking areas adjacent to any building where a town or State election is being held may be designated, by the Select Board, as Election Day Parking. Parking areas will be posted 14 days prior to election along with the posting of times and locations. Designated parking is reserved for residents engaged in the process of voting and poll workers.

- a. Any person violating the provisions of this ordinance may be issued a parking ticket payable to the Town of North Hampton, the fine payable to be \$100.00.***
- b. The Chief of Police or any Sworn Officer of the North Hampton Police Department may also cause any vehicle parked in violation of this ordinance, to be towed at the expense of the owner.***

Police Chief Kathryn Mone said she worked with Town Moderator Bobbi Burns on some issues at the polls with vehicles left unattended or parked in voter spots. Town Moderator Bobbi Burns said there should be an ordinance in place to give us or the Police Chief the authority to ask people to vacate needed spaces where “no parking” is not posted. She said they can request the owner move the vehicle but there is no authority to force the issue without an ordinance and this is an enforcement mechanism for the Police.

Chairman Maggiore opened the Public Hearing at 7:14 pm. Town Administrator Tully said he would start his report and leave the Public Hearing open.

Report of the Town Administrator

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

Report from December 14 through December 14, 2020 – Town Administrator Tully said the Budget Committee held the second Town Review on December 21, 2020; the Proposed Budget is 3.44% increase over prior year and is below the Default Budget; approved by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-1. He

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said financially the Town is currently in good financial shape with 57.95% of Budget remaining and 27 weeks left in FY 2021.

Town Administrator Tully said Town Offices/Chevalier Building RFP responses are being reviewed by Select Board members with interviews scheduled for January 7, 2021 at 9:00 am. Four responses to the PFAS Investigation were received to be discussed under New Business; contract negotiations with Fire Department Union underway with hopefully a contract by first week of January. He said there are still some Warrants needing attention to be taken care of in January (including citizens' petitions); Brian Chevalier will hold off on Warrant for Center Cemetery stone wall repair to allow time to look into grants.

As no one from the public called in or emailed, Chairman Maggiore closed the Public Hearing on the Amendment to the Parking Ordinance at 7:20 pm.

Motion: To Approve the Parking Ordinance as amended.

Motioned: Vice-Chair Sununu

Seconded: Selectman Miller

Roll Call Vote: Jim Maggiore-aye, James Sununu-aye, Larry Miller-aye

Motion approved by a vote of 3-0

Items Left on the Table

NEW BUSINESS

11.1 Discussion of Police Detail Rate Adjustment – Police Chief Mone

Police Chief Mone stated that the current Detail Rate is \$86/hour for a company or person hiring a Police Officer, which includes \$15 for the Police Cruiser. She said \$45.00 now goes to the Officer and the rest to our Revolving Detail Fund for purchasing cruisers; January 1, 2021 officer rate goes up to \$46/hour; asking to raise the Detail Rate to \$88.00/hour total. North Hampton Officers make less than most others, but administrative fee is considerably higher because of the Detail Fund. Town Administrator Tully said there may be differences in rates town to town, but not every town buys their cruisers out of that fund.

Motion: To set the standard Detail Rate for North Hampton at \$88/hour as of January 1, 2021.

Motioned: Vice-Chair Sununu

Seconded: Selectman Miller

Roll Call Vote: Jim Maggiore-aye, James Sununu-aye, Larry Miller-aye

Motion approved by a vote of 3-0

11.2 Review of Request for Proposals (RFPs) for PFAS Consultant Services

Chairman Maggiore said an RFP was sent out subsequent to a DES Investigation, and they have several companies that can do the work outlined to determine contamination on or around the Municipal Complex site, specifically by the Fire Station, with positive review on all companies.

Companies with associated costs:

Stone Hill Environmental, Portsmouth, NH - \$34,500

Ransom Consulting LLC, Portsmouth, NH - \$52,250

Wilcox & Barton, Londonderry, NH - \$51,616

Sanborn, Head & Associates, Concord, NH - \$49,000

Selectman Miller said at this time there is no reason not to believe all the firms are capable and asked about a start date; Town Administrator Tully said the State wants to see “forward momentum”. Vice-Chair Sununu said he would be happy to go with Stone Hill Environmental. Chairman Maggiore also agreed and said he is happy with the number of wells they propose and that they will be looking at all possible factors that could have led to this contamination. Town Administrator Tully said the Board needed to look at what has happened on this site since the Town has been here: more than 1 Fire Station, a DPW Garage with floor drains, and other sites around the Fire Station.

Motion: To approve awarding of PFAS Investigation Contract to Stone Hill Environmental pending a final agreement to be negotiated.

Motioned: Vice-Chair Sununu

Seconded: Selectman Miller

Roll Call Vote: Jim Maggiore-aye, James Sununu-aye, Larry Miller-aye

Motion approved by a vote of 3-0

11.3 Discussion of Upcoming Aquarion Rate Case

Chairman Maggiore stated that Aquarion Water has filed for a “Rate Case”, which is an extremely involved and complicated matter that goes before the Public Utility Company (PUC) and can take a considerable amount of time. He said the Water Commission has met because there is a contributing factor to the Rate Case they wanted to discuss and vote to intervene to give North Hampton a seat at the table for public hearings.

Chairman Maggiore said one of the issues is the community of Wiggins Way in Stratham on the border of Hampton and North Hampton with an emergency hook-up for water due to an issue with one of their wells. He said what is relevant to the Rate Case is they now have an additional 43 homes using water from Aquarion. Raftelis Financial will evaluate the cost implications of adding those properties and having a more comprehensive study of Fire Protection and why North Hampton pays thousands of dollars per fire hydrant while others only pay several hundred. The Town will use Attorney Justin C. Richardson of New Hampshire Water law.

Chairman Maggiore said the Water Commission took votes on 2 motions: (1) “The Board of Water Commissioners requests that the Public Utility Company (PUC) hold a hearing and investigate the proposed rates and costs to serve customers in Wiggins Way;” (2) “That the Board of Water Commissioners intervene in Aquarion’s Rate Case at PUC requesting a \$1.3 Million increase in rates and recommend that the Board of Selectmen and the Town Administrator sign the November 17, 2020 Proposal by Raftelis to review the Aquarion proposed methodology and charges for Fire Protection services billed to the Town (\$277,000/year) subject to the Town of Hampton approving the proposal and its share of the cost (60-40 split).” Both motions were approved by the Water Commission unanimously by a vote of 5-0.

Chairman Maggiore said the third piece of this is the Water Commissioners would like to know if the Select Board would also like to be “intervenor” in the Rate Case. Town Administrator Tully said they also need to approve funds for the Water Commission to go forward with the Rate Case and the Raftelis letter.

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Motion: That the Town of North Hampton Select Board wishes to notify Justin C. Richardson, Esq. on our behalf that we would like to be included in “intervenor” status for the upcoming Rate Case, that we also approve the expenditure of fees for the consultant services by Raftelis Financial Consultants, and to support the motions made by the Water Commission at the December 28, 2020 meeting of the Water Commission.

Motioned: Vice-Chair Sununu

Seconded: Selectman Miller

Roll Call Vote: Jim Maggiore-aye, James Sununu-aye, Larry Miller-aye

Motion approved by a vote of 3-0

MINTES OF PRIOR MEETINGS

Approval of the Regular Minutes Meeting of December 14, 2020

Motion: To approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 14, 2020 as presented.

Motioned: Vice-Chair Sununu

Seconded: Selectman Miller

Roll Call Vote: Jim Maggiore-aye, James Sununu-aye, Larry Miller-aye,

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 one from the Public called in or came forward.

Next Regular Meeting: January 11, 2020

Adjournment

Chairman Maggiore adjourned the meeting at 7:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Denmark, Recording Secretary