



TOWN OF NORTH HAMPTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
SELECT BOARD
DRAFT MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2015

NON PUBLIC SESSIONS I (5:30 PM), II (6:00 PM) AND III (6:30 PM)
TOWN OFFICES EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM
233 ATLANTIC AVENUE

SPECIAL MEETING 7:00PM
NORTH HAMPTON TOWN HALL
231 ATLANTIC AVENUE

1. Call to Order

Chair Maggiore called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Those in attendance were Selectman Miller, Selectman Stanton and Town Administrator Apple.

Chair Hamilton called the Budget Committee meeting to order. Those in attendance from the Budget Committee were Selectman Stanton, John Anthony Simmons, Casey O'Kane, James Sununu, Dickie Garnett, Jonathan Pinette and Kari Schmitz.

Chair Maggiore led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. 5:30 P.M. Non Public Session I Pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (a) to discuss a matter related to personnel.

3. 6:00 P.M. Non Public Session II Pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (a) to discuss a matter related to personnel.

4. 6:30 P.M. Non Public Session III Pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (a) to discuss a matter related to personnel.

Chair Maggiore stated the Select Board had recessed from Non Public where the Select Board voted to hire two new police officers.

5. Joint Meeting with Budget Committee to Discuss FY 2017 Proposed Operating Budget

The Board will conduct a joint meeting with the Budget Committee. The Budget Committee's regular meeting is scheduled for November 30, 2015 and the Budget Committee's chair will preside over the joint meeting.

Town Administrator Apple gave an overview of the Town's proposed FY17 budget. He highlighted health insurance costs, the Cadillac Tax the changes in the funding of the New Hampshire Police Academy. Town Administrator Apple also addressed questions from the Budget Committee regarding the Merit Pool for non union employees, tax rate and inflation and officer retention.

Both the Select Board and the Budget Committee spent a very considerable amount of time discussing wages as well as plans for reconfiguring the town campus project.

Mr. Simmons stated he was uncomfortable with the tone and tenor in discussions on the 49% of the residents that lacked compassion for the town, and that he felt the meeting had turned into a commercial for the town campus. He further stated after two hours of these discussions, he would like to start discussing the town's proposed budget.

The Budget Committee discussed the proposed budget by town department. Questions arose from the committee regarding an increase on the Town Clerk's postage; an increase on the Finance department's phone; default on property valuation; breaking out legal expenses by department or board; special studies; circuit rider; propane and heat in town buildings; police department training underspent; deputy positions in fire and police; differences between union and management employees; Public Safety Director's position.

Much discussion ensued regarding the deputy positions and the fire and police departments. Mrs. Schmitz expressed her concern on these positions noting that the Budget Committee heard a different story last year on why they would not be funded.

At 10:10 PM a motion was made to Mr. Garnett to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Simmons. Chair Hamilton noted the rest of the proposed budget would be taken up at the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Facella

6. Any Other Item that may legally come before the Board

The Board reserves the right to take action on any item relative to the prudential administration of the Town's affairs which circumstances may require.

7. Adjournment