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Greetings from Town Hall, North Hampton. I hope you have a great weekend. Here's what's going on and coming up this week.

The Governor Dale project successfully closed yesterday and the Town now has the benefit of a conservation easement on this historically and aesthetically valuable property in North Hampton. Remember the closing on your house? Let me just say that the paperwork on a project partly funded with federal dollars is ... well, it's amazing! It seemed like the stack of paper to be signed was two inches thick ... but, everything got signed and recorded.

Many, many thanks are again due to the folks who made this happen.

First, to Chris Ganotis and the Conservation Commission: were it not for their efforts to get this project started, the land along Post Road would look a lot different today. Also, Joe Falzone, the owner of the property worked with the Commission to make sure that the delays from the federal government did not scuttle the project. The Southeast Land Trust, and Brian Hart, its director, was the work horse on this project. Senators Ayotte and Shaheen helped break the log-jam during the fourth quarter, and one of our residents helped get us in touch with the right folks to explain the issues. Finally, thank you to you, the North Hampton voter. You approved the \$150,000 tax payer contribution that made this project possible – and many of you donated money on top of that to the Land Trust's fund-raising effort.

The Select Board meets in regular session on Monday, May 12, 2014 at 7 p.m. The Board will discuss a draft employee recognition program and the reorganization of the town's many committees, boards and commissions. There are also several non-public meetings earlier in the afternoon to talk about a pending claim against the town and a personnel issue.

The Board will also meet in joint session with the Library Trustees on Thursday, May 15, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss a renovation plan drawn up by the Town's architect on the Town Campus project.

The Board normally meets at Town Hall, unless otherwise specified.

Because of Memorial Day, the Select Board's second regular meeting this month will be on May 19th. The schedule for June's meetings is June 9th and June 30th.



Memorial Day is fast approaching. This year's schedule of events is sponsored by the American Legion Post 35. The parade is at 10:00 a.m., starting at the Citizens Bank building on Lafayette Road and then proceeding north on Route 1, east on Atlantic Avenue and concluding at the Town Offices. The traditional memorial service will take place in front of the Town Clerk's office (the Stone Building) immediately following the parade. Take the time, meet your neighbors, and honor those who died in service to the Nation. Join us on Monday, May 26, 2014.

Don't forget Rick Stanton's office hours on the first Friday of each month at the Library. June 6th is the next meeting, starting at 10 a.m. If you have issues you'd like to see the Board address, make plans now to check in with your elected official.

Summer Recreation Programs begin sooner than you think! The brochure is on the website. Check out the great programs, and get your kids signed up while there is still space available. Between now and May 15, you can register here at the Town offices.

The Town has acquired a new software program called ActiveNet. Beginning May 15, 2014, you will be able to register your kids for rec. activities on-line. No more rushing down to the town hall with check book in hand. You can log on whenever you want and get registrations done with a click of a button.



The Perennial Plant Swap, sponsored by the North Hampton Agriculture Commission, is on Saturday, May 10, at the North Hampton School Greenhouse at 10:00 a.m. sharp! Viewing of the plants will take place prior to 10:00 o'clock.



Here's how it works: dig a plant from your garden, pot it or bring it in a grocery bag and label it (if you know) with name, color height, bloom time and sun/shade preference. Participants will draw numbers and choices will be made in that order. A commission member will conduct the swap.



The Planning Board met on May 6, 2014. Nancy Monaghan was appointed for another 3-year term as an alternate member (expires March 2017)

Annette Lee presented an amended site plan at 2 Elm Road. She was approved last year to move her existing nano-brewery to her barn at 2 Elm Road with the first floor as event space. The amendment was approved to replace the "event space" on the first



floor of the barn with the actual brewery. The applicant eliminated an impervious parking area and reduced the space of the outdoor seating area.

The Dieter Ebert Solar Garden was approved with standard conditions. One condition is that after the life of the solar arrays, all arrays and associated equipment shall be removed from the property within 150 days. The Board also discussed possibly working on a solar garden zoning ordinance over the year for the March meeting.

The next ZBA meeting is May 27, 2014 at 6:30.

You can access the town calendar on our website for additional details on public meetings coming up.

Members Wanted to help in the Historical Society-Volunteer now!

The Historical Society has gathered much information and artifacts through the years from residents who appreciated living here. They have put their trust in us to take care of this history for future generations.

Now is the time when we need new people to learn and help preserve this wonderful history by the sea.

Your help in membership and participation in our Society will be appreciated not only by us, but for generations to come.

If you would like to help us, please contact George Chauncey at 964-7919.

Are you planning a large gathering this summer like a wedding reception, or a fund-raiser. The Large Gathering Ordinance was substantially amended by the Legislative Body this year. The number of people that requires a permit has gone up to 200; but, all gatherings of over 200 – whether public or private -- now require at

least a consultation with the police chief to make sure traffic and other public safety issues have been addressed. Applications have to be made at least 30 days before any event.

The Ordinance is posted on the website. If you have questions, give me a call and we'll get the answers you need for a successful summer event.

If you have questions about what's going on in Town, check out our website at www.northhampton-nh.gov or give us a call on (603) 964-8087.

