



TOWN OF NORTH HAMPTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
**SELECT BOARD**  
**APPROVED MINUTES**

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TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2011 10:30 AM  
TOWN OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM, SECOND FLOOR

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**1. Call to order**

Chair Wollmar called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM. Those in attendance were Selectman Rineman, Selectman Maggiore, Town Administrator Fournier and Town Treasurer Penny Holbert.

**2. New Business**

2.1 Review Town Treasurer Warrant Article

Town Administrator Fournier stated that this warrant article had been presented at a prior town meeting, but that the article did not pass. He further stated that the role and responsibility has changed immensely over the years, and the town needs to make sure that the treasurer has the knowledge of the position.

Town Treasurer Penny Holbert stated to the Select Board that formerly the bank had done the investments of the town account through a sweep account. Ms. Holbert explained that she now does all of the investments herself with careful communication with the town accountant, Tom McCormick who advises her regularly when the checking account is getting low and the need to transfer money. Ms. Holbert stated that someone is needed in the position of treasurer who knows how to keep books and not just their personal checking account. She further stated that the position of treasurer has expanded into many more duties in the four years that she has been in the position, and feels that the Select Board should be involved in appointing someone to the position.

Selectman Maggiore stated that Ms. Holbert has done a remarkable job in her treasury duties. He further asked how the procedure would work to appointment someone to this position.

Town Administrator Fournier stated that the position would be advertised, and that the person applying would have to be a town resident. The position would remain elected for this year's warrant and that the change wouldn't take place until May of 2012.

Selectman Rineman stated that he agreed with Selectman Maggiore and that Ms. Holbert has done a fantastic job. He further stated that he is however concerned with changing and the possibility that a future Board could chose people based on favoritism, and wondered if it might be better to let the people vote. Selectman Rineman asked if maybe Ms. Holbert could speak to this article as the Deliberative Session, and why it would make sense to change from elected to appointed.

**Motion by Selectman Maggiore at 11:10 AM to go into Non-Public Session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (c). Seconded by Selectman Rineman. Motion carries 3-0.**

No votes or action taken.

**Motion by Chair Wollmar at 11:25 AM to return to public session. Seconded by Selectman Maggiore. Motion carries 3-0.**

**Motion by Chair Wollmar to approve Warrant Article 11- Changing From an Elected to an Appointed Town Treasurer be placed on the Town Warrant. Seconded by Selectman Rineman. Motion carries 3-0.**

2.2 Signing of the Town Warrant

All three members of the Select Board signed five (5) copies of the Town Meeting Warrant.

**Motion at 11:40 AM by Chair Wollmar to enter into a Non-Public Session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (c). Seconded by Selectman Rineman. Motion carries 3-0.**

No votes or actions taken.

**3. Closing Comments**

- 3.1. Closing Comments by Visitors
- 3.2. Closing Comments by Select Board Member

**4. Adjournment**

**Chair Wollmar adjourned the meeting at 12:00 PM.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Janet L. Facella  
Administrative Assistant**