



TOWN OF NORTH HAMPTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
SELECT BOARD
APPROVED MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING – MONDAY, MAY 9, 2011 10:00 AM
TOWN HALL

These minutes were prepared as a reasonable summary of the essential content of this meeting, not as a transcription.

1. Call to order

Chair Wollmar called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. Those in attendance were Chair Wollmar, Selectman Rineman, Selectman Maggiore and Town Administrator Steve Fournier.

Chair Wollmar invited those in attendance to join in saluting the flag.

2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

2.1 Regular Meeting of April 25, 2011

Selectman Rineman stated that line 138 needed to be revised to “decision making and certainly would have..”

Motion by Selectman Rineman to accept the regular meeting minutes of April 25, 2011 as amended. Seconded by Selectman Maggiore. Motion carries 3-0.

3. Consent Calendar

Motion by Selectman Maggiore to accept the Consent Calendar. Seconded by Chair Wollmar. Selectman Rineman stated he was concerned if the Town had enough money to cover the large amount of abatements that are being approved. Town Administrator Fournier stated that what was kept in the overlay account was about \$175,000 and that the Town was not near that amount at this point. Motion carries 3-0.

4. Report of the Town Administrator

Channel 22 has begun to provide access to town meetings online via the town’s website. The site is still in the trial period and may see some changes in the future.

Beach and Dump stickers are now available for purchase on line. Permits are purchased with a major credit card or check. There is a \$2 transaction fee added to the cost. Other permits and programs are currently being looked at to allow online registration and payment.

The Town Hall is now connected via the telephone system and computer network to the rest of the municipal complex. The Recreation Department has now moved from the Town Offices above the Police Department to the Town Hall. Channel 22 is now on the phone system and can be reached at 964-8087 extension 2236 or by email at jsavastano@northhampton-nh.gov.

The FY11 budget has 17% remaining in the budget, which is right on target. Department Head’s have been asked to be vigilant in monitoring their budgets until the end of the fiscal year.

The Chief of Police contacted by the New England Aquarium to see if they could place a rescue shed on town property to assist in their efforts when rescuing animals from the beach. Having a shed close by would enable their response time to be quicker. New England Aquarium would be paying for and constructing the shed.

Town Administrator Fournier stated that there is some concern that although the Legislature stated they were not going to go ahead with the Governor's plan regarding retirement, and it is possible that with other reform they are looking at reducing the State's contribution, which would result in an increase in expenditures to the Town.

5. New Business

5.1 Amend Personnel Policy Section 5.13 – Discipline

Town Administrator Fournier stated that while reviewing the personnel policy, there was some need for clarification of discipline. The proposed amendments outline a process as to what the Department Head and the Town Administrator follow while disciplining an employee. Labor counsel has reviewed to be certain it complies with necessary laws, and it also clarifies the verbal and written procedures for suspending and terminating employees. The appeal process is also added, and it is in the proposed amendment under section 5.14.

Motion by Selectman Maggiore to approve the proposal to amend the personnel policy section 5.13 for discipline. Seconded by Selectman Rineman. Motion carries 3-0.

5.2 Amend Personnel Policy Section 5.14 – Appeals Procedure

Motion by Selectman Rineman to accept the administrative personnel policy, section 5.14 Appeals Procedure as modified. Seconded by Chair Wollmar. Motion carries 3-0.

5.3 Authorization to Allow the New England Aquarium to Place a Shed on Town Property

Motion by Selectman Rineman to allow the New England Aquarium to place a shed at the Public Works Department. Seconded by Selectman Maggiore. Motion carries 3-0.

5.4 Authorization of the Issuance of a 20 Year Bond for \$731,160 to refund the previously issued Bond Anticipation Note and to Finance the Acquisition of Conservation Land

Motion by Selectman Maggiore to authorize the issuance of a 20 year bond for \$731,160 for the purpose of refunding a previously issued Bond Anticipation Note, and to secure funding for conservation land, and authorize the Chair to execute the documents on behalf of the town. Seconded by Chair Wollmar. Motion carries 2-0-1.

Phil Wilson distributed copies of a spreadsheet providing the details of each North Hampton Forever transaction. Mr. Wilson stated that North Hampton Forever did not have anything to do with the issuances of any of the bonds. He further stated that North Hampton Forever did the negotiating of the potential purchases of land, made recommendations to the Conservation Commission, who then made a recommendation to the Select Board, who then voted on whether or not to purchase the land.

6. Closing Comments

6.1 Closing Comments by Visitors

6.2 Closing Comments by Select Board Member

Selectman Rineman thanked Chair Wollmar for the past year of service to the town and presented him with an engraved clock.

7. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:52 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet L. Facella
Administrative Assistant