



TOWN OF NORTH HAMPTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
SELECT BOARD
APPROVED MINUTES

MEETING – FRIDAY, MAY 27, 2011 1:30 PM
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 Maggiore called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM. Those in attendance were Selectman Phil Wilson and Town Administrator Steve Fournier.

Chair Maggiore led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. New Business

2.1 Acceptance of Select Board Resignation

Chair Maggiore stated that a letter of resignation had been received from Jon Rineman, and read the letter into the record.

Chair Maggiore stated that had great respect for Mr. Rineman and he wished him the best.

Motion by Selectman Wilson to accept the resignation of Mr. Rineman. Seconded by Chair Maggiore. Motion carries 2-0.

Chair Maggiore and Selectman Wilson reviewed their lists of potential nominations for the Select Board vacancy. Selectman Wilson stated that he had used the voter checklist to help develop his list.

Selectman Wilson stated that he had developed his own set of criteria when looking for a member to fill the vacancy which included wisdom, intelligence and savvy to relevant issues; knowledge of the town and previous experience with town government; shared values; energy and willingness to work on Board matters and a colleague that has a strong commitment to sound and transparent government that is consistently in the interests of the people of the town.

Chair Maggiore stated that he shared Selectman Wilson's criteria, and that he would like to have someone that shares their philosophy and proactive approach, but also sees that they can have a very meaningful impact to the town residents over the course of the one year term.

Chair Maggiore and Selectman Wilson read over the lists of potential nominations. Chair Maggiore stated that none of the people named had been contacted beforehand.

Chair Maggiore stated that RSA 669:63 does not state a time frame for filling the vacancy, but that they would like to act expediently, but they also want to be thorough.

Chair Maggiore stated that he would also like to ask those in town who are interested in serving on the Select Board, to submit a letter or email of interest to the Town Administrator. Selectman Wilson suggested that the Select Board meet sometime that is convenient next week to check their progress, and then meet weekly to bring this to closure.

Chair Maggiore stated that the Select Board should whittle down the list, and put folks that are currently serving on boards, committees, and commissions in one column of the list. He further stated that another criteria on the list should be someone that has served the town on either the municipal side or school side.

Chair Maggiore stated that the Select Board would welcome letters of intent until Friday, June 3, 2011.

3. Closing Comments

3.1. Closing Comments by Visitors

North Hampton residents Donald Gould, George Chauncey, Sandra Sheridan, Susan Smith and Peter Simmons all expressed their displeasure with Mr. Rineman resigning. Some residents stated that they felt Mr. Rineman should have been afforded the opportunity to serve as Chair of the Select Board.

3.2. Closing Comments by Select Board Member

Selectman Wilson stated for the record that 749 residents voted, not 1,000 as Ms. Smith had stated. Selectman Wilson stated that the final vote was 407 to 325, which is a difference of 82 votes. This equates to a 55% to 45% difference.

Chair Maggiore stated for the record that he agreed that Jon Rineman is a good man, and that he hopes that he continues to serve the town.

Chair Maggiore stated that he and Selectman Wilson are trying to come up with a transparent process, and that it is not a popularity contest. He further stated that he and Selectman Wilson are trying to evaluate who would be best for the position, including evaluating whatever letters or emails of interest are received. Chair Maggiore stated that letters received would certainly not go into the "circular file" before they are looked at.

4. Adjournment

Chair Maggiore adjourned the meeting at 2:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet L. Facella
Administrative Assistant