

TOWN OF NORTH HAMPTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE SELECT BOARD APPROVED MINUTES

MEETING – FRIDAY, JUNE 3, 2011 11:00 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 Maggiore called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM. Those in attendance were Selectman Phil Wilson and Town Administrator Steve Fournier.

Chair Maggiore led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. New Business

Discussion of Select Board Nominee

Selectman Wilson stated that he contacted Joanne Lamprey, Arthur "Jo Jo" Nadeau, and Joe Guillemette and that they had all respectfully declined filling the vacancy.

Chair Maggiore stated that he had contacted Kari Schmitz, Susan Spencer and Janet Gorman. He further stated that he had not heard back from Kari Schmitz or Janet Gorman, and that Susan Spencer respectfully declined to fill the vacancy.

Chair Maggiore stated that letters of interest were received from Larry Miller, Butch York and Rick Stanton, and that the Select Board would be reviewing them.

Chair Maggiore invited those that had submitted letters to attend the meeting on Monday, June 6, 2011, and reminded residents that today is the deadline to receive letters of interest.

Chair Maggiore stated that he would like the Select Board to make a decision by Wednesday, June 8, 2011 at 4:00 PM.

3. Closing Comments

3.1 Closing Comments by Visitors

Wally Kilgore of Atlantic Avenue asked if after the meeting on Monday, the list of candidates could be posted on the web site.

Lou Downey of Sylvan Road asked why the Select Board were going through "all of this," and why not just appoint the next highest vote getter.

Chair Maggiore stated that the first thing that he did after hearing of the resignation was to check the RSA's, and they state that the remaining sitting members are obligated to nominate someone; there is no provision for a special election or best past practice.

Deb Sillay of Atlantic Avenue stated she was concerned that more candidates are being sought at the "eleventh hour," and that if someone had wanted to be a Selectman they would have run for office.

Peter Simmons, 29 Ocean Boulevard distributed copies of a letter to the editor that was published in the Hampton Union and Portsmouth Herald written by Jon Rineman.

Henry Marsh, Mill Road stated that a very revered Governor Walter Peterson passed away and wanted to let the community know. Mr. Marsh also asked if an item regarding the State Education Tax could be placed on the next Select Board agenda.

3.2 Closing Comments by Select Board Member

Selectman Wilson stated that the Select Board has heard a number of times that the Select Board should adopt a policy of selecting the next highest vote getter to fill a vacancy. He further stated that the effect of the law is that the remaining members do their best to follow the will of the voters.

Selectman Wilson stated that the Select Board is waiting until the close of business to receive more letters of interest, as they said they would, and then act on the knowledge that they have at Wednesday's meeting.

Chair Maggiore stated that the Select Board weighs this decision very heavily, and that they are being as open and transparent as possible.

4. Adjournment

Motion by Selectman Wilson to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet L. Facella Administrative Assistant

NORTH HAMPTON SELECT BOARD VISITOR ORIENTATION TO MEETING

Welcome to this evening's regularly scheduled meeting of the North Hampton Select Board. If you wish to be heard by the board, it may allow visitor participation at the time an issue of specific interest is being addressed. If you wish to address the Board, you should wait until the Chair recognizes you and you must speak from the podium. You should state your name and address for the record. Please note that comments will be limited to three minutes. Please be aware that all meetings are broadcast on local television.

At the end of the agenda, the Board provides an opportunity for visitors to address the Board on topics not on the agenda. Visitors shall state their name and address prior to addressing the Board. Public comments shall be limited to three (3) minutes per person and fifteen minutes (15) total. Following such comments the Chair may place the matter on a future agenda, or refer the matter to the Town Administrator for investigation, report or to take such action as may be appropriate. Please be aware, that due to State law, the Select Board cannot discuss personnel matters during this time. Visitors should not expect a Board response to their comments or questions.

The Board's goal for the conduct of its meeting is to accomplish its work within a qualitative period respecting the participation of visitors as well as all others who contribute to the effectiveness of its meetings. Board meetings will not last past 9PM, unless approved by a majority of the Board.

You will note several agenda items listed "CONSENT CALENDAR". These items will not be discussed unless any one member of the Board requests their removal from the "CONSENT CALENDAR". The Board will previously have received information or reports on these topics.

The Select Board will meet in regular session on the second and fourth Monday of the month with special meetings, as necessary.