

TOWN OF NORTH HAMPTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE SELECT BOARD

APPROVED MINUTES

MEETING –WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 2011 4:00 PM TOWN HALL

1. Call to order

Chair Maggiore called the meeting to order at 4:00 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 Review of Select Board Candidates

Donald Gould stated to the Select Board that Mr. Stanton was unable to attend the meeting due to a prior commitment driving a patient to and from dialysis, and that it was not a sign of disrespect that he wasn't in attendance.

Chair Maggiore stated that today he and Selectman Wilson were going to nominate a candidate to fill the vacancy on the Select Board. Candidates that are being considered are Bob Landman, Larry Miller, Victor Rivera, Rick Stanton and Butch York.

Chair Maggiore stated that he and Selectman Wilson tried to come up with the most transparent, morally, legally and transparent way to come up with a candidate

Motion by Chair Maggiore to nominate Bob Landman. No second, motion fails.

Motion by Selectman Wilson to nominate Larry Miller. Seconded by Chair Maggiore. Motion carries 2-0.

Chair Maggiore asked Mr. Miller if he would accept the position, and Mr. Miller stated that he would.

Town Administrator Steve Fournier swore Mr. Miller into office.

3. Closing Comments

3.1. Closing Comments by Visitors

Ron Dupuis, Post Road wanted to state for the record that he has been involved in politics for the past 50 years, and that he had never seen such "political chicanery" in his life.

Donald Gould, Fern Road congratulated Mr. Miller and stated that he knew he would make a good Selectman. Mr. Gould stated that he felt that the Select Board had made their decision from the beginning on who they wanted on the Select Board.

Dr. Joseph Arena, Jr., Dancer's Image Lane stated that he is tired of the town being "pounded," and sick and tired of people being quick to run to the podium and make comments that are not truthful.

Jim Better, North Road congratulated Selectman Miller and Selectman Wilson on their victories. Mr. Better stated that the Select Board should pay attention to other people's opinions in the town, and that this board should be one that brings people together.

George Chauncey, Hobbs Road stated that although he agreed with the way Dr. Arena was treated, he should be aware that others have the right to speak their mind.

3.2. Closing Comments by Select Board Member

Selectman Miller stated that he is only here to serve the town as he has for many years, and that the divisive comments being made are not helpful or healthy.

Selectman Wilson stated that he would assert categorically to everyone in the town that there was no "chicanery" or that the "fix was in," and that this process was entered into with an open mind, and followed the process they defined, and that the board selected the person they felt was best for the position.

Selectman Wilson stated that he felt Larry Miller is a superb person to fill the job.

Chair Maggiore stated that he labored over this decision, and the only reason that Larry Miller wasn't first on his list is because he hesitated in asking Mr. Miller leave the Budget Committee. He further stated that he and Mr. Miller haven't agreed on a lot of things, and that he knows Mr. Miller doesn't care if it a 2-1 vote or a 1-2 vote, he knows that Mr. Miller will speak his mind

4. Adjournment

Chair Maggiore adjourned the meeting at 4:38 PM.

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.