



TOWN OF NORTH HAMPTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
SELECT BOARD
APPROVED MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING – MONDAY, AUGUST 22, 2011 –7PM
TOWN HALL

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1. Non-Public Session pursuant to RSA 91:A-3 II (a,b,c) 6:30 PM

Motion by Selectman Miller to seal the minutes of the non-public session. Seconded by Chair Maggiore. Motion carries 2-0 with Selectman Wilson abstaining.

2. Call to order

Chair Maggiore called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM. Those in attendance were Chair Maggiore, Selectman Miller, Town Administrator Fournier. Selectman Wilson participated in the meeting via teleconference.

Motion by Selectman Miller to allow Selectman Wilson to join the Select Board meeting electronically citing RSA 91:A-2. Seconded by Chair Maggiore. Roll call vote: Maggiore – Aye, Miller – Aye, Wilson – Aye. Motion passes 3-0.

Chair Maggiore led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

3.1 Regular Meeting Minutes of August 8, 2011

Motion by Selectman Wilson to accept the minutes of the August 8, 2011 Select Board meeting as amended. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Roll call vote: Maggiore – Aye, Miller – Aye, Wilson – Aye. Motion passes 3-0.

4. Consent Calendar

Selectman Wilson stated that the Consent Calendar item was not in the electronic copy he received and therefore had not reviewed it. Chair Maggiore stated that this item would be tabled until the next Select Board meeting.

5. Communications to the Select Board

No items

The Select Board reviewed items of correspondence that they felt should or should not be on the agenda under communications to the Select Board. Selectman Miller was concerned that correspondence items he considered to be substantive are not being placed on the agenda. Selectman Miller stated that he was not suggesting that employees are not doing their job properly, he only wanted to be sure things are being done the best way they can be.

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6. Report of the Town Administrator

Town Administrator Fournier stated that one of the items that is monitored as it relates to the proposed operating budget is the Consumer Price Index. In July 2010 the CPI increased 1.3% for the Boston Urban area and 1.2% for the Nation. In July 2011 there was a 3.6% increase and 3.4% for Boston Urban. This is due to the increase in the cost of fuel, clothing and food.

The unemployment rate for the Town dropped slightly from the beginning of the fiscal year. In July 2010 the Town unemployment rate was 4.4% and it is now 4%. The low for the year was in April when it was 3.4%. The current 4% is still well under the national rate of 9.1%.

At the end of July the Town has expended \$635,088 from the operating budget, leaving 88% unexpended. The only areas that look to be over are Hydrant Fees and contributions to the non-profit agencies. This is a common occurrence since the hydrant fees are paid semiannually and contributions to non-profits are usually done at the beginning of the fiscal year.

Dates for the 2012 Town Meeting have been reviewed with both the Town Moderator and the Town Clerk – Tax Collector, and it was decided that the Deliberative Session will be held on March 31, 2012 with a snow date of April 7, 2012. Town Elections will be held on May 8, 2012.

A FEMA risk Mapping, Assessment and Planning project has been initiated in coastal New Hampshire. The project being conducted by the University of New Hampshire is in conjunction with the NH Office of Energy and Planning, and the USGS New Hampshire/Vermont Water Resources Center. The primary goal of the effort is to produce a new Flood Insurance Study (FIS) and Digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps for the 17 coastal communities in Rockingham and Strafford Counties.

The next Town Campus Input Session will be held on Thursday, August 25, 2011 at 10:00 AM in the Library. Another meeting will be held in September on a weekend in the Town Hall.

The Police Chief is researching the proposal for the prescription disposal program and will have a report at the next Select Board meeting.

During the past week, the North Hampton State beach was closed to swimming due to high levels of bacteria in the water. It is believed that it was due to the significant rain that the Town received over the week.

Funds may be available to the Town for a culvert in the flooding area of Philbrook Pond. The Town Administrator stated that he would be reaching out to the abutter who has issues with the installation of a new culvert and advise them of the Health and Safety concerns of the Town.

7. New Business

7.1 Appointment of Cynthia Swank to Heritage Commission – Full Member, Expires May 2013

Motion by Selectman Wilson to appoint Cynthia Swank as a Full Member to the Heritage Commission with a term expiration of May, 2013. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Roll call vote: Maggiore – Aye, Miller – Aye, Wilson – Aye. Motion passes 3-0.

7.2 Appointment of Barbara Kohl to Heritage Commission – Alternate Member, Expires May 2012

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Motion by Selectman Wilson to appoint Barbara Kohl as an Alternate Member to the Heritage Commission with a term expiration of May, 2012. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Roll call vote: Maggiore – Aye, Miller – Aye, Wilson – Aye. Motion passes 3-0.

7.3 Approval of Land Use Transportation Planning Grant

Selectman Wilson explained that the Planning Board normally applies for the matching grant funds from the Coastal Program. The Planning Board uses the Coastal Program each year for the Master Plan, but it was somehow overlooked this year. When the omission was discovered the funds had already been allocated by the Coastal Zone Project. Brian Groth from the Rockingham Planning Commission was able to find funds for a portion of the Master Plan Land Use chapter which enables them to replace the funds that they neglected to apply for. Selectman Wilson stated that he would firmly recommend that the Select Board accept the grant.

Motion by Selectman Miller to accept the Land Use Transportation Planning Grant and to authorize the Select Board Chair to sign. Seconded by Selectman Wilson. Roll call vote: Maggiore – Aye, Miller – Aye, Wilson – Aye. Motion passes 3-0.

7.4 Paramedic Program Proposal – Chief Dennis Cote

Chief Cote stated that one of the long term goals of the department is to re establish the level of service provided by North Hampton Fire Rescue to the level of Paramedic. Chief Cote stated that funding has been secured enabling the department to send as many as three employees to Paramedic Training over the next two years.

Motion by Selectman Miller to approve the establishment of the Paramedic Program. Seconded by Selectman Wilson. Roll call vote: Maggiore – Aye, Miller – Aye, Wilson – Aye. Motion passes 3-0.

8. Closing Comments

8.1. Closing Comments by Visitors

Chief Cote asked if he could get a copy of the letter that Mr. Fitzgerald sent to the Select Board regarding flooding concerns on North Road. Chief Cote stated that as part of the re-write of the Emergency Planning of the Town, there are funds available as long as a plan is put into place to identify problem areas.

8.2. Closing Comments by Select Board Member

Selectman Miller thanked Town Administrator Fournier for his article in the newspaper regarding the LGC (Local Government Center) issue, as it helped clear up a few things for him, and in his point of view he felt it helped him to understand where he [Town Administrator Fournier] was coming from.

9. Adjournment

Chair Maggiore adjourned the meeting at 8:09 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

**Janet L. Facella
Administrative Assistant**

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