



TOWN OF NORTH HAMPTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
SELECT BOARD
MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING – MAY 29, 2012 –7PM
MARY B. HERBERT CONFERENCE ROOM

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1. **Non-Public Session Pursuant to RSA 91:A-3 II (a,c,e) 6:00PM– Executive Conference Room**

2. **Call to Order**

Chair Maggiore called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Those in attendance were Selectman Wilson, Selectman Miller and Town Administrator Fournier.

Chair Maggiore led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings**

3.1 Select Board Minutes of May 14, 2012

Motion by Selectman Wilson to table the May 14, 2012 until the next Select Board meeting. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.

4. **Consent Calendar**

Motion by Selectman Wilson to move Agenda Item 5.2 to the Consent Calendar. Seconded by Chair Maggiore. Motion carries 3-0.

Motion by Selectman Wilson to accept the Consent Calendar as amended. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.

5. **Communications to the Select Board**

5.1 Correspondence from Donald Palmer
Town Administrator Fournier read Mr. Palmer's letter into the record.

5.2 Correspondence from Supreme Master Ching Hai International Association
(This item was moved to the Consent Calendar by a motion by the Select Board.)

6. **Report of the Town Administrator**

Town Hall Update: As the Board is aware, when the Department of Public Works was removing the ramp and stairs in front of the Town Hall, it was discovered that there was significant rot and damage to the sill of the building. We suspended any work on the facility and called in Emmanuel Engineering for their review. The recommended that we pour a new foundation under the area that is damaged. The Director of Public Works has

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been securing proposals for this work, and will be working with the firms that submitted proposals to do the initial work on the front to see if they would be willing to revise their proposals to include this work.

With this new situation, we will need to postpone work on the Town Office Building until we can make sure we have the available funds for both projects.

Aquarion Water Case: The Town has received notice and a copy of Aquarion Water Company's request of the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission to increase their water rates for customers in North Hampton. First, they are seeking a temporary rate increase of 12.03% effective July 1, 2012. They will then request an increase of 18.3% overall after a hearing before the PUC. The Water Commission has received copies of this filing and will be reviewing it. I will keep the Board posted on any developments.

Building Inspector Search: We have received a number of resumes for the Building Inspection position. We will begin interviews of 6 individuals on June 4. After these interviews, I will forward three on to the full Board with the recommendation of the committee, and if it differs, I will be submitting my recommendation to the Board. From there, the Select Board will interview the three and come to a final decision.

Board Training: I have heard from a number of Chairs of various boards to see if we can hold a training session on changes to the Right to Know Law and other procedural items when holding meetings and working with Town staff. I am working to see if we can get an individual in to teach such a class or if there is a program that I can present to the various Boards.

7. New Business

7.1 Appointments to Heritage Commission

Motion by Selectman Miller to approve all of the candidates as proposed. Seconded by Selectman Wilson. Motion carries 3-0.

7.2 Authorization for Service to New Hampshire Liquor Commission for the Drift Away Restaurant – Robert & Rebecca Hoffmeister, Co-Owners

Ms. Hoffmeister stated to the Select Board that she needed to get approval from the "Town" in order to serve liquor on the deck at the Drift Away Restaurant. Ms. Hoffmeister has approval from the Chief of Police, however the New Hampshire Liquor Commission has asked for a letter of authorization from the Town of North Hampton as well.

Motion by Selectman Wilson to approve the request from Robert and Rebecca Hoffmeister, on behalf of Drift Away Restaurant to open their deck for liquor service, and authorize the Chair to sign on behalf of the Select Board. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.

7.3 Proposal for Town Sponsored Trash Collection Services – Rick Stanton

Rick Stanton, 108 Walnut Avenue introduced Harold Mailhot who helped with the proposal for Town sponsored trash collection services as a cost effective way for citizens to dispose of trash, and to promote recycling. This proposal is for an optional and voluntary trash collection program and seeks to minimize noise and odor and limited size and scope.

Harold Mailhot, 10 Glendale Drive stated that Waste Management is consistently raising their prices and felt that something needed to be done.

Mr. Stanton stated that the proposal is for trash collection two days per week when the recycling center is open. The details of the proposal include:

- No trash not in plastic bags; bags to be secured at top
- No bag may exceed 45 gallons

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- Residents must have a Trash Dump coupon
- Residents must put the bag (s) in the dumpster themselves
- Recyclables handled as usual

Payment would only be by coupon obtained from the Town, and the price would be \$5 per bag.

The proposal would have, by competitive bid, a minimum of one 8-yard or 10-yard dumpster with cover at the Recycling Center. This contract cost would be covered from trash coupon receipts. The contract would provide pickup/emptying the containers twice per week. Cost estimates for an 8 yard dumpster would be \$336 per month (20 bags = \$100 per week) and a 10 yard dumpster would be \$413 per month (25 bags = \$125 per week)

Mr. Stanton stated that there would be no cost impact to the Town, and in fact there may be a small amount of income. He further stated that the proposal is intended to be a six month test, reviewed every other month, and can be discontinued at the end of any contract period.

Laurel Pohl, 100 North Road stated that she agrees that a pay as you throw trash collection is a great idea, however she feels it is not a good idea in a residential area. Ms. Pohl stated that she would like to go on record as stating that the next step the Select Board take is to set up a committee that would consider a pay as you throw program in the IB/R district, and to name her to the committee.

Chuck Robie, 104 North Road stated that he moved in to his home in 1979 and was assured by the Board of Selectmen at that time, that the Cherry Road facility would always only be a “stump dump.” He further stated that he is “scared to death” about what will happen to the property and what it will do to the residential home values in the area.

Selectman Wilson stated that he is unhappy with the rising costs of services in town. Selectman Wilson stated that Mr. Stanton and Mr. Maillot’s proposal is a great idea to deal with the rising costs; however anything that even begins to approach a transfer station in a residential district is an untenable proposition for the town. He further stated that there isn’t any district in town that isn’t a residential district.

Selectman Wilson stated that before a committee is formed, he felt that the Select Board or Town Administrator should contact James Nocella from Waste Management who is their customer relations “guy” and present him with this problem, and tell him that they feel a lot of people in town are getting a really raw deal, and is there something else that the town can do.

Chair Maggiore asked if whether or not this proposal should be trialed to see whether it would work or not, and to find out how practical it is.

Town Administrator Fournier stated that there is a bureaucratic process that must be followed in order to allow this proposal. He further stated that there are licenses that need to be obtained and regulations that need to be followed.

Ms. Pohl stated that she was against any type of trial at the Recycling Center on Cherry Road, as that would be the “proverbial camel’s nose under the tent.”

Chair Maggiore stated that he felt the best way to move ahead with this idea, would be to contact Waste Management, as well as contacting members of the Solid Waste Committee.

Motion by Selectman Wilson to eliminate the provision in the Select Board’s Rule of Procedure that states meetings will not continue beyond 9:00 PM, unless there is a suspension of the rules, and that the Select Board shall continue with its business so long as it deems it prudent and proper. Seconded by Chair Maggiore. Motion carries 2-1.

7.4 Approval of Hazardous Mitigation Plan

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Chair Maggiore stated that at the last Select Board meeting, this was an agenda item but the Select Board did not have the updated draft copy of the Hazardous Mitigation Plan, so they were not able to approve it. He further stated that the copy that the Select Board is now in receipt of is the updated version.

Chair Maggiore asked the other Select Board members for their opinion on adopting the document without having another public hearing.

Selectman Wilson asked Chief Page and Dylan Smith, Senior Planner from Rockingham Planning Commission, what the consequences would be of delaying the acceptance of the Hazardous Mitigation Plan.

Dylan Smith stated that delaying the acceptance would mean that he wouldn't be able to attend the next public hearing, as the grant has run out of funds to allow him to attend. He further stated that it may affect town departments from qualifying for grants.

Selectman Wilson asked Mr. Smith what substantive changes had been made in the current version versus the incorrect plan.

Mr. Smith stated that when the document went before FEMA for review, there were certain guidelines that have changed that were missed in the first draft document. One of the requirements that FEMA has is that the committee must come up with a cost estimation of the various mitigation actions, and that has now been completed on page 52, table 14.

Mr. Smith stated that there were no other substantial changes other than the ones he had just mentioned.

Chief Page stated that based on the public hearings on August 8, 2011 and May 14, 2012 he felt the Select Board is on solid ground to adopt the provisions of the plan.

Motion by Selectman Wilson to adopt the Hazardous Mitigation Plan. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.

8. Closing Comments

8.1. Closing Comments by Visitors

Harold Mailhot commented on the Town Campus plan to have the traffic from the library "dump out" onto Alden Avenue. Mr. Mailhot expressed his concerns with this plan as it will result in heavy traffic on Alden Avenue, as well as contribute to the hazardous condition of turning onto Atlantic Avenue from Alden Avenue.

Richard Stanton suggested installing a convex mirror on the telephone pole that is on a 20 degree angle as you sit at the intersection of Alden and Atlantic. Drivers would then be able to see traffic that is coming up over the rise.

8.2. Closing Comments by Select Board Member

Selectman Miller stated that he hoped that the "pay as you throw" program would be looked at very seriously by whomever is on the committee, as it does not seem likely that the town would be able to purchase any land for a transfer station.

9. Adjournment

Chair Maggiore adjourned the meeting at 9:25 PM.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Administrative Assistant

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