



TOWN OF NORTH HAMPTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
SELECT BOARD
MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING – APRIL 23, 2012 –7PM
NORTH HAMPTON TOWN HALL

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1. Call to Order

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

Vice Chair Wilson stated that according to RSA 91-A:2 a member may join a meeting via conference call as long as the other members vote in favor of that member doing so.

Motion by Selectman Miller to allow Chair Maggiore to participate in the meeting via conference call under RSA 91-A:2 (b). Seconded by Vice Chair Wilson. Motion carries 2-0.

Vice Chair Wilson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

2.1 Select Board Minutes of April 9, 2012

Motion by Selectman Miller to approve the Select Board minutes of April 9, 2012 as written. Seconded by Chair Maggiore.

Roll Call:

Wilson Aye
Maggiore Aye
Miller Aye

Motion passes 3-0.

3. Consent Calendar

Motion by Selectman Miller to approve the Consent Calendar as written. Seconded by Chair Maggiore.

Roll Call:

Wilson Aye
Maggiore Aye

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Miller Aye

Motion passes 3-0.

4. Public Hearing

4.1 Proposal to Change Town Meeting Date

Vice Chair Wilson opened the public hearing at 7:12 PM.

Kelly Parrot, 2 Garrett Drive stated that she felt it was a good idea to change the meeting date back to March due to the low voter turnout in May.

Vice Chair Wilson closed the public hearing at 7:13 PM.

Selectman Miller stated that the Select Board would like to have both elections simultaneously to increase public involvement.

Chair Maggiore stated that he spoke with the Moderator and that he agreed that this would be a good idea and that it would make things easier and more cost effective to have one election.

4.2 Proposal of a \$5 Motor Vehicle Registration Fee

Vice Chair Wilson stated that this is a user fee that he felt is important because state assistance for repairing roads and bridges in town is diminishing, if not going away, and this is a prudent way to keep repairs and maintenance done to town roads and bridges.

Vice Chair Wilson stated that the Select Board is trying to find more effective ways to manage the cost of maintaining the roads, and that the Public Works Director, John Hubbard, is working on a survey of the towns roads to determine their condition, and to raise the level of management of the roads so that the town is actually doing as little reconstruction of roads as possible.

Vice Chair Wilson opened the public hearing at 7:18 PM.

There were no comments from the public.

Vice Chair Wilson closed the public hearing at 7:19 PM.

5. Communications to the Select Board

No Items

6. New Business

6.1 North Hampton Public Library Trustees – Proposed New Building Construction

Library Director, Susan Grant stated that the library is asking for the support of the Select Board to use the “homestead property” to build a new library.

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Vice Chair Wilson asked Ms. Grant to articulate specifically what the request of the Select Board is.

Ms. Grant stated that the library would like the assurance that the parcel of land next to the library would be the site for a new library.

Library Trustee Kelly Parrot stated that the next logical step is to expend some funds, and the trustees feel to be the most prudent with limited resources, that they shouldn't spend money if they don't know the intended outcome.

Mrs. Parrot stated that they want to proceed but that the steps to do so have not been outlined for them.

Selectman Miller asked how much money the library is looking to fund raise, how many square feet the library would be, and what the cost per square foot is.

Mrs. Parrot stated that she would not know any of the information until they actually had a place to build. She also stated that they also would like to acknowledge the concept of having a community center within the library.

Chair Maggiore asked if the library was more of a need because we need more meeting space, or is there a greater need for circulation.

Ms. Grant stated that there is some truth in both of the statements.

Vice Chair Wilson stated that the CIP committee came up with a timeline in which the library had to determine whether or not they wanted a new building or were going to renovate; then come to the Select Board and ask for some sort of commitment on whether or not they could go to the homestead property. The timeline was given to Susan Grant and the Library Trustees, and they stated they had been given too much time.

Vice Chair Wilson stated that it is now up to the Select Board to decide how much time can be given to the library to see whether they can be successful in raising money to build a new library, and when the time comes proposing a bond issue. He further stated that he realizes that the current Select Board is not in a position to commit another Select Board three years out, and the law states that the current board cannot encumber a future Select Board. As a practical matter the Select Board could say due to the complexity of deciding what is to be done on the municipal complex, allowing the library some period of time and to see how successful they can be in articulating their vision, developing a fund raising plan, developing a physical representation of their vision and then going out and trying to raise money.

Motion by Selectman Miller to encourage the library to develop a design and plan for the homestead property, and to come back after the election on May 8, 2012 and ask for a renewal of that encouragement suitable to their needs. Seconded by Chair Maggiore.

Roll Call:

Wilson Aye

Maggiore Aye

Miller Aye

Motion passes 3-0.

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7. Closing Comments

7.1. Closing Comments by Visitors

Rich Goeselt inquired if there were any handouts of the library presentation available for interested citizens.

7.2. Closing Comments by Select Board Member

Chair Maggiore thanked everyone in the community for the outpouring of support for the wake and funeral of Chief Maloney.

Selectman Miller stated that it seemed hard to imagine that things like the incident in Greenland take place in our area. He further stated that the crimes were committed for drugs, and it is something that we need to be cognizant of in our own lives.

Vice Chair Wilson stated that we often say that we owe such a debt to both our police officers and firefighters because they are out there protecting us and the incident in Greenland is the most terrible emphasis of that single point that could ever be imagined.

8. Adjournment

Vice Chair Wilson adjourned the meeting at 8:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Facella
Administrative Assistant

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