



TOWN OF NORTH HAMPTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
SELECT BOARD
APPROVED MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING –MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2013 –7PM
NORTH HAMPTON TOWN HALL

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1. Non-Public Session Pursuant to RSA 91:A-3 II (e) 6:15 PM– Executive Conference Room

2. Non-Public Session Pursuant to RSA 91:A-3 II (a) 6:30 PM– Executive Conference Room

3. Call to Order

Chair Maggiore called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM. Those in attendance were Selectman Wilson, Selectman Miller, and Town Administrator Apple.

Chair Maggiore led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Chair Maggiore to release a letter from the Local Government Center dated October 10, 2011 to Mr. Thomas Hildreth of the law firm of McLane, Graf, Raulerson & Middleton on the following conditions:

1. That the opinion to be released is an attorney/client privileged communication between counsel and the town, and is confidential pursuant to RSA 91:A;
2. That the limited disclosure that the Select Board is moving is for the purpose of reducing the possibility of litigation between clients represented by Mr. Hildreth and the town;
3. That the limited disclosure is of the opinion only;
4. All other privileged documents including the opinions of the Local Government Center or other counsel in this case, or any other case, remain privileged;
5. That the town makes no waiver of the Local Government Center's notes, work product, testimony or any other item other than the opinion letter;
6. That the limited disclosure does not indicate the town's agreement or disagreement with Mr. Hildreth's client's position in the case.

Seconded by Selectman Wilson. Motion carries 3-0.

4. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

4.1 Select Board Non-Public Minutes of December 27, 2012

Motion by Selectman Wilson to accept the minutes of December 27, 2012 as emended. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.

4.2 Select Board Minutes of January 28, 2013

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43 **Motion by Selectman Miller to accept the minutes of January 28, 2013 as amended. Seconded by**
44 **Selectman Wilson. Motion carries 3-0.**

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46 4.3 Select Board Minutes of February 1, 2013

47 **Motion by Selectman Miller to accept the minutes of February 1, 2013 as amended. Seconded by**
48 **Selectman Wilson. Motion carries 3-0.**

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51 **5. Consent Calendar**

52 **Motion by Selectman Wilson to accept the Consent Calendar as presented. Seconded by Selectman**
53 **Miller. Motion carries 3-0.**

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55 **6. Communications to the Select Board**

56 6.1 Correspondence from Rockingham Planning Commission- RE: Regional Transportation Projects

57 Selectman Wilson stated that the Rockingham Planning Commission and the Metropolitan Planning
58 Organization get together and complete a thorough update, and reprioritization of the projects for all of the
59 towns in the Rockingham Planning Commission area.

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61 Selectman Wilson stated that he wanted the Select Board to look at the projects slated for North Hampton in 10
62 to 20 years. Some of the projects include the realignment of North Road, a change to the Atlantic Avenue
63 intersection and the widening of Route 1. The year of construction on the projects is out to the year 2036. He
64 further stated that based on the data from the Route One Corridor study, the number one work priority work in
65 North Hampton is the realignment of the northern and southern sections of North Road, with the work not
66 scheduled to begin until 2024. The number two priority that is scheduled for 2026, is to provide a full shoulder
67 to a three lane section of Route 1 from Glendale Road to Hobbs Road. The third priority is to widen Route 1
68 from the Hampton town line to Atlantic Avenue to five lanes.

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70 Selectman Wilson asked Chair Maggiore and Selectman Miller if they felt these were the right priorities, and if
71 they were in agreement that they are in the right order. He further stated that it is his opinion that the North
72 Road intersection is the number one priority as it is probably the most dangerous intersection in North
73 Hampton.

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75 Chair Maggiore stated that he would like to discuss these projects more in depth at a future Select Board
76 workshop, as there are some very weighty issues to be considered.

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78 Selectman Wilson stated that he felt perhaps there should be some serious input by the town especially
79 regarding the widening of Route 1 to five lanes. He further stated it is the town's one opportunity to voice their
80 concerns. The deadline for project applications is March 1, 2013, and the Select Board agreed to hold a meeting
81 prior to the deadline.

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83 **7. Report of the Town Administrator**

84 Town Administrator Apple stated that the town warrant that was approved at the Deliberative Session has been
85 sent to the Town Clerk, and ballots are being prepared.

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87 Department Head's will be producing a plan to deliver their particular functional areas to the end of the year
88 coming at or below their bottom line. Those plans to will be available by February 15.

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90 During the snow storm over the weekend there were a couple of "fender benders," one involving a police
91 cruiser and one involving a hand rail in front of the police station. Both are not reportable incidents because
92 they have come in under the insurance deductible.

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Departments Heads are currently reviewing the personnel plan and revisions will be forthcoming to the Select Board.

8. New Business

8.1 Little River Watershed Update – Chief Dennis Cote

Chief Cote summarized the proposed work plan, notated “Task 1 and Task 2,” and budget to continued bacteria monitoring in the Little River watershed from May through August 2013. Other tasks to be completed are the creation of a septic system database for “hotspots” in the Little River Water Shed for March through September 2013, and a door-to-door septic survey from August 2013 through the Summer of 2014.

Chief Cote reviewed a technical memorandum that summarized a bacterial bracket sampling and microbial source tracking results. Several areas were found and identified as failed septic systems which were contributing factors to the contamination.

Chief Cote stated that he was pleased to report that all of the sampling locations are well below the state limits. Some major issues in the town were identified, with no raw sewerage being discharged, but failing leach fields.

Chief Cote stated that they were trying to determine whether human factor or wildlife factor was contributing to the contamination to the Little River. Initially they felt a large portion of the contamination was human factor due to the number of septic systems that were in failure. Most of the contamination now is from wildlife. He reported that dogs seem to be an issue at the beach, particularly in the Appledore Avenue area.

Chief Cote asked the Select Board to authorize the completion of tasks 1 and 2 with a total cost of \$9,989.

Motion by Selectman Miller to approve the expenditure of \$9,989 as outlined in the Chief’s report on Table 1 dated January 19, 2013, and to authorize the Chief to act on behalf of the Select Board. Seconded by Selectman Wilson. Motion carries 3-0.

8.2 Approval of Deputy Fire Wardens – Chief Dennis Cote

Motion by Selectman Wilson to appoint the list as presented as Deputy Fire Wardens for the town. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.

8.3 Donation Acceptance from Michael and Larisa Piotrowski – Chief Brian Page

Chief Page stated that this is the second time Mr. and Mrs. Piotrowski have donated to the Police Department, and it is because of donations such as theirs, that enable the department to purchase equipment that has not otherwise been budgeted for. He further stated that because the donation is under \$5,000, it did not need to be posted for a public hearing.

Motion by Chair Maggiore to accept a \$30 donation from Michael and Larisa Piotrowski. Seconded by Selectman Wilson. Motion carries 3-0.

8.4 Approval to Trade Current Rifle Inventory and the Purchase of New Rifles – Chief Brian Page

Chief Page stated there are currently three rifles in the inventory that were purchased in 2001, and badly in need of armoring at a cost between \$150 and \$200 each. These rifles have been used extensively not only to train 11 sworn officers twice per year for 12 years, but are also used a great deal for the training and operations for the Seacoast Emergency Response Team.

Chief Page explained the total cost of five new rifles is \$6,160. \$1,800 will be used from the Asset Forfeiture Account, and \$1,910 will be used from the Levine/Piotrowski Donation. An additional \$1,800 will be taken off

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of the purchase price by trading the current inventory of Colt AR-15 rifles. The remaining \$650 will be expended from the police department supplies line which currently has a balance of \$5,201.48.

Motion by Selectman Miller to accept the Chief's recommendation and approve the purchase of the rifles as outlined in his memo of February 6, 2013 with a bottom line cost to the town of \$650 to come from the current year budget, and to authorize Chief Page to trade the current rifles, and execute all of the necessary documents. Seconded by Selectman Wilson. Motion carries 3-0.

8.5 Approval of Economic Development Committee

Town Administrator Apple stated that he felt there were three good reasons to have an economic development committee. The first reason is that economic development is a fact in a market economy, and the town should be part of that process. An economic development committee would provide a broad view of development options by type in a shorter time context than that offered by a Master Plan.

Secondly, an economic development committee would broaden participation. Providing a stage for participation generally weakens the argument of non inclusion and increasing participation would have benefits on a number of pending issues before the town, including the Municipal Facilities Plan.

Town Administrator Apple stated that a committee of the correct composition would intercept possible public safety issues regarding development before plans are drawn and money spent.

Selectman Wilson suggested adding in the first sentence of the draft charge, description of the North Hampton Economic Development Committee "increasing the tax base through revenue positive projects, net of likely incremental cost burdens." He further stated that it is one thing to promote economic development, but not all economic development is equal, and it can end up costing the town far more than it benefits the town.

The Select Board discussed what the composition of the economic development committee should be. The committee to be created by the Select Board will include a Select Board member, the Town Administrator, the Chief of Police, the Chair of the Planning Board, the Chair of the Conservation Commission, a member of the North Hampton Business Association who shall be a resident of North Hampton, and a representative of the Rockingham Planning Commission.

Selectman Wilson suggested that the Select Board member be an "ex-officio" member and not appointed for a three year term, it would be part of the annual assignments of the Select Board.

Chair Maggiore and Town Administrator Apple will make contact with proposed members of the committee and schedule a meeting.

8.6 Approval of Boston Post Cane Recipient

Motion by Selectman Wilson to allow the Town Administrator to award the Boston Post Cane to the oldest resident in the town once he as ascertained precisely who that is. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.

8.7 Approval of Release of Access Easement Rights for Robie Property

Motion by Selectman Wilson to approve the Release of Access Easement Rights for Robie Property. Seconded by Selectman Miller for discussion.

Conservation Commission chair Chris Ganotis gave a brief overview of the easement rights.

Motion carries 3-0.

9. Closing Comments

9.1 Closing Comments by Visitors

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Wally Kilgore, 220 Atlantic Avenue, stated there is a concerted effort in Seabrook for the “Rails to Trails” for their length of railroad, and there may be an opportunity through federal funds or private donations to acquire the trail in North Hampton.

Richard Bettcher, 95 Lovering Road, asked why the old fire engine was still sitting at the salt shed, and asked why it had not been traded in. Mr. Bettcher also asked whether or not it had been put up for auction.

Chief Cote stated that the engine was not traded in because the trade in value was so low. He further stated that the engine had been sold by sealed bid for \$3,333.33 two and one half months ago, and left three days after the bidder was notified.

9.2 Closing Comments by Select Board Member

10. Adjournment

Chair Maggiore adjourned the meeting at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet L. Facella

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