



**TOWN OF NORTH HAMPTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
SELECT BOARD
APPROVED MINUTES**

REGULAR MEETING –MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2014 –7PM
NORTH HAMPTON TOWN HALL

1. 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 Apple.

Chair Maggiore led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

2.1 Select Board Minutes of December 23, 2013

Motion by Selectman Miller to approve the minutes of December 23, 2013. Seconded by Selectman Wilson. Motion carries 3-0.

2.2 Select Board Minutes of January 6, 2014

Motion by Selectman Wilson to approve the minutes of January 6, 2014. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.

3. Consent Calendar

- 3.1 Approval of Veterans Tax Credit for Map 006, Lot 049
- 3.2 Approval of Veterans Tax Credit for Map 021, Lot 001-032
- 3.3 Approval of Veterans Tax Credit for Map 017, Lot 032-091
- 3.4 Approval of Veterans Tax Credit for Map 017, Lot 032-028
- 3.5 Approval of Veterans Tax Credit for Map 008, Lot 152-001

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

4. Communications to the Select Board

No items

5. Report of the Town Administrator

Finances	Personnel
Technology Inventory	Personnel Plan
Municipal Facilities	Merit Pool Policy
Finance Policies	Reconstruction Town Clerk Building
Hampton Rod and Gun Club	Earned Time Policy
Status of DOL Citation	Storm Water Regulations

Town Administrator Apple reported overtime in the fire department remained high with only 18% of their overtime budget remaining.

The Select Board voiced their concerns regarding fire department overtime, with Selectman Miller stating the fire chief has to do something to get overtime under control immediately.

Town Administrator Apple stated there is a very heavy meeting schedule in the next few months. Neighborhood meetings continue through the end of February.

Selectman Wilson stated the New Hampshire Supreme Court issued its decision in respect to the appeal of the Local Government Center and the Mitchell order, which required them to return \$55 million to member towns. The other issue was the \$17.1 million that the HealthTrust had "lent" to the workers compensation trust over several years to keep that program afloat. The hearings officer determined that \$17.1 million must go back to the HealthTrust and returned to member towns.

Motion by Selectman Miller to compose a letter on behalf of the Select Board to other member towns and SAU's to participate in writing a letter to the Secretary of State's office as well as the Bureau of Securities Regulation and let them know that something has to be done with the way with the Local Government Center's role in trying to circumvent the hearing officer's order. Seconded by Chair Maggiore. Motion carries 3-0.

6. New Business

6.1 New Hampshire Charitable Foundation Grant Award for Winterfest

Chair Maggiore read correspondence into the record that was received from the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation awarding a grant award to the Recreation Department for Winterfest.

Motion by Selectman Wilson to accept the Grant Award of \$1,000 from, the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.

6.2 Discussion of Proposed Senate Bill 223

Chair Maggiore read Senate Bill 223 into the record. An analysis of the bill will allow municipalities to permit the sewer commissioners, or the appropriate governing body, to enter into a contract for the design, construction, and funding of a new sewer or sewerage system and to provide for the repayment of the cost of funding using sewer rentals.

Selectman Miller and Selectman Wilson both stated they are opposed to adopting Senate Bill 223, and requested Town Administrator Apple compose a letter to Senator Stiles telling her of the Select Board's opposition.

Motion by Selectman Wilson to express grave concerns about the proposed legislation proposed in Senate Bill 223. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.

6.3 Large Gathering Rules and Procedures – Chief Page

Chair Maggiore stated there will be a Large Gathering warrant article on the ballot this year that puts most of the onus on the Chief of Police.

Chief Page reviewed, recommend and/or proposed changes to the Large Gathering rules and procedures.

Selectman Miller was concerned the Select Board would possibly be giving a political problem to a town official that is not a political person, and the Select Board should give the Chief clear guidance as to what they expect.

Selectman Wilson stated his expectation would be the police chief would look at the specific regulations and apply them consistently and uniformly.

Selectman Miller stated he would like the chief to be liberal where police detail officers are needed, and to make sure if he feels they are needed to make that a requirement on the application.

Chief Page stated he must be cautious about going out to too many outside agencies to handle special details in order to avoid problems with outside agency police officers being ordered by event organizers to move to different locations without Chief Page's permission.

Chair Maggiore stated he would like to see a report on what events are happening in town when approval has been given for a large gathering event.

Discussion ensued regarding whether or not the current application would be changed or kept as is, with Chief Page making a minor edit but keeping the majority the same.

The Select Board thanked members of the committee that worked extremely hard and quickly to produce the changes to the ordinance.

6.4 Discussion of Proposed Warrant

Discussion by the Select Board and the Town Administrator ensued regarding proposed zoning ordinance amendments for the warrant as well as meeting dates, posting dates and scheduling of a Select Board meeting to sign the warrant in order to meet the posting deadline.

The Select Board discussed whether or not explanatory notes were needed on any of the warrant articles that will be placed on the ballot.

Motion by Selectman Wilson to vote in favor Warrant Articles Eight through Sixteen. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.

Chair Maggiore read Article Six as follows:

To see if the Town of North Hampton will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$6,100,000.00) for the construction of a new Police/Fire/Rescue building, the construction of a new Library, and the renovation of the existing Police Station for use as the Town Administrative Offices, as shown on the Municipal Facilities Master Plan, to be implemented as depicted on this plan. This plan is available at the Town Offices, and at the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office during regular business hours, and on the Town's website at www.northhampton-nh.gov. And to authorize the issuance of not more than Six Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$6,100,000.00) of bonds or notes in accordance with the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Select Board to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; and further, to raise and appropriate up to Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000) representing interest earned on bond proceeds for the construction and renovation for purposes above. And further to raise and appropriate the One Hundred Seventy Three Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Seven Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$173,937.50) for the first year's interest payment on said bond.

Town Administrator Apple explained the bond article has multiple purposes. The first purpose of the bond article is to raise and appropriate the sum to construct the project. The second purpose of the bond article is to issue bonds. In the following year, a decision will have to be made regarding any interest earned on bond proceeds and what to do with that earned interest by the legislative body. The final part of the warrant article raises the money for the first year's payment of the bond.

Selectman Wilson suggested rounding the number for the first year's interest payment to up to \$175,000.

Selectman Wilson suggested changes to the wording of the article that involved grammar and punctuation.

The Select Board had a lengthy discussion regarding the commitment of the Select Board to build all three buildings for \$6,100,000.00 and the fact that they should not focus on those that are against the plans, but instead focus and work with the 99% of those that are in favor.

Chair Maggiore stated no vote would be taken on this agenda item until after meeting with the Library Trustees on January 22, 2014.

Motion by Selectman Wilson to suspend the rules to attend to new business after 9:00 PM. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.

6.5 Authorization of CIP Committee as a Fire Equipment Replacement Search Committee

Chair Maggiore stated there are two pieces of equipment in the Capital Improvement Plan for fire equipment that total almost a million dollars, and there is concern among members of the Capital Improvement Committee that a study should be done on what is appropriate for equipment, as well as research on what is exactly the best equipment that suits the needs of the town.

Motion by Selectman Wilson to concur with the recommendation of the CIP Committee to form a Fire Equipment Replacement Search Committee. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.

7. Closing Comments

7.1 Closing Comments by Visitors

None

7.2 Closing Comments by Select Board Member

Chair Maggiore reminded everyone Deliberative Session will be held on February 1, 2014 at 8:30 AM in the Town Hall.

(Secretary's Note: At the time of this meeting, the location had not yet been changed to the North Hampton School.)

8. Adjournment

Chair Maggiore adjourned the meeting at 9:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet L. Facella