



TOWN OF NORTH HAMPTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
SELECT BOARD
APPROVED MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING –MARCH 10, 2014 –7PM
MARY B. HERBERT CONFERENCE ROOM

These minutes were prepared as a reasonable summary of the essential content of this meeting, not as a transcription.

1. Non-Public Session, Pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (e) – 6:30 PM Town Office 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 Apple.

Chair Maggiore led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Selectman Miller to seal the minutes of the Non-Public Session I. Seconded by Selectman Wilson. Motion carries 3-0.

Motion by Selectman Wilson to seal the minutes of the Non-Public Session II. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.

3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

3.1 Select Board Minutes of January 22, 2014

Motion by Selectman Wilson to approve the minutes of January 22, 2014 as amended. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.

3.2 Select Board Minutes of February 10, 2014

Motion by Selectman Wilson to approve the minutes of February 10, 2014 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.

3.3 Select Board Minutes of February 26, 2014

Motion by Selectman Wilson to approve the minutes of February 26, 2014 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.

Secretary's Note: The Select Board moved the approval of minutes to the end of the meeting due.

4. Consent Calendar

4.1 Veteran's Tax Credit Application for Map 007, Lot 139

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- 4.2 Disabled Exemption for Map 017, Lot 082-051
- 4.3 Land Use Change Tax for Map 007, Lots 172, 172-001, 172-002

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

5. Communications to the Select Board

- 5.1 Correspondence from New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources
- 5.2 Department of Revenue Administration DRA Sales Ratio Survey

Chair Maggiore read both pieces of correspondence into the record.

6. 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

7. New Business

- 7.1 Appointment of William Needham to the Recreation Commission

Motion by Selectman Miller to approve the nomination of William Needham to the Recreation Commission. Seconded by Selectman Wilson. Motion carries 3-0.

- 7.2 Large Assembly Permit Application – Reach the Beach

John Dionne, Course Coordinator for Reach the Beach Relay gave the Select Board an overview of the running relay race that extends from Cannon Mountain to Hampton Beach State Park. Mr. Dionne explained how the relay teams work, transition areas for teams to park their vehicles, the placement of portable toilets and traffic control.

The Select Board reviewed the recommendations of Chief Page with Mr. Dionne.

Motion by Selectman Miller to approve the Large Assembly Permit Application for Reach the Beach Relay scheduled for September 13, 2014 with the conditions as stated by Town Administrator Apple. Seconded by Selectman Wilson. Motion Carries 3-0.

- 7.3 Large Assembly Permit Application – LOCO Sports (Half Marathon 10/5/14)

Mike St. Laurent, representing LOCO sports presented the Select Board with a power point presentation of the half marathon scheduled for October 15, 2014. He further discussed a new Woodland Road plan and spectator control, which were areas that needed to be approved upon.

Chief Page stated the reason this race has become out of control and unmanageable despite the number of police officers, is because of the amount of runners. He further stated it has become a serious safety issue.

Chief Page stated Rye Police Chief Kevin Walsh was in attendance at the meeting and with permission of the Select Board would like to address the Select Board with his concerns regarding the race.

Chief Page stated the race is too big; one way streets are being utilized as two way streets. The race has now become 5,500 runners and upwards of 12,000 to 14,000 spectators driving and finding a way around the police officers.

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Chief Page spoke in detail regarding the race last year and the fact one of the race marshalls moved a police officer assigned to Ocean Boulevard without the authority of the police chief.

Chief Page stated if Mr. St. Laurent were to max the race participants to 1,500 he would be inclined to approve the permit, but not if the race has 5,500 participants.

7.4 Large Assembly Permit Application – LOCO Sports (Marathon 10/26/14)

Mike St. Laurent presented the Select Board with the route for the full marathon. He stated the full marathon is a qualifier for the Boston Marathon with a limit of 600 to 800 runners.

Chief Page stated he has conditionally approved the application for the full marathon based on the fact that the race will proceed directly up Ocean Boulevard with an absolute maximum of 850 runners.

Selectman Miller stated he would like to see one day for a race by LOCO Sports, not two days, as there are so many races held in town as it is.

Chair Maggiore stated Willow Avenue will be closed due to construction during October, and that is the proposed route for detour traffic during the marathon.

Selectman Wilson stated his personal experience with the road race last year, driving south on Woodland Road, was that it was completely out of control. He did not see any race marshalls or police officer details along the route. He further stated 5,500 people running on the size of the roads in North Hampton is too much and not manageable.

Selectman Wilson stated he appreciates the fact that LOCO Sports makes donations to the town, but he is also trying to take into account the amount of time residents are inconvenienced with road closures.

Chief Kevin Walsh, Rye Police Department addressed the Select Board with his concerns regarding the marathon. Chief Walsh stated he is concerned with the number of participants as well as the inconvenience to residents. He further stated he was before the Select Board to see that the participant level remains at 800. The Town of Rye has not allowed any event over 900 participants.

Selectman Wilson suggesting having Chief Page call a “summit” with Seacoast area police chiefs to address the problems and work with race promoters and come to some sort of agreement as to what courses are available, when, and to what limits of people.

Lisa Martin, North Hampton Youth Association spoke to the Select Board regarding the numerous families that have benefited from the donations provided by LOCO Sports over the past several years. She also spoke regarding the organization and strict rules that LOCO Sports adheres to.

Kara Martin and Emma Checovich from the Winnacunnet High School track team spoke in favor of having LOCO Sports hold their races in town and how the track team has benefited from donations from LOCO Sports.

Nick Strater from the North Hampton Youth Association stated the donations from LOCO Sports help to provide uniforms and equipment for the soccer teams.

Emily (last name inaudible) from North Hampton spoke in favor of having the marathons in North Hampton.

Craig Kelleher, Goss Road spoke on behalf of the Hampton Rotary Club that benefits from donations from LOCO Sports.

The Select Board discussed alternatives with Mr. St. Laurent.

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No votes or actions taken by the Select Board.

Motion by Selectman Wilson to adjourn the meeting. Chair Maggiore objected. Motion fails 0-3.

Motion by Selectman Wilson to consider new business after 9:00 PM. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.

7.5 Large Assembly Permit Application – American Lung Association

Sean MacWilliam, representing the American Lung Association gave the Select Board an overview of the proposed cycling event on Sunday, May 4, 2014. He noted that the section of the race that proceeds through North Hampton has not changed from last year, and safety remains their number one priority.

Chief Page stated the American Lung Association has always complied with the regulations and has had no problems with the event.

Motion by Selectman Miller to approve the Large Assembly Permit Application for the American Lung Association. Seconded by Selectman Wilson. Motion carries 3-0.

Motion by Selectman Wilson to approve the use of the Town Green as a rest stop during the American Lung Association event. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.

7.6 North Hampton State Beach Parking Requirements

Chair Maggiore read a letter from Pat Meyers regarding the requirements of obtaining a beach parking sticker.

Selectman Wilson stated he would suggest that in order to purchase a beach parking sticker, you must present either a North Hampton car registration or a copy of a property tax bill.

The Select Board discussed several scenarios to come to a conclusion on how to distinguish between those that should and should not be allowed to purchase a beach parking sticker.

Town Administrator Apple suggested the Select Board allow him to make the decision should a question arise from the Town Clerk or Administrative staff regarding eligibility for a beach parking sticker. If someone is denied a beach parking sticker, and so chooses, they may appeal to the Select Board. He further stated that his guidance will be: if they own residential property in the town, reside year round they are eligible; if they own residential property in town, register their car in town but only reside part time, they are eligible; if they don't have their motor vehicle registration but can provide some other reasonable proof of residency they are eligible; if they rent their property they are not eligible, but their renters are.

Motion by Selectman Wilson to direct the Town Administrator to articulate a policy to allow the issuance of beach parking stickers to individuals who own residential property that reside in town and can provide a North Hampton motor vehicle registration; to authorize beach parking stickers to individuals that own residential property and reside in North Hampton for more than half a year, and possess a North Hampton motor vehicle registration; authorize beach parking stickers to individuals that own residential property owners that reside in North Hampton for less than half a year and rent the property, the owner would not be eligible but the renter would; if an individual owns residential property in North Hampton and resides there for less than 180 days the decision to sell a beach parking sticker would be left to the Town Administrator to make that determination, with an appeal to the Select Board if they disagree with the decision. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.

8. Closing Comments

8.1 Closing Comments by Visitors

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8.2 Closing Comments by Select Board Member

Chair Maggiore thanked Selectman Wilson for his contributions to the Select Board and thanked him for his guidance and contributions to the Town of North Hampton over the past three years.

Selectman Miller echoed Chair Maggiore's sentiments and thanked him for the tremendous job he has done for the town.

9. **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Facella
Administrative Assistant

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