



TOWN OF NORTH HAMPTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
SELECT BOARD
APPROVED MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING –MAY 19, 2014 –7PM
NORTH HAMPTON TOWN HALL
231 ATLANTIC AVENUE

1. Call to Order

Chair Maggiore called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Those in attendance were Selectman Miller and Selectman Stanton. Town Administrator Apple was absent.

Chair Maggiore led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Selectman Stanton stated North Hampton resident Ted Turchan had passed away on Friday, May 16. Mr. Turchan was very active in town government and spent many years on the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Selectman Stanton further stated Mr. Turchan was a very good and knowledgeable man who will be missed by all.

2. First Public Comment Session

Public Comment is an opportunity for residents to ask questions, request information and make comments on issues facing the Town. Individuals ordinarily will be given not more than three (3) minutes to speak, and people who have already spoken will be asked to wait until everyone has had the chance to speak once. The total time devoted to this agenda item is fifteen (15) minutes. Individuals who are not able to speak will be given first opportunity to speak during the Second Public Comment Session at the end of the Meeting.

Nancy Monaghan, 132 Mill Road spoke to the Select Board regarding her concerns with the Hampton Rod and Gun Club and the Department of Environmental Services investigation thereof. Ms. Monaghan read from a prepared statement which is attached to these minutes.

Judy Day, 141 Mill Road spoke to the Select Board regarding her concerns with the Hampton Rod and Gun Club. A copy of Ms. Day's prepared statement is attached to the minutes.

Selectman Miller stated that this situation or any similar situation in the town is in the Select Board's best interest to stay on top of.

Selectman Stanton stated there is a series of steps that must be taken, and when the DES submits its report to the town the Select Board will then have to make their decision, and until such time the board's job is to watch and wait.

3. Consent Calendar

3.1 Payroll Manifest in the amount of \$54,038.11

3.2 Payroll Manifest in the amount of \$240.25

3.3 Approval of Religious/Charitable Exemptions for 2014 (see attached list)

3.4 Approval of Abatement of Map 002, Lot 077

227.24

3.5 Approval of Abatement of Map 003, Lot 031	94.19
3.6 Approval of Abatement of Map 003, Lot 033	73.26
3.7 Approval of Abatement of Map 003, Lot 036	62.79
3.8 Approval of Abatement of Map 003, Lot 037	73.26
3.9 Approval of Abatement of Map 003, Lot 040	142.03
3.10 Approval of Abatement of Map 003, Lot 041	204.82
3.11 Approval of <i>Denial</i> of Elderly & Veteran Exemption of Map 017, Lot 082-016	
3.12 Approval of Abatement of Map 008, Lot 092	217.75
3.13 Approval of Abatement of Map 009, Lot 057	110.55
3.14 Approval of Abatement of Map 003, Lot 022	370.18
3.15 Approval of Abatement of Map 003, Lot 023	110.55
3.16 Approval of Abatement of Map 003, Lot 024	268.00
3.17 Approval of Abatement of Map 006, Lot 142	8.38
3.18 Approval of <i>Denial</i> of Abatement of Map 001, Lot 004	
3.19 Approval of Abatement of Map 013, Lot 071-53C	104.00
3.20 Approval of Current Use Application of Map 011, Lot 018	
3.21 Approval of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber of Map 016, Lot 009	
3.22 Approval of Elderly Exemption of Map 023, Lot 007	
3.23 Approval of Blind Exemption of Map 022, Lot 022-003	

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

4. Communications to the Select Board

4.1 Correspondence from Seacoast Public Health Region

Chair Maggiore read correspondence from Mary Cook, Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coordinator.

5. Report of the Town Administrator

No report

6. New Business

6.1 Discuss Presentation Regarding Town Campus

Chair Maggiore stated there had been a meeting on May 15, 2014 with department heads, Select Board members, Trustees of the Library, and architect Ron Lamarre to discuss renovations to the proposed Town Campus.

Chair Maggiore stated he wanted to be sure the public knew that the meeting was not one of a building committee and those in attendance were not members of the building committee.

Selectman Stanton stated there were some questions about comparing “apples to apples” as far as building renovations were concerned.

Selectman Stanton discussed concerns taxpayers had with not receiving enough information regarding bonding and not having specificity was a detriment to the warrant article by not addressing total costs up front.

Chair Maggiore stated he is concerned when structural engineers Bonnett, Page and Stone comes before the Select Board on June 9 there will be another decision to make. If remodel costs “x,” how does the Select Board decide whether to remodel or build new, and at what point is it decided it is too much money.

Chair Maggiore stated there had been many discussions regarding bonding before the Deliberative Sessions.

Discussions followed regarding the Finance Committee for the Town Campus and various options that were presented for finance options.

Discussion ensued regarding building renovation estimates, seismic options, which side of the campus the safety complex will be/should be, library fundraising, town campus survey and the results there of.

Selectman Stanton stated he was concerned with negative comments made in the town campus survey against the Fire Department. He stated there is an image problem, and he is not sure how to solve it.

Chair Maggiore encouraged everyone to participate in the meetings regarding the Town Campus plan because at a point certain the Select Board will be making a firm decision on which way things will be going, so it is important for residents to participate before that point.

6.2 Ratify Past Acquisitions of the Heritage Commission

Chair Maggiore stated he is the Select Board representative to the Heritage Commission, and that the Heritage Commission is responsible for cataloging and archiving the heritage of the town.

Chair Maggiore stated property located at 167 Atlantic Avenue had been demolished and on part of the property were some items which were donated to the town by the former owner Gregory Sancioff.

Chair Maggiore stated Donna Etela and Cynthia Swank composed a list of the items, and it is very difficult to put a dollar figure on the items. He further that the Select Board is ultimately responsible for accepting donations for the Heritage Commission. The Heritage Commission is allowed by RSA to accept donations, but the Select Board is responsible and is requesting the ratification of past acquisitions.

Selectman Stanton explained the differences between the Heritage Commission and the Historical Society. It was noted the Historical Society is a private organization, whereby the Heritage Commission is bound by RSA.

Motion by Selectman Stanton to ratify the actions of accepting the donations from Gregory Sancioff. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.

7. Any Other Item that may legally come before the Board

The Board reserves the right to take action on any item relative to the prudential administration of the Town's affairs which circumstances may require.

Chair Maggiore stated there would be a ceremony commemorating the acceptance of the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office on to the National Historic Register on June 28, 2014. He further stated the Heritage Commission has asked if the Select Board would make a proclamation of June 28 as North Hampton Library Day.

Motion by Selectman Stanton to proclaim June 28, 2014 as North Hampton Library Day. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.

Selectman Stanton stated that Peter Philbrook is no longer able to volunteer on the Capital Improvements Committee, so the town is in need of another at large person.

8. Second Public Comment Session

See Item 2, above.

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet L. Facella
Administrative Assistant

