



TOWN OF NORTH HAMPTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

SELECT BOARD APPROVED MINUTES

WORKSHOP – JUNE 2, 2014 – NOON
EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM, 233 ATLANTIC AVENUE
NORTH HAMPTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Purpose: The purpose of the Workshop is to discuss various management issues.

1. Call to Order by the Chair, Mr. Maggiore.
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.

3. New Business

3.1 Meet with Tom McManus, Southeast Regional Refuse Disposal District Representative, regarding two motions before the District regarding on-going operations of the District and membership in the District;

Tom McManus briefed the Select Board and stated after 25 years the contract with Waste Management is up for renewal in 2015. Mr. McManus reviewed the RFP that will be going out to bid for a five year term.

Mr. McManus stated North Hampton is one of 10 members in the 53-B district, with the district operating on funding that is contributed from each of the 10 towns, apportioned annually by the tonnage of solid refuse weighted at Waste Management scales at their landfill facility in Rochester.

Mr. McManus explained the two motions that would be discussed at the June 11 regional meeting with the first being to adopt or amend and adopt a RFQ soliciting bids for disposal of the town's/districts solid waste post June 30, 2015. The second motion will be to approve/disapprove petitions by Hampton and South Hampton to terminate association with the district. Hampton and South Hampton constitute approximately 55% of district tonnage and subsequent budget.

Selectman Stanton asked if they had any leverage for Senior Citizen rates.

Suggestions were made about having a garbage truck at a specified location once a week with the option for a "pay as you throw."

Motion by Selectman Stanton to allow Tom McManus to vote in the best interest of the town at the Southeast Regional Refuse Disposal District meeting on June 11, 2014. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.

3.2 Meet with Henry Fuller to discuss options to control the costs of water hydrants in North Hampton;

Mr. Fuller was not in attendance and the item was tabled for another meeting.

3.3 Meet with Chiefs Cote and Page regarding fiscal impact of school safety plan implementation; Chief Page explained this would be an offsite evacuation. No funds are available at this time to pay for estimated \$3,500 in overtime. Discussion ensued on what the cost would be to perform the drill. Chair Maggiore asked if the school could contribute to the drill. Chief Page gave details on what the plan would include as far as road closures, traffic control. Plans were discussed for a fall evacuation.

Motion by Selectman Miller to direct the Police and Fire Chiefs to hold a school evacuation in the Fall for Fiscal Year 2015. Seconded by Selectman Stanton. Motion carries 3-0.

3.4 Non-Public Session I, pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(c)(Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of the public body itself, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine, or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant.) The Board will discuss tax deed waivers for delinquent tax payers;

3.6 Public Discussion regarding delinquent tax payers;

Chair Maggiore stated the Select Board received a packet of the delinquent taxpayers from Tax Collector Buchanan.

Discussion ensued regarding those taxpayers that do not have the ability to pay due to a medical reason versus those that just simply do not want to pay also discussed were those with payment agreements.

The Select Board discussed mobile homes and whether or not they would chose to deed them.

Chair Maggiore asked how taxpayers are notified of their failure to pay taxes. Tax Collector Buchanan explained the legal process which must be followed in order to notice properly.

Selectman Stanton stated if the mobile home is less than 1978 is of no value. He discussed taking by tax deed property owned by Merritt which has not paid taxes in 14 years, and placing the mobile home at the recycling center due to the fact there are no bathrooms and no heat for employees there. Discussion ensued regarding the town having to pay lot rent.

The Select Board discussed different avenues for pursuing tax payments including small claims court and property tax repayment agreements and tax collection agencies.

Motion by Selectman Stanton to direct the Town Administrator to submit all delinquent taxpayers to a collection agency. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.

Motion by Selectman Stanton to adjourn the public meeting. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.

3.5 Non-meeting I, pursuant to RSA 91-A:2, I(a)(strategy for collective bargaining). The Board will discuss strategies for upcoming collective bargaining with the Fire Fighters Union.

4. 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.

The Select Board discussed a nomination by Treasurer Barbara Dewing for the position of Deputy Treasurer. Mrs. Dewing asked the Select Board to appoint Jolynn Wilson and spoke of her qualifications.

Motion by Chair Maggiore to appoint Jolynn Wilson as Deputy Town Treasurer. Seconded by Selectman Stanton.

Discussion:

Town Administrator Apple suggested a Criminal Records check as is current practice for all of those in the Finance Department. Chief Page concurred with Town Administrator Apple as there is a big push at the state level due to many towns in New Hampshire having funds stolen.

Motion carries 3-0.

5. Second Public Comment Session

See Item 2, above.

6. Adjournment