



TOWN OF NORTH HAMPTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

**JOINT MEETING BETWEEN THE
NORTH HAMPTON SELECT BOARD
AND THE LITTLE BOAR'S HEAD COMMISSIONERS**

APPROVED MINUTES

30 JUNE 2014 – 17:30
THE HOME OF COMMISSIONER GARNETT
31 ATLANTIC AVENUE
NORTH HAMPTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

The Chair called the meeting to order at 17:30. Present on the Board were Jim Maggiore, Larry Miller and Rick Stanton. Also present was the Town Administrator. Present on the Commission were Barbara Dunfee, Dickie Garnett and Leon Asadoorian.

The Chair turned the meeting over to Mr. Garnett, the Chair of the Commission. Mr. Garnett welcomed the members of the Select Board and thanked them for agreeing to a joint meeting.

1. Bass Beach Berm

Mr. Asadoorian raised the issue of the Bass Beach berm. He indicated that in order to solve the problem of reconstructing it, the two bodies needed to have a united front. The Town Administrator reported that he had not had much luck in getting the New Hampshire Department of Transportation ("DOT") to address the issue. Mr. Asadoorian agreed that this had been his experience. The Commissioners and the Select Board discussed a possible political solution by asking Executive Councilor Chris Sununu to intervene with the DOT.

The governing bodies agreed that the Town Administrator should draft a joint letter for their signatures to Councilor Sununu that summarized the problem, the proposed solution and our efforts to date.

2. North Hampton State Beach

Ms. Dunfee suggested that the problem is largely unchanged: the seaweed washes up on the beach, and it is cleaned on the Hampton side but left unattended in North Hampton. There does not appear to be any standard cleaning policy on the part of the New Hampshire Department of Recreation and Economic Development ("DRED"). The problem had been one of access, but an access point has been constructed.

The governing bodies agreed that the Town Administrator should follow up with Brian Wilson at DRED about a regular maintenance schedule.

Brian and Alicia Goode, residents of Willow Avenue, joined the meeting at approximately 17:45.

3. Road Safety

A. Route 1A (Beach Plumb)

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The Select Board reported that one effort to reduce traffic congestion generally is their policy to reduce the number of foot races in town. Mr. Asadoorian asked if a police officer can be detailed to Route 1A given the traffic the Beach Plumb causes. The Town Administrator reported that we could, but it would be an unbudgeted expense. Mr. Asadoorian asked why it couldn't be charged to the Beach Plumb. Mr. Apple replied that unless it's a land use condition, charges are generally not made to the landowner.

The governing bodies discussed the possibility of painting cross walk zones. Mr. Stanton suggested a warrant article for a crossing sign, with lights that are activated when the pedestrian pushes the button to cross.

B. Speed Control Generally

The Commissioners asked if the speed limit could be decreased to 20 mph. The Town Administrator responded that the speed limit is a DOT function because the road is maintained by the State.

Mr. Asadoorian suggested the speed limit signs with the radar attached to it, like they have in Exeter. He estimated the cost to be about \$2,500. The governing bodies believed this was a great solution to the on-going problem, in addition to putting the radar trailer down on Ocean Boulevard or Atlantic Avenue.

Mr. Garnett asked about signage on Atlantic Avenue. The road is not clearly marked as Atlantic Avenue. The Town Administrator replied that signage is a DOT function, but that he would enquire.

C. Fox Point

Mr. Garnett also would like rumble strips at Fox Point because motorists cut the corner too close when looking at the beach and end up crossing the center line. The Town Administrator indicated he would ask DOT.

4. Other Business.

- a. Mr. Goode asked if Willow Avenue would be paved this year. The Town Administrator indicated that it was scheduled for September 2014. Mr. Goode noted the intersection of Willow and Atlantic Avenues contained a significant dip and needed to be fixed when the paving started.
- b. Mr. Miller asked the Commissioners how their efforts were going to revise the District's zoning ordinance. Mr. Garnett responded that a draft of the revisions was expected mid-to-late summer.

Mr. Maggiore thanked Mr. Garnett for his hospitality again this year. Both governing bodies agreed that regular meetings were helpful. There was consensus that annual meetings are satisfactory although quarterly meetings might ensure greater accountability.

The Chair, upon agreement, recessed the meeting until 19:00 at the Town Hall for the Board's regularly scheduled meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul L. Apple, Town Administrator

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