



TOWN OF NORTH HAMPTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
SELECT BOARD
APPROVED MINUTES

NON PUBLIC SESSION –DECEMBER 8, 2014 –5:30PM
REGULAR MEETING – DECEMBER 8, 2014-7:00PM
NORTH HAMPTON TOWN HALL
231 ATLANTIC AVENUE

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1. **5:30 PM Non-Public Session I:** Pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(b)(the hiring of a public employee), the Board will meet with Candidate A.

The Select Board met with Candidate A.

2. **6:00 PM Non-Public Session II:** Pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(b)(the hiring of a public employee), the Board will meet with Candidate B.

The Select Board met with Candidate B.

3. **6:30 PM Non-Public Session III:** Pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II(b)(the hiring of a public employee) the Board will meet with Candidate C.

The Select Board met with Candidate C.

4. **Call to Order**

Chair Maggiore called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Those in attendance were Selectman Miller, Selectman Stanton and Town Administrator Apple.

Chair Maggiore led the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. **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.

Arthur Nadeau, Pine Road spoke of the need to adjust the police department's pay scale, and stated there is a security risk with the way it is currently staffed.

6. **Consent Calendar**

6.1 Payroll Manifest of November 26, 2014 in the amount of \$54,405.28

6.2 Payroll Manifest of December 04, 2014 in the amount of \$134,054.10

6.3 Veteran Tax Credit Application for Map 008, Lot 131

6.4 Supplemental Tax Bill for Map 013, Lot 071-042 in the amount of \$653.00

6.5 Abatement Application for Map 013, Lot 071-042 in the amount of \$332.00

6.6 Supplemental Tax Bill for Map 013, Lot 071-040 in the amount of \$348.00

6.7 Abatement Application for Map 013-071-040 in the amount of \$348.23

Motion by Selectman Stanton to remove items 6.4, 6.5, 6.6 and 6.7 from the Consent Calendar until further information is received from the Assessor. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.

Motion by Selectman Stanton to approve items 6.1 through 6.3 on the Consent Calendar, with thanks to the applicant of the Veteran Tax Credit Application for their service. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.

Motion by Selectman Stanton to table New Business item 9.2 until the Deputy Fire Chief/Officer in Charge has been hired.

Motion by Selectman Stanton to table New Business item 9.1. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.

7. Communications to the Select Board

No Items

8. Report of the Town Administrator

Town Administrator Apple stated weekly Yalta meetings would be starting again as the budget is now at the six month point with approximately 45% of the budget expended to date.

Overtime was discussed, noting two non work related injuries in the fire department, and one within the police department that is creating pressure on the overtime account in attempt to insure coverage.

Chief/Public Safety Director Page spoke about the two new police officer candidates, and the scheduled dates in which they are slated to start at the Police Academy.

Town Administrator Apple stated that a report had been received from FEMA regarding the latest Emergency Management drill and it was determined there were no areas of training that needed to be corrected.

The work is almost complete at the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office with a projected finish date of the end of December.

Collective bargaining with the Fire Department continues and a report is expected to be before the Select Board within the next week or two as to whether there will be an agreement or not.

A meeting is scheduled with the Town Administrator, Wireless Carrier and a landowner on Mill Road about another potential site for a cell tower and access to said tower.

All invoices from the July lightening strike have now been submitted and the town is awaiting payment.

The Hampton Rod and Gun Club letter from Attorney Uchida has been forwarded to the Planning Board pursuant to the Select Board's direction, on November 25, 2014. A request was also sent to Attorney Uchida requesting dates and times available for a site walk at the Gun Club.

Budget Committee updates, warrant article and public hearing reviews also discussed. A Town Campus presentation will be given at the December 10 budget meeting. The Select Board and Library Trustees met on December 5 and were in agreement as to shared costs.

Selectman Stanton stated the bond article will be \$5,946,387. After costs are allocated to the safety complex, the libraries role will be to raise \$918,859 for which they have agreed to.

Chair Maggiore stated that there is cooperation from all departments and volunteers alike in town campus discussions, and much is being accomplished.

Selectman Stanton stated an independent group "Our Town, Our Future" has been created to help get the vote out for the town campus.

The Select Board discussed plans to hold informational meetings, but not quite as many as last year.

Chair Maggiore spoke about correspondence the Select Board had received from a Selectman in Webster New Hampshire that asks for the support of the board regarding a motion to ask the state to properly fund the education system. He further stated he had called the New Hampshire Municipal Association for their opinion and to obtain further information.

9. New Business

9.1 Appointment of Deputy Fire Chief/Officer in Charge - *Item Tabled*

9.2 Discussion of Quint Study - *Item Tabled*

10. 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.

11. Second Public Comment Session

See Item 2, above.

Selectman Miller stated after speaking with two of the police candidates, one of them suggested having a Canine unit in the police department. He further stated he begin to think about it and asked the Police Chief his thoughts.

Chief Page stated he would be wide open to this idea as long as the program is funded properly.

Selectman Stanton stated a requested had been made by the Our Town, Our Future group to change the voting hours from 7AM until 7PM. He further stated he would like the Select Board pose the question to Moderator Boesch.

Town Administrator Apple stated he had a discussion with Mr. Boesch regarding this issue and he was strongly opposed to changing the hours as it was difficult to attract enough staff and that it was a very long day for staff.

Chair Maggiore reminded residents about absentee ballots and the ability to vote in this manner if you are unable to get to the polls on election day.

The Select Board asked to extend an invitation to Mr. Boesch to attend a Select Board meeting to speak with him about changing the hours the polls are open.

12. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

12.1 Minutes of November 10, 2014

Motion by Selectman Stanton to approve the November 10, 2014 minutes as amended and presented. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.

12.2 Minutes of November 24, 2014

Motion by Selectman Stanton to approve the November 24, 2014 minutes as presented. Seconded by Chair Maggiore. Motion carries 3-0.

Chair Maggiore recessed the public portion of the Select Board meeting at 8:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Facella, Administrative Assistant