



TOWN OF NORTH HAMPTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

THE SELECT BOARD

APPROVED MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING –SEPTEMBER 2, 2015 –NOON
EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM
TOWN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES
233 ATLANTIC AVENUE
NORTH HAMPTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Purpose: The purposes of this meeting are: to the adoption of a proposed application for blasting permits; the appointment of a blasting administrator; and to review the list of properties eligible for tax deeding and to execute any necessary deed waivers.

1. Call to Order;

Chair Maggiore called the meeting to order at 12:10 PM. Those in attendance were Selectman Miller, Selectman Stanton and Town Administrator Apple, Chief Tully and Director Page.

Chair Maggiore stated the purpose of the meeting was to talk about the appointment of a blasting permit administrator as well discussion of property tax deed waivers.

2. Discuss Blasting Permit Application and Blasting Administrator appointment;

Town Administrator Apple stated the blasting permit ordinance was adopted by the Select Board in 2012, and it is his understanding that no application was drafted at the time the regulation was enacted. He further stated Chief Tully having learned this, has come up with a draft that needs to be approved by the Select Board pursuant to the regulations.

Chief Tully stated previously a “Blasting Supervisor” was the person certified by the State to oversee blasting and they work for the company doing the blasting. He further stated the problem currently is when someone in town wants to blast, they are being told no. He further stated the homeowner is held off for so long before a lawsuit against the town is filed.

Chief Tully reviewed the application he had drafted. He noted there are several areas in which he did not have the expertise to make an educated ruling on.

Selectman Stanton spoke about hiring a Blast Supervisor that has been properly trained and is certified by the State.

Chief Tully stated this is something that the company doing the blasting already does.

Selectman Stanton spoke to hiring a competing blasting company supervisor to review the blasting contract and to provide the town with the administrative report and ensure compliance with the ordinance; this would be similar to the Wetlands Scientist the town contracts with.

Selectman Stanton suggested adding wording to the application stating the Fire Chief would be providing the form, and contract with an appropriate qualified person documented on the form as well. He further stated he wanted to be able to give the Fire Chief authorization to give a landowner the application to fill out and return to him.

Town Administrator Apple stated he is asking for authority to hire a company to essentially advise the town. He also stated he felt language should be added that imposed the cost of that process on the application.

Motion by Selectman Stanton to approve the Blasting Application as amended. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.

Motion by Selectman Stanton to appoint Chief Tully as the Blast Administrator with the authority and the requirement to hire an expert to assist him in the administration and regulations as he sees fit to perform the duty. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.

3. Discuss Deed Waivers on properties eligible for tax deeding;

Town Administrator Apple stated in order to avoid having to go into a Non Public Session, he would be referring to taxpayers numerically from one to eleven.

The Select Board discussed proposals to enforce mobile home owners pay their taxes as required by the rules and regulations of the mobile home park owners.

Motion by Selectman Stanton to empower the Public Works Director and the Building Inspector to determine the suitability of any manufactured home on the tax deed list for use by the town before disposal. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.

Motion by Selectman Miller to waive deeding of taxpayers 1, 2, 3 and 6. Seconded by Selectman Stanton. Motion carries 3-0.

Motion by Selectman Stanton to proceed to deed taxpayers 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.

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 spoke about the upcoming September 14 meeting in which they would be presented with the Municipal Facilities Committee plan. They further discussed a date when they would make a formal decision based on the information they receive.

The Select Board suggested having a Public Hearing on September 28 regarding the Municipal Facilities plan.

5. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 1:21 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet L. Facella