



TOWN OF NORTH HAMPTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
SELECT BOARD
APPROVED MINUTES

OCTOBER 21, 2015 -7PM
NORTH HAMPTON TOWN HALL
231 ATLANTIC AVENUE

These minutes were prepared as a reasonable summary of the essential content of this meeting, not as a transcription.

1. Call To Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Maggiore called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Those in attendance were Selectman Miller, Selectman Stanton and Town Administrator Apple.

Chair Maggiore led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 during the First Public Comment Session will be given first opportunity to speak during the Second Public Comment Session at the end of the Meeting.

Arthur Nadeau, Pine Road asked that any slides presented are made large enough for the audience to read. He further stated he could not stress how important the deputy chief's positions are, as that position is pretty much the training slot for the next chief.

Mr. Nadeau stated the roof going into the bell tower has holes in it, and needs to be addressed sooner rather than later.

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Selectman Miller urged Mr. Nadeau to express his opinions on the deputy positions to the Budget Committee.

Jeff Hillier, Glendale Road thanked the Select Board for cleaning up after the extrication training that was held on the homestead property as well as responses to emails with questions from residents.

Nancy Monaghan, Mill Road expressed her disappointment on a warrant article that will be presented at the election in March in which the library will be building on the homestead property. Ms. Monaghan urged the Select Board to poll the town to find out if the town wants the library on the homestead.

Paul Marquis, Hobbs Road stated a poll does not do what a warrant [sic] article will. He further stated it will more than likely delay the project even further.

Selectman Miller stated he felt the question is whether or not public money is spent on the most important things that need to be addressed, and in his opinion the top priority is public safety, and that is the question that needs to be answered. He further stated the important thing is to have the courage and the temerity to solve the tough things first.

George Chauncey, Hobbs Road stated he had given a lot of thought to the library warrant article and came to the conclusion that he agrees with the Selectman Stanton and Chair Maggiore. He further stated this issue has been "kicked" around long enough and a decision has to be made by the voters, not the Select Board.

Mr. Chauncey stated he agreed with Selectman Miller in that the town needs public safety and questioned why there cannot be both.

3. Consent Agenda

- 3.1 Payroll Manifest of 10/08/2015 in the amount of \$173,602.23
- 3.2 Payroll Manifest of 10/15/2015 in the amount of \$59,062.91
- 3.3 Accounts Payable Manifest of 10/08/2015 in the amount of \$268,074.43
- 3.4 Cemetery Deed for Taylor Family Revocable Trust
- 3.5 Cemetery Deed for Bob T. Miller and Hope E. Miller

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

No Items

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5. Town Administrator's Report

Town Administrator Apple stated there is 67% of the appropriated funds left at Week 15 of FY2016 budget. He further stated he felt spending is under control and department heads are using good judgment.

Town Administrator Apple stated the MS-5 is nearing completion and once done the tax rate can be set. He stated he would be asking the Select Board to sign the MS-1 under New Business which is also a component to setting the tax rate.

Motion by Selectman Stanton to approve the MS-1 for 2015. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.

Town Administrator Apple gave an update on the library roof. The Director of Public Works has been in contact with the roofing contractor, and it is the intention to remove and replace all of the flashing and install the ventilation system previously discussed. After that is completed resealing will be done to the flat part of the roof, and it is hopeful that will solve the leaking issues. He further stated he has asked Building Inspector Kelly to re measure the mold.

Town Administrator Apple thanked members of the Capital Improvement Committee for their hard work over the summer in completing the latest CIP plan.

Town Administrator Apple spoke about property tax deeds on delinquent tax payers that have been recorded.

6. New Business

6.1 Discussion of Proposed Operating Budget for FY 2017

Chair Maggiore stated the proposed operating budget for FY 2017 is \$6,798,154 which in an increase of \$368,611 over last year. He further stated the default budget is \$6,505,218.

Selectman Stanton mentioned the Rockingham Planning Commission dues will be \$4,329 and needs to be added to the budget.

Chair Maggiore stated the proposed budget includes funding for a deputy in both the police and fire departments. He further stated when the Chiefs and Director of Public Safety presented their proposed budget, and they stated why a deputy is critical to their departments.

The Select Board spoke about the Mosquito Control Program and the move from a warrant article into the town budget. Chair Maggiore stated there is approximately \$49,000 in the Mosquito Fund currently and thus the reason for proposing a budget of \$35,000 for next year.

Director Page asked the Select Board to consider adding the Fire Chiefs salary to the default budget because it is a contractual obligation. All members agreed the budget would have to change to reflect the proper line items associated with the chiefs salary.

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Director Page stated he highly recommended both deputies as well as their budgets.

Director Page discussed the higher costs to contract out ambulance services for the town and the fact it would be much more expensive than the current budget.

Chief Maddocks stated he wanted to stress the fact he is not asking for an additional position, he is simply asking to fund the deputy position that is within the approved 12 officers in the department.

Chief Maddocks spoke to the Charles Reynolds study and the MRI study whereby they both suggested having a second in command that is outside of the union to assist the chief, particularly those of confidential nature. He further discussed and gave a broad overview of the details as to deputy's duties.

Chief Tully gave an overview of the fire deputy's duties and the importance of a second in command that works five days a week, and not on shift. He also addressed several line items within his budget that are in need of attention.

Motion by Selectman Stanton to recommend the proposed operating budget for FY 2017 to the Budget Committee. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.

6.2 Discussion and Approval of Proposed Default Budget for FY 2017

Motion by Selectman Stanton to approve the proposed default budget for FY2017 \$6,505,218 subject to the revised contractual salaries including FICA, Medicare, Retirement, as well as the MS4. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.

6.3 Request for Rescission of Vote on Facilities;

Selectman Miller asked for a discussion before he made a motion, and Chair Maggiore and Selectman Stanton agreed to the request.

Selectman Miller stated he believed a different tact should be taken then what had been decided. He stated he felt the decision of the board at the last meeting was not appropriate because it does not solve the problem the town has; addressing a problem of less importance to solve the problem of more importance as that would be going backwards.

Selectman Miller stated he believed the most important problem before the town is the fire station, which could collapse, particularly with six inches of snow on it. He further stated there have been two majority votes of 51% to locate the police and fire department on the homestead property.

Selectman Miller stated it was wrong of his colleagues to pit the library against public safety as it was a lose/lose situation.

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Motion by Selectman Miller that the Select Board rescind their decision of last week which was to locate the library on the homestead. Seconded by Chair Maggiore for discussion.

Chair Maggiore stated he emphatically agreed with Selectman Miller on the issue that the fire department is critically important. He further stated emphatically that the plan that was developed years ago as a result of all of the studies that have been done leading into the charrette and then eventually the plan that was proposed for the last two elections he believes whole heartedly in. However, a plan was given to the voters, in detail, of tax impact and gender issues; there were 24 different community meetings that presented the plan and an incredible amount of due diligence.

Chair Maggiore stated he felt it comes down to "the location" not "a location." He further stated if "the location" enables the town to get the library built then he is convinced the second stage of the process is to get the fire station done. He further stated he is convinced that a building for fire and police can be constructed on their current location and will be supported by the town.

Selectman Stanton stated he thought last year renovating the fire department was going to be less expensive than building new, but he was wrong.

Selectman Stanton stated what he is hearing over the past year is the plan was too expensive and there is a need for a phased time plan. Selectman Stanton stated he is still in favor of doing a phased plan. What has been learned is that it cannot be renovated it has to be rebuilt. He further stated the library can be built at the same time the fire station is being built. He stated the board has been told by the voters to do it in phases.

Selectman Miller stated the solutions that two of the Municipal Facilities came up with are much more expensive. He suggested if the board would like a phased approach, why not get a guaranteed maximum price for something that is already designed. This would take care of the public safety building in one year and then the library would know a year in advance their building will be going where the fire station once was.

Selectman Miller asked the question what happens if the warrant article suggested by Chair Maggiore and Selectman Stanton does not pass; back to square one, everything is 3% more expensive and the public safety buildings problems are still there and more money will be spent making sure the fire station [sic] roof doesn't cave in.

Chair Maggiore invited the public to speak.

John Kollmorgen, Library Trustee stated the library has never come out against any of the plans that have been proposed. He further stated they have supported every plan that has included a public safety complex.

Arthur Nadeau, Pine Road stated he agreed public safety and the library needs to be addressed. He further stated several years ago he was on the building committee for

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renovations to the North Hampton School and was on that committee four years before it passed.

Mr. Nadeau stated something has to drop in order to lower the costs so that it will pass.

George Chauncey, Hobbs Road stated he never hears anyone address the 49% of the residents that voted no the past two years, and wondered what was being done to address their concerns. He further stated the town is divided and majority decides and it should be respected.

Mr. Chauncey stated the voters should be the ones to decide what is built on the homestead property.

Judy Day, Mill Road stated maybe a warrant article could be created that puts the public safety on the homestead location as well as it is the intent of the Select Board to put the library where the fire station was.

Chair Maggiore stated he wasn't sure if a warrant article could bind a future Select Board if there isn't a plan in place.

Town Administrator Apple stated a warrant article could be crafted for a phased approach in whatever way they would like to build.

Paul Marquis stated he believes the crux of the matter is a piece of property, and the issue of who is going to go on the homestead property will clear up a lot of "stuff." He further stated the voters should be the one to decide what goes on the homestead property.

Selectman Stanton called the question.

Motion fails 1-2.

6.4 Discussion of the Order of Construction for Facilities;

Chair Maggiore stated he was in favor of the library being built on the homestead property for the upcoming election and the following year the fire and police should be on the warrant.

Motion by Selectman Stanton to clarify the decision taken on October 5, 2015 that the Select Board shall adopt the so called "Chauncey Plan" as a concept, and proceed in phases as follows: This Select Board shall propose a warrant article for construction of a new library on the homestead property for consideration by the legislative body in March of 2016. For future planning the warrant article will anticipate the new library will be constructed on the homestead hopefully by June of 2017. In keeping with the phased approach, it is proposed the town reconstruct the fire department facility as it is next priority with construction to start as soon as the warrant article passes in March of 2017. Seconded by Chair Maggiore. Motion carries 2-1.

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6.5 Announce Date of Deliberative Session;

Chair Maggiore stated the date of the Deliberative Session will be January 30, 2017 with an alternate date of February 6, 2017. The location will be announced after speaking with the Town Moderator.

Motion by Selectman Stanton that the Town Deliberative Session be held on January 30, 2017, with a back up session of February 6, 2017. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.

6.6 Discuss Wording for Thank You Letter to Fifth Facilities Committee

Chair Maggiore stated he had come up with a draft that the Town Administrator had circulated Selectmen Miller and Stanton, and has no objections to the amendments that were made.

Town Administrator Apple stated he would make amendments and place it in the Select Board's in box to sign.

6.7 Discuss Transmission of Proposed Memorandum of Understanding and Warrant Article to the Library Trustees.

Chair Maggiore stated Rick Stanton had circulated through Town Administrator Apple a Memorandum of Understanding for the library so that there was clarity. At the last work session it was decided there was a need for clarity on how and when it would be delivered.

Selectman Stanton suggested sending it to the Library Trustees and ask for their feedback and or suggested changes.

Selectman Miller asked whether or not it is a work product of the Select Board, and if it is not then his answer is no on sending it; if it is the work product of the Select Board then send it.

Motion by Selectman Stanton to send a draft of the Memorandum of Understanding to the Library Trustees for their review and comments and to funnel their comments through the Town Administrator. Seconded by Chair Maggiore. Motion carries 2-1.

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.

Selectman Stanton announced there would be a Coastal Flooding Summit on October 24 and 25, 2105 in Hampton, and suggested someone from the town should be in attendance.

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8. Second Public Comment Session

Jeff Hillier, Glendale Road commended the Select Board for the ardor and clarity for which they have expressed themselves for many years of dealing with this issue. He expressed concern that the board members need to work together and hoped that could be accomplished.

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Janet L. Facella

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