



TOWN OF NORTH HAMPTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
**SELECT BOARD**  
**DRAFT MINUTES**  
**NOVEMBER 9, 2015**

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NON PUBLIC SESSION I 6:00PM  
NON PUBLIC SESSION II 6:30PM  
TOWN OFFICES EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM  
233 ATLANTIC AVENUE  
  
REGULAR SESSION 7:00PM  
NORTH HAMPTON TOWN HALL  
231 ATLANTIC AVENUE

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**1. Non Public Session Pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (a) 6:00 PM Town Office Executive Conference Room**

**2. Call To Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

Chair Maggiore called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. Those in attendance were Selectman Miller, Selectman Stanton and Town Administrator Apple.

Chair Maggiore led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Maggiore stated the Select Board had come out of a Non Public Session and announced the Select Board would be donating their combined salaries of \$3,000 to the widow of Officer Peter Cormier.

**3. 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.

39 Anne Ambrogi, 16 Bradley Lane spoke about an idea she and other members of the community  
40 have come up with. Mrs. Ambrogi stated she hosted a get together at her house whereby 21  
41 people attended and discussed ideas for the town campus.  
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43 Mrs. Ambrogi stated the result of the meeting was a consensus to put together a warrant article,  
44 and she reading the following statement into the record:

45 “Fifteen or more years ago, the North Hampton community recognized the need to evaluate our  
46 town facilities, and to plan for their eventual renovation or replacement. Many meetings, many  
47 plans, and many elections later, we find ourselves still searching for a consensus on the way  
48 forward. Unfortunately, we also find ourselves with buildings that are fifteen years older,  
49 structurally compromised, and near the end of their realistic life cycle. The challenge before us as  
50 a town is how we coalesce support around a plan that can succeed at the ballot box when there are  
51 so many ideas pulling in different directions.

52 We respect and appreciate the significant, honest, and heartfelt differences that have been  
53 expressed as various plans have come and gone, and as the latest iterations of study committees  
54 have worked through this process again. However, it is our considered judgment that the various  
55 alternatives that have been proposed do not compare favorably to the plan first presented to voters  
56 in 2014.

57 We believe the best course for our community is to continue to pursue that comprehensive  
58 campus plan, which has seen considerable input and improvement since it was first outlined.  
59 While no plan is perfect, this option represents the most integrated, effective use of space, the  
60 most responsible use of taxpayer money, and the best opportunity to create a municipal center  
61 that will stand the test of time for the next 50 years.

62 Though the Select Board has thus far embarked on a different course, we are hopeful they will  
63 reconsider and once again work toward passing the comprehensive campus plan, and toward  
64 convincing voters of its merits. However, regardless of whether the currently proposed library  
65 warrant article remains on the ballot, it is our intention to present a citizen’s petition pursuant to  
66 RSA 39:3 to place a campus plan warrant article on the town ballot in March 2016. This is not a  
67 decision made in haste, or merely to deflect support from the currently proposed warrant, but  
68 because we sincerely believe this is the best long-term solution for addressing the facility needs  
69 of our town government.

70 The New Hampshire tradition of local control, allowing the greatest level of citizen involvement  
71 with the important decisions that affect our community and our lives, is one of our state’s greatest

72 strengths. But this wonderful tradition does not come without its challenges. As with many major  
73 decisions that must be made by a small community, this process has been time-consuming and  
74 contentious. As much as we would like to find the perfect solution that meets everyone's needs,  
75 we know that such a thing does not exist. But what does exist is a solution that we feel is the right  
76 one for our town and its future, and one we feel compelled to fight for.

77 We look forward to communicating with our fellow citizens on this issue between now and  
78 Election Day, and to continuing to make North Hampton the strong, vibrant community that we  
79 all know it to be."

80 Wally Kilgore stated the lack of compromise by a segment of the population is frustrating.

81 Mike Kotzen spoke against the public safety building on the homestead property.

82 Peter Scheu stated he supported Anne Ambroggi and was in agreement with the petition.

83 Selectman Miller stated it would make more sense to hear agenda item 8.4 before 8.2, and the  
84 board agreed.

85 Stephie Stempien stated she appreciated all of the hard work that has been done on the town  
86 campus.

87 **4. Consent Calendar**

- 88 4.1 Payroll Manifest of 10/22/2015 in the amount of \$57,224.72
- 89 4.2 Payroll Manifest of 10/29/2015 in the amount of \$60,535.66
- 90 4.3 Payroll Manifest of 11/05/2015 in the amount of \$191,077.48
- 91 4.4 Accounts Payable Manifest of 10/22/2015 in the amount of \$1,065,199.09
- 92 4.5 Accounts Payable Manifest of 11/05/2015 in the amount of \$63,557.64
- 93 4.6 Veteran Tax Credit Application for William Dolben, Map 002, Lot 057-008
- 94 4.7 Abatement Application for Joan Granlund, Map 005, Lot 001
- 95 4.8 Department of Revenue Administration Sales Ratio Survey

96 **Motion by Selectman Miller to accept the Consent Calendar as presented. Seconded by**  
97 **Selectman Stanton. Motion carries 3-0.**

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99 **5. Public Hearing**

- 100 5.1 Consideration of Unanticipated Revenue in the amount of \$14,500 Pursuant to Grant  
101 Number NH-004 from the New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources

102 Chair Maggiore opened the Public Hearing at 7:20 PM. Vicki Jones, alternate member of the  
103 Heritage Commission spoke to the grant and stated it is used for a pre disaster planning of the

town to record and evaluated historical resources that may warrant special protection by Lisa Mausolf, Preservation Consultant.

**Motion by Selectman Stanton to accept the grant funds of \$14,500. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.**

Chair Maggiore closed the public hearing at 7:34 PM.

5.2 Consideration of Acceptance of Funds Bequeathed to the North Hampton Fire Department in the total amount of \$20,000 under the Last Will and Testament of Sally A. Marcotte

Chair Maggiore opened the public hearing at 7:35 PM.

Town Administrator Apple read the bequeath by Sally A. Marcotte as follows:

"I give, devise and bequeath the sum of Twenty Thousand (\$20,000.00) Dollars (United States currency) to the North Hampton Fire Department of 235 Atlantic Avenue, North Hampton, New Hampshire, for its general purposes but not for the purpose of fire trucks (or parts and components thereof) or firefighting equipment. It is my hope, but not directive, that this bequest is used for support of Fire Department/EMT staff, including staff development and team building activities by my expression in this regard is merely precatory and does not create a trust hereby."

**Motion by Selectman Stanton to accept the generous gift from Sally A. Marcotte to the North Hampton Fire Department. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.**

## **6. Communication to the Select Board**

- 6.1 Memorandum from Town Administrator Regarding a Solar Array on Town Building (s)
- 6.2 Correspondence from Chief Tully Regarding Letter of Thanks to Employees
- 6.3 Letter to the Editor Regarding Seacoast Middle School Cross Country League Championship at Sagamore Golf Course
- 6.4 Correspondence from NH Department of Safety FEMA Grant 4209-DR-NH
- 6.5 Correspondence from Director Page on School Lockdown Drill/Joint Training Exercise
- 6.6 Correspondence from Melissa Walden – Cycle the Seacoast
- 6.7 Correspondence from Town of Newington Selectmen
- 6.8 Correspondence from Southeast Regional Refuse Disposal District 53-B
- 6.9 Correspondence from Jay Somers, Xfinity Senior Manager

Chair Maggiore summarized the above communications. Copies of the documents can be obtained through the Town Offices.

## **7. Report of the Town Administrator**

Town Administrator Apple stated spending in the budget is under control and on target. He further reported on the "Cadillac Tax" the town will be facing in two years and what that will mean in dollars and cents.

A copy of the Town Administrator's report is available at the Town Offices.

## **8. New Business**

### **8.1 Aquarion Water Company Presentation – Carl McMorin**

Mr. McMoran gave a power point presentation to the Select Board on water utility activities in 2015 which included activities performed to ensure reliable and safe water service to all domestic and commercial and fire protection users.

A copy of Mr. McMoran's presentation is available at the Town Offices.

### **8.2 Meet with North Hampton Public Library Trustees**

- a. Discussion of Ron Lamarre's Fees
- b. Discussion of Proposed Memorandum of Understanding

Library Trustee John Kollmorgen called their meeting to order at 8:45 PM.

Kelly Parrott, Trustee read a collective statement to the Select Board that stated the library did not have architectural plans for a standalone library read for December 30. She further stated two warrant articles on the ballot was very irresponsible and doesn't address the needs of the town and it further divides the community.

Mrs. Parrott stated while the Kingston library was beautiful, it doesn't fit North Hampton architecturally or exterior wise.

Chair Maggiore stated he wanted to be sure he understood the Library Trustees and that they would prefer a unified campus plan moving forward.

Selectman Miller agreed with the Library Trustees and commended them on being brave and leadership like.

Further discussion with the Select Board and Ron Lamarre continued with an estimate of \$1.805 million dollars for a two story, fire station in place and \$814,000 for a sally port and addition above the police station.

It was noted that the first day to hold a public hearing on a bond article is January 4, 2016 and the last day on January 11, 2015. A decision needs to be made by December 28 as to the bond amount.

Chair Maggiore allowed for comments and questions from those in attendance.

Mrs. Parrott stated the library wishes to work together for the greater good of the town.

Jennifer Kotzen stated cooperation from all involved is essential.

Peter Robie stated his frustration and commented that it might be a good idea to take a year off to figure out "this mess."

Paul Marquis stated there is more feedback needed from residents.

177 Anne Ambrogi suggested having residents get together to talk about things on the plan they did  
178 not like about the look of the campus.

179 Tim Harned stated he has a problem with the “piece meal” approach. He further stated the plan  
180 needs to be a well thought out one.

181 Kathy and Peter Scheu encouraged members of the Select Board not to give up and to continue to  
182 persevere.

183 The Select Board scheduled a workshop with Ron Lamarre for Thursday, November 12, 2015 at  
184 9AM in the Town Hall.

### 185 8.3 Tax Rate Setting

186 a. Discussion of Overlay Account

187 b. Ratify Town Administrator Apple’s Signature on MS-5  
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189 The Town Administrator stated the tax rate for 2015 is \$17.48 per thousand, with an overlay  
190 amount of \$135,000.

191 **Motion by Selectman Stanton to ratify the Town Administrator’s signature on the MS-5**  
192 **form. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.**

### 193 8.4 Acceptance of the Capital Improvements Plan for Fiscal Year 2017-2022

194 Cynthia Swank, Chair of the Capital Improvements committee gave an overview of this year’s  
195 finalized report. A hard copy of the report is available on the town website at:  
196 [http://www.northhampton-nh.gov/Public\\_Documents/CIPFinalFY17to22.pdf](http://www.northhampton-nh.gov/Public_Documents/CIPFinalFY17to22.pdf)  
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198 **Motion by Selectman Miller to accept the Capital Improvements Plan for Fiscal Year 2017-**  
199 **2022. Seconded by Selectman Stanton. Motion carries 3-0.**  
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### 201 8.5 Discussion of Proposed FY2017 Operating Budget

202 The Select Board tabled discussion on the proposed budget until the next Select Board  
203 meeting.  
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## 205 9. Approval of Minutes

206 9.1 Minutes of October 5, 2015

207 9.2 Minutes of October 14, 2015

208 9.3 Minutes of October 21, 2015

209 The Select Board tabled the approval of minutes until the next Select Board meeting.

## 210 10. Any Other Item that may legally come before the Board

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213 The Board reserves the right to take action on any item relative to the prudential administration of  
214 the Town’s affairs which circumstances may require.  
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216 **11. Second Public Comment Session**

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218 See Item 2, above.

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220 **12. Adjournment**

221 Meeting adjourned at 10:15 PM.

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223 Respectfully submitted,  
224 Janet L. Facella  
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