

## TOWN OF NORTH HAMPTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE SELECT BOARD **MINUTES**

Paul L. Apple, Town Administrator

Respectfully submitted,

## NON-PUBLIC SESSION I – 09 NOVEMBER 2015 – 18:00 NORTH HAMPTON TOWN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

The Chair called the meeting to order at 18:00. Mr. Miller and Mr. Stanton were also present on the Board. Director Page,

Chief Maddocks, Chief Tully and the Town Administrator were also present.

MOTION. Mr. Stanton moved to go into nonpublic session to discuss a public employee, pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(a). Mr. Miller seconded the motion. There was no additional discussion.

Roll Call: Mr. Maggiore: yes. Mr. Miller: yes. Mr. Stanton: yes. The Chair declared the motion passed.

The Town Administrator brought forward a request by Officer Pete Cormier's family that his estate be paid for some amount of time after his death based on the financial hardship facing the family. Chief Maddocks gave a brief overview of Officer Cormier is failure to plan for death benefits and the situation involving his widow and very young children. Mr. Apple presented the cost of paying Officer Cormier's estate for the balance of October, through the end of November and through the end of the year.

The Board raised a concern that the use of public money for a private purpose, no matter how noble, is not permitted by the law. The Board discussed this at some length and all agreed that it would be improper.

Mr. Stanton suggested that the Select Board donate their salaries (a total of \$3,000) in their individual capacities. This amount would be about what paying the family for the balance of October would be. All agreed.

MOTION. Mr. Stanton moved that the Select Board donate their salaries to the Cormier Family individually, in the aggregate amount of \$3,000. Mr. Miller seconded. There was no additional discussion.

Roll Call: Mr. Maggiore: yes. Mr. Miller: yes. Mr. Stanton: yes. The Chair declared the motion passed.

MOTION. Mr. Miller moved to return to public session. Mr. Stanton seconded the motion. There was no additional discussion.

Roll Call: Mr. Maggiore: yes. Mr. Miller: yes. Mr. Stanton: yes. The Chair declared the motion passed.

The Board returned to public session at approximately 18:25 p.m.

The Board agreed to defer announcing its decision until the public session, scheduled at 19:00 at the Town Hall. The Board continued with its business in NP Session II, reflected in the minutes therefor.