



TOWN OF NORTH HAMPTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
**SELECT BOARD**  
**APPROVED MINUTES**  
**NOON, DECEMBER 9, 2015**

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NORTH HAMPTON TOWN HALL  
231 ATLANTIC AVENUE

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

Chair Maggiore called the meeting to order at 12:05 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.

There were no comments from the public.

**3. Consent Calendar**

There are no items for the Consent Calendar.

**4. Communication to the Select Board**

4.1 Correspondence from Department of Recreation and Economic Development regarding the application of Centennial Hall for listing on the Historical Registry.

Chair Maggiore read the letter from Peter Michaud into the record.

**5. Report of the Town Administrator**

No report at this time.

**6. New Business**

**6.1 Discussion of Facilities**

**6.1.2 Reconsideration or Rescission of Previous Motions and Discussion of Plan for Warrant**  
The Select Board discussed the use of the words “reconsider” and “rescind” regarding a vote taken at the October 5, 2015 Select Board meeting. Town Administrator Apple stated the difference between the two is reconsideration must be done by the prevailing party and a rescission can be done by anyone.

**Motion by Selectman Miller to rescind the vote of October 5, 2015 by which the Select Board voted 2 to 1 to place the library on the homestead property. Seconded by Selectman Stanton. Motion carries 3-0.**

**Motion by Selectman Stanton to upgrade the town’s municipal facilities, the first phase with a safety complex on the homestead property with a warrant article for such on the town warrant in March 2016, and to task the Town Administrator to draft said warrant article when the cost is known. Seconded by Chair Maggiore for discussion. Selectman Miller stated it was not necessary to have the word phased, and that he could not support just the public safety complex on the homestead unless the whole campus is on the warrant. He further stated there will be a citizens petition seeking the whole campus on the warrant, and he would support a warrant article for the public safety building on the homestead if it came after the citizens petition on the ballot.**

**The Select Board discussed a “gentlemen’s agreement” if the citizen’s petition is similar in form to last year’s warrant article with updated figures, then they would all agree to place the citizen’s petition first on the warrant. The Select Board further agreed if there is a substantive difference in the form of the article that bridge when they come to it. Motion carries 3-0.**

**6.2 Discuss Locations and Times of 2016 Elections**

**Motion by Selectman Stanton to change the polling hours from 8AM to 7PM for the elections on February 9, 2016, March 8, 2016 and November 8, 2016. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.**

**Motion by Selectman Stanton to have the February 9, 2016, March 8, 2016 and November 8, 2016 election held at the North Hampton School. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.**

**Motion by Selectman Stanton to hold the January 30, 2016 Deliberative Session as well as the backup session of February 11, 2016 at the North Hampton School. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.**

6.3 Discussion of North Hampton 275<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee

Chair Maggiore stated the Heritage Commission would like to form a committee to help organize to celebrate the town's 275<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Discussion ensued regarding how the celebration would be paid for. Suggestions were made regarding private donations and potential use of the Patriotic Purpose account.

6.4 Discussion of December Select Board Agendas

The Select Board will meet in a joint budget committee meeting on December 21, 2015, and a regular meeting on December 28, 2015

6.5 Discussion of Deputy Director for Channel 22

The Select Board discussed the need for someone to "pinch hit" when the Channel 22 director is not available to video record a meeting.

**Motion by Selectman Stanton to authorize the Town Administrator and the Cable Director to bring forward an appointment of a Deputy Director based on qualifications to the Select Board's attention between this date and January 15, 2016. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.**

6.6 Discussion of Proposed Capital Budget Warrant items

A discussion amongst board members regarding the cost of living increase of 1.7% and the Merit Pool pay between 1% and 3%. Town Administrator Apple stated the Budget Committee were not in favor of the Merit Pool.

Selectman Stanton suggested cutting the Merit Pool back to 1.5%, but the members did not agree. Selectman Miller stated the Select Board need to stand up for their management rights.

**Motion by Selectman Stanton to keep the Merit Pool line item 01-4155-10-192 at \$14,428. No second. Motion fails.**

**Motion by Selectman Miller to fund the Merit Pool line item 01-4155-10-192 at \$28,856. Seconded by Chair Maggiore. Motion carries 2-1.**

The Select Board discussed the need for deputies in both the fire and police departments however there is not enough money to fund two deputies positions without cutting another position. A consensus between the police and fire chief's was the police department had a greater immediate need to fill the position.

The "all up, all in" cost for a deputy police chief would be an additional \$130,000 to the bottom line. Methods in which to fund the position were discussed. Suggestions included

cutting all of the Social Services in the operating budget and present them as warrant articles; removal of the mosquito fund from the operating budget and present it as a warrant article; remove the Recreation Department operating budget and fund it from the Recreation Revolving Fund.

**Motion by Selectman Stanton to start the hiring process for a Deputy Police Chief either full time or part time for immediate needs. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.**

The Select Board next discussed the proposed warrant articles for the FY 2017 budget.

Discussion ensued regarding the immediate need for wet pack hose and Chief Tully stated he had the funds in the current budget and would like to take them off of the warrant and purchase them this year.

**Motion by Selectman Stanton to authorize the Fire Chief to purchase wet pack hose for the Fire Department in an amount not to exceed \$11,000 from FY 2016 budget. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.**

The Select Board unanimously agreed to remove a new Recreation Van in the amount of \$50,000 from the warrant articles. Although there is a need, they would like to remove and add to next year's warrant.

Discussion ensued regarding the Cable Access Revolving Fund, with Selectman Stanton suggesting 25% of the revenue received dedicated to cable related information and internet technology equipment and programs.

**Motion by Selectman Stanton to provide authority to modify the purpose of the Cable Access Revolving Fund as follows: Shall the Town modify the purpose of the Cable Access Revolving Fund to add authority permit funding of cable related information and internet technology equipment and programs with a limit of 25% of annual revenues from the receipt of Comcast Cable Franchise Fees. This revolving fund was established in 2009 to fund community television, cable access and the public information channel. The proposed change would permit at a minimum, town website redesign and maintenance. There will be no impact on the tax rate. Seconded by Chair Maggiore. Motion carries 2-1.**

#### 6.7 Preparation for Second Joint Session with the Budget Committee

### 7. Approval of Minutes

7.1 Minutes of November 23, 2015

Minutes tabled until a future meeting.

7.2 Minutes of November 30, 2015

**Motion by Selectman Stanton to approve the November 30, 2015 as presented.  
Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.**

**8. 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.

Chair Maggiore asked the other board members if they would be willing to meet with business owners in North Hampton to talk about business development in town sometime after the first of the new year. Chair Maggiore stated the Planning Board is putting out a survey for town residents and felt they should talk to business owners to see what they need or want.

Selectman Stanton asked to be certain the auditor's financial information was ready and available for the Town Report this year.

Selectman Stanton suggested dedicating the Town Report to Dr. Joseph A. Arena, Jr. as well as Officer Peter Cormier. All board members were in agreement.

**9. Second Public Comment Session**

See Item 2, above.

**10. Non-Public Session I** The Board will meet with Chief Maddocks and Director Page to discuss matters related to personnel, pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(a).

**11. Non-Public Session II** The Board will meet with the Town Administration to consider a nomination, pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(b).

**12. Adjournment**

The Public Session of the meeting adjourned at 2:42PM.