



TOWN OF NORTH HAMPTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
SELECT BOARD APPROVED MINUTES
JANUARY 11, 2016 7PM

NORTH HAMPTON TOWN HALL
231 ATLANTIC AVENUE

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.

Chair Maggiore stated the Budget Committee were also in attendance to take care of a few items.

Chair Hamilton opened the meeting for the Budget Committee. In attendance were Casey O'Kane, Dickie Garnett, James Sununu, John Anthony Simmons, Rick Stanton, Kari Schmitz, Jonathan Pinette and Terrence Belluche.

James Sununu stated an error was discovered in a line item on forms that need to be submitted to the Department of Revenue. He stated the default budget amount was misstated.

Motion by Mr. Sununu to amend the default line item to \$8,476,367. Seconded by Mr. Simmons. Motion carries 9-0.

Motion by Selectman Stanton to approve Article 7. Seconded by Mr. O'Kane. Discussion.

Mr. Belluche asked for a recap of what he had missed at the last meeting.

Selectman Stanton gave an overview.

Mr. Belluche stated it would be better to have everyone support so that the residents are not confused any more than they already are.

Mr. Simmons stated he admits to not knowing enough information on the Safety Complex, but he does know it belongs on Route 1 and not on the homestead. He further stated he would be abstaining from the vote rather than voting against it.

Motion fails 4-4-1.

Town Administrator Apple inquired whether the Select Board wished to take up the request from Gerry Billedeau regarding a warrant article for repairs to Philbrook's Pond. After some discussion, the Select Board agreed the issue should go before Little Boar's Head for the opinion and place on next year's warrant.

Motion by Selectman Miller that the Select Board request the Budget Committee change their vote and replace cuts made to the Police Department and Personnel Administration for a total of \$70,955. Seconded by Chair Maggiore. Motion carries 2-1 with Selectman Stanton opposed.

Motion by Mr. Simmons to reconsider the Budget Committee's vote on the operating budget. Seconded by Mr. Pinette. Discussion.

Mr. Sununu stated he had made suggestions only in which areas could possibly be cut.

Motion fails 2-7.

Town Administrator stated the MS-737 would be available on January 13 for the Budget Committee members to sign.

Chair Hamilton adjourned the Budget Committee meeting at 7:41 PM.

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.

George Chauncey, Hobbs Road stated he was surprised at the amount of knowledge people have on the fire station. He stated they understand what is wrong, but would like to see a different approach to solve the problem.

Donna Etela, Exeter Road read a statement of her opinion on the petitioned warrant article that would transfer ownership of the homestead property to the library.

Mrs. Etela stated the library have already told the Select Board they do not want the homestead property for the library. She further stated the “dissenters” are undermining and muddying the waters further because they do not want anything to pass. She stated they have caused nothing but confusion, dissention and cost to the town.

Casey O’Kane, Atlantic Avenue asked the Select Board to investigate why the October 13, 2015 Conservation Commission meeting was not properly noticed.

Town Administrator Apple stated he would look into this matter and report back at the January 25, 2016 meeting.

3. Consent Calendar

- 3.1 Payroll Manifest of December 31, 2015 in the amount of \$57,341.01
- 3.2 Payroll Manifest of January 7, 2016 in the amount of \$65,091.59
- 3.3 Accounts Payable Manifest of December 31, 2015 in the amount of \$976,120.79
- 3.4 Approval of Veterans Tax Credit for Map 019, Lot 054
- 3.5 Approval of Veterans Tax Credit for Map 019, Lot 054 (spouse)

Motion by Selectman Stanton to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.

4. Communication to the Select Board

- 4.1 Correspondence from Southeast Land Trust of New Hampshire

Chair Maggiore read the correspondence into the record. A copy of the report may be obtained at the Town Office during normal business hours.

Selectman Miller asked why there was a delay of six months from the time the report was written to the time it was received.

The Select Board suggested inviting the Southeast Land Trust to a future Select Board meeting to answer the questions.

5. Report of the Town Administrator

Town Administrator Apple stated the Finance department reports the cash flow is good, in part because of the good weather experienced thus far this winter.

Police Department overtime continues due to staff shortages.

Town Administrator Apple stated he had met with the attorney for home owners that abut the potential cell tower site.

6. New Business

- 6.1 Appointment of Bobbi Burns to the Agriculture Commission

Motion by Selectman Stanton to add Bobbi Burns to the rolls of the Agriculture Commission. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.

6.2 Finalization of the 2016 Town Warrant

Motion by Selectman Stanton to recommend Article 6. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.

Motion by Selectman Stanton to recommend Article 7. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.

Motion by Selectman Stanton to recommend Article 8. Seconded by Selectman Miller for discussion. Selectman Miller stated the budget is insufficient to run the town properly. Motion carries 3-0.

Motion by Selectman Stanton to recommend Article 9. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.

Motion by Selectman Stanton to recommend Article 10. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Selectman Stanton suggested changes to the wording of the article in order to make it clear to voters \$40,000 of the article comes from the budget. The board agreed to change the figure from \$280,000 to \$240,000 to help clear any confusion. Motion carries 3-0.

Motion by Selectman Stanton to recommend Article 11. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Town Administrator Apple stated the Town Attorney had recommended making this article two separate articles, but he did not recommend the Select Board change. Motion carries 3-0.

Motion by Selectman Stanton to recommend Article 12. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.

Motion by Selectman Stanton to recommend Article 13. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.

Motion by Selectman Stanton to recommend Article 14. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.

Motion by Selectman Stanton to recommend Article 15. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.

Motion by Selectman Stanton to recommend Article 16. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.

Motion by Selectman Stanton to recommend Article 17. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.

Motion by Selectman Stanton to recommend Article 18. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.

Motion by Selectman Stanton to recommend Article 19. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.

Motion by Selectman Stanton to recommend Article 20. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.

Motion by Selectman Stanton to recommend Article 21. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.

Motion by Selectman Stanton to recommend Article 22. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.

Motion by Selectman Stanton to recommend Article 23. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.

Motion by Selectman Stanton to recommend Article 24. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.

Motion by Selectman Stanton to recommend Article 25. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Selectman Miller stated he is not excited about this article and wants to be sure it does what it is suppose to do. Motion carries 3-0.

Motion by Selectman Stanton to table Article 26. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion carries 3-0.

Motion by Selectman Stanton to recommend Article 27. Seconded by Selectman Miller. Motion fails 0-3, not recommended by the Select Board.

Chair Maggiore asked for comments from the public.

Jean Robinson, Pine Road asked if there had been any conclusion from the Town Attorney regarding the legality of the petitioned warrant article regarding the homestead property.

Town Administrator Apple stated it was approved to go on the ballot, but the question remains whether or not in can be executed.

The Select Board asked Town Administrator Apple to seek the opinion of three different attorneys on the legality of the article.

7. Approval of Minutes

7.1 Minutes of December 21, 2015 – **TABLED until January 25, 2016**

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.

Selectman Stanton asked the board members if they would like to discuss the Planning Board warrant articles and vote on them.

Selectman Miller stated he did not have enough knowledge of the articles yet and he would not be able to discuss.

Selectman Stanton stated he was concerned with the language in Article 2, and the perception of "carving out" the Code Enforcement and Building Inspection.

Town Administrator Apple stated the Building Inspection will continue with no changes in services provided to Little Boar's Head.

9. Second Public Comment Session

See Item 2, above.

10. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet L. Facella