

TOWN OF NORTH HAMPTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE SELECT BOARD DRAFT MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING FEBRUARY 9, 2016–APPROXIMATELY 9:15 A.M. NORTH HAMPTON SCHOOL

The Select Board, having published a quorum notice for the Polling Place during the New Hampshire Primary Election, convened at the call of the Chair at approximately 9:15 a.m. Mr. Stanton was also present. Mr. Miller was not present.

The Town Administrator explained that a Citizen, Joe Fitzgerald, had parked a large vehicle with a political sign in the parking lot and left it. The Moderator had instructed the Sergeant-at-Arms (Joshua Stokel) to go to Mr. Fitzgerald's place of business and order that the truck be removed because it unreasonably obstructed parking. Mr. Fitzgerald objected to removing the sign, but agreed to place the truck and sign at an alternate location. The Moderator agreed and requested that the Select Board open the Homestead Property located at the corner of Atlantic and Alden Avenues as a secondary "free speech box" for the day.

The Town Administrator indicated that all citizens would be able to use it and that he would send out an advisory email. He also indicated that signs would have to be removed by the time the Polls closed.

MOTION. Mr. Maggiore moved to open the Homestead Property as a secondary free speech zone until the Polls close at 7:00 p.m. on February 9, 2016; and further, that all signs should be removed by that time. Mr. Stanton seconded the motion. There was no additional discussion.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Maggiore: yes. Mr. Miller: not present. Mr. Stanton: yes. The Chair declared the motion passed.

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting recessed and, if no further business is presented, that the meeting would adjourn at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul L. Apple, Town Administrator