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PUBLIC MEETING

MAY 13, 2024 at 7:00 PM
TOWN HALL LOWER-LEVEL CONFERENCE ROOM
43 South Washington Street

I. Pledge Of Allegiance

II. Approval Of Minutes

- a. Approval of Town Council Minutes of April 22, 2024

III. Town Councilor Community Announcements

IV. Town Manager's Report

[*TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT*](#)

V. Resident And Community Comment

VI. Confirmations

- a. Measure 2024-111-Confirmation of Bryan Flynn to the Conservation Commission

Documents:

[*MEASURE 2024-111-CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT OF BRYAN FLYNN TO CONSERVATION COMMISSION.COMPLETE.SIGNED.PDF*](#)

- b. Measure 2024-110- Confirmation of Appointment of Andrew Dubois as Animal Control Officer

Documents:

[*MEASURE 2024-110- CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT OF ANDREW DUBOIS AS ACO.COMPLETE.SIGNED.PDF*](#)

- c. Measure 2024-112-Confirmation of Cheryl Butts as the Human Resources Director

Documents:

[*MEASURE 2024-112-CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT OF CHERYL BUTTS AS HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR.COMPLETE.SIGNED.PDF*](#)

VII. PUBLIC HEARING

- a. FY2025 Town Annual Budget

VIII. Sub-Committee Reports

- a. Finance

- i. Measure 2024-088- Rescind Borrowing Authorization for DPW 6-Wheel Dump Truck in the amount of \$350,000

Documents:

[*MEASURE 2024-088-RESCIND BORROWING AUTHORIZATION FOR DPW 6-WHEEL DUMP TRUCK.REVISED.COMPLETE.SIGNED.PDF*](#)

- ii. Measure 2024-089- Authorization for the Procurement of a DPW 6-Wheel Dump Truck in the amount of \$350,000 to be funded by FY24 Free Cash

Documents:

[*MEASURE 2024-089- AUTHORIZATION FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF A DPW DUMP TRUCK IN THE AMOUNT OF 350,000.SIGNED.PDF*](#)

- b. Economic Growth & Sustainability

- c. By-Law

- i. Report on the creation of a permanent Town Auditor Committee
 - ii. Measure 2024-084- Authorization to adopt New General Bylaw: Congregate Living Properties- Boarding/Lodging/Rooming Homes/ Group Homes, Sober Homes, and Halfway/Recovery Houses

Documents:

[*MEASURE 2024-084-AUTHORIZATION TO ADOPT NEW GENERAL BYLAW-CONGREGATE LIVING PROPERTIES-BOARDING, LODGING, SOBER HOMES.SIGNED.PDF*](#)

- d. Rules

- e. School Committee Representative

- f. Communication, Public Participation & Engagement

- g. Local Emergency Planning

- h. RFP Town Auditor Ad Hoc Committee

IX. Old Business

- a. None at this time.

X. New Business

- a. Discussion of proposed agenda topics/motions/actions by the Town Council

Agenda Item	Action: (discuss as agenda item; option for motion to next agenda; Already happened; Planned for X Date; Indefinitely Postpone)
1. I spoke with Town Manager and would like to place Snow and Ice budget funding on the agenda.	Option for motion to next agenda
2. Also, we should discuss employing a pilot phase of SMART Boxes to safely and humanely assist with the rats as has been successfully done in other towns.	Option for Motion to next agenda
3. To authorize Town Manager to petition the General Court for a special act in the form set forth below; provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form to the bill. Amend the Charter of the Town of North Attleboro as follows: Amend SECTION 2-1(c) by striking the section in its entirety and inserting the words: Term of Office. There will be annual elections for one-third of the Councilors. The term of office for all Councilors shall be 3 years, beginning in July 1 in the year following their election and until their successors have been elected and qualified. Initially, in the election following ratification of this Section, in order to facilitate staggered terms, there will be three one-year terms, three two-year terms, and three three-year terms, and each year thereafter the expiring three terms will be filled by election. Initially, the Councilors who receive the most votes shall receive the initial three-year terms, then the two-year terms, then the one-year terms, in that order. In the event that multiple Councilors receive the same number of votes, the Councilor senior in years of service on the council shall receive the said term. If two or more Councilors are equally senior in years of service on the Council, the Councilor senior both in years of service on the	Option for motion to next agenda

municipal council and age shall receive the said term.
No person shall be elected to more than four consecutive three-year terms as a Councilor.

Amend SECTION 2-3(a) by deleting the following sentence: "The Councilor receiving the highest number of votes shall serve as the Council President" and replacing with the following: Election and Term. Following each election and as soon as practicable after the councilors-elect have been qualified as provided in section 2-1, the members of the council shall elect by majority vote from among its members a president who shall serve for 1 year. The council member senior in years of service on the council shall preside during this election. If 2 or more members are equally senior in years of service on the council, the member senior both in years of service and age shall preside. The president shall be sworn by the town clerk or, in the absence of the town clerk, by any person qualified to administer oaths or affirmations. In the event that ten successive votes result in a tie, the candidate most junior in years of service shall be eliminated from consideration, and the process shall continue as aforesaid until one candidate is elected. In the event that multiple candidates are equally junior in years of service, the candidate most junior in years of service and age shall be eliminated from consideration.

Amend SECTION 2-3(b) to replace the sentence "The Councilor receiving the second highest number of votes shall serve as the Vice President." With "The Vice President shall be elected in the same manner as the president."

Amend SECTION 2-3(c) by striking the Section in its entirety and inserting the words: Filling Vacancy in Position of Council President or Council Vice President. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Council President, it shall be filled by the Council Vice President. The ensuing vacancy in the position of Council Vice President shall be filled in the same manner as the Council Vice President was elected"

Add SECTION 6-5(d) The Town Council may add appropriations in accordance with and subject to the conditions described in G.L. c. 44, §33.

Procedure: These proposed charter changes would be approved by a simple majority vote of the Council, transmitted to the state legislature, then placed on the April 2025 ballot as three separate amendments (Section 2-1, 2-3, and 6-5) to be voted on by the voters of North Attleboro.	
4. To place a Council Proclamation for National Public Works Week May 19-25 2024 Advancing the Quality of Life for All, on the agenda for the Council Meeting immediately preceding said date.	On agenda 13 MAY 24
5. To place an Executive Session on the Council agenda to receive the same security briefing the Finance Committee received on March 6, 2024.	Option for motion to next agenda (or already scheduled)
6. Webster Mill potential uses and next steps including Brownfields grants.	On agenda previously
7. A bylaw that requires all future town hires to be residents of North Attleboro and exempts all current town employees and allows department head level positions 6 months after hire date to establish residency within the Town.	Option for motion to next agenda
8. Stretch code/energy code repeal/study	Scheduled for 29 MAY 24
9. Executive session litigation update - including without limitation the pirate ship case and 21 East lawsuit.	On agenda 13 MAY 24
10. Executive session re personnel matters including without limitation the animal control officer and human resources director	On agenda 13 MAY 24
11. Merit raises for department heads based in performance review by TM, management level. Pool of \$100,000 to TM. also negotiate it into the CBA that first opportunity for all employees	Option for Motion to next agenda
12. Department Head Review: discuss generally how department heads are managed by the town	Option for motion to next agenda

manager and how we view the effectiveness of department heads generally and how the council may best support department's needs	
13. Establishment of a public property committee/capital improvements plan	Option for motion to next agenda
14. establishment of a standing audit Committee	In Bylaw Subcommittee
15. new rule that councilor's requests be placed on agenda	Option for motion to next agenda
16. Amend the rules of the NA Council as follows: Amend SECTION 1(e)(iii)(2) as follows: by striking the section in its entirety and inserting the words: The Council President shall place the requested item on the Agenda within the next three (3) Council meetings unless the requesting Councilor withdraws the Councilor's request or consents to a further delay.	Option for motion to next agenda
17. one-time arpa funded stipend \$500 or \$1,000 to all teachers, police, firefighters, and city hall workers.	Option for motion to next agenda
18. bylaw/rule for council proclamations, resolutions, citations	Option for motion to next agenda
19. amend zoning bylaws - referral to planning/zoning/bylaw	Option for motion to next agenda
20. arpa money back to taxpayers	Option for motion to next agenda

- b. Measure 2024-113- Appropriation request for use of FY24 retained earnings from Comcast PEG Access in the amount of \$34,499.28 for North TV Production Van refurbishment

Documents:

[*MEASURE 2024-113 -APPROPRIATION TO USE OF FY24 RETAINED EARNING FOR COMCAST PEG ACCESS FOR NORTH TV.COMPLETE.SIGNED.PDF*](#)

- c. Measure 2024-114- Authorization to Repurpose Funds for Metasource for

Town Clerk in the amount of \$3,500

Documents:

[*MEASURE 2024-114-AUTHORIZATION TO REPURPOSE FUNDS FOR METASOURCE FOR TOWN CLERK.SIGNED.PDF*](#)

- d. Measure 2024-115- Request from FY24 Free Cash in the amount of \$30,000 to purchase Town Council Chambers furnishings including a desk, table, podium, glass whiteboard, and other décor

Documents:

[*MEASURE 2024-115- REQUEST FOR TRANSFER FROM FY24 FREE CASH FOR TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS FURNITURE.SIGNED.PDF*](#)

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. M.G.L. c.30A, Sec. 21(a), Sec.3 To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares.

XII. Adjournment

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