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Town of North Attleborough

**TOWN COUNCIL**

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2/26/2024 - Minutes

**I. Pledge Of Allegiance**

President Paré called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and led the Town Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Town Council Members Present:**

Justin Paré President

John Simmons Vice President

Daniel Donovan

Darius Gregory

Pat St. Pierre

John Costello

Andrew Shanahan

Andrea Slobogan

**Members Absent:**

Mark Gould

**Staff Present:**

Town Manager Mike Borg

Assistant Town Manager Antonio Morabito

Clerk of the Council Kerrin Billinghoff

Treasurer/Tax Collector Chris Sweet

Town Accountant Linda Catanzariti

DPW Director Mark Hollowell

North T.V. Director Peter Gay

Public Relations & Information Officer Taylor O'Neil

Library Director Deb Clifton

I.T. Director Keith Mueller

Public Buildings & Facilities Director Tim Chouinard

Building Commissioner Hong Li

Veterans Agent Melissa Bingham

**Residents Present:**

John Guion to be confirmed as a member of the Cultural Council

**Documents Reviewed:**

- Town Council Minutes of February 12, 2023
- Measure 2024-059- Confirmation of Appointment of John Guion as member of the Cultural Council
- Measure 2024-060-Confirmation of Appointment of Hong Li as Building Commissioner
- Measure 2024-061- Confirmation of Appointment of Tim Chouinard as Public Facilities Director
- Measure 2024-070-Confirmation of Appointment of Melissa Bingham as Veterans Agent
- Measure 2024-058- Appropriation request for the utilization of FY24 Retained Earnings from Verizon PEG Access Account to purchase New Server Equipment for North T.V. in the amount of \$16,259.70.
- Measure 2024-057-Authorization to transfer \$3 million dollars of FY24 Free Cash to the Capital Improvement Stabilization Fund
- Measure 2024-045- Request that multiple parcels of land located on Allen Avenue be transferred from the Town Council for the purpose for which it is held to the Town Manager
- Measure 2024-053- Request that Parcel of Land described as Map 34/ Lot 555 be Transferred from the Town Council for the purpose for which it is held to the Town Manager for the purpose of sale
- Measure 2024-066-Request that the Town Council authorize the Town Manager to file applications and execute agreements for grant and/or loan assistance as well as furnishing such information, data and documents for grant(s) and/or loan(s) as may be required; and otherwise, to act as the authorized representative of the Town in

connection with activities relative to Water Pollution Abatement Projects and Drinking Water Projects

- Measure 2024-063- Authorization of payment of an FY23 Invoice for HUB Technologies in the amount of \$1,891.50 for the Information Technology Department
- Measure 2024-067-Approval to reallocate remaining funds from previously bonded/borrowed Capital Projects to be used for the Richards Memorial Library Refurbishment
- Measure 2024-068- Approval to establish a Special Education Stabilization Fund
- Measure 2024-069- Approval to transfer \$60,000.00 ARPA NEU Funds to the Special Education Stabilization Fund
- Measure 2024-062 Safety & Security Project
- Measure 2024-064- That the Town Council amend the North Attleborough Zoning Bylaws, Chapter 290, Section 54, Schedule B, Principal use Agriculture #5 Commercial Stables, Kennels... and Selected words and terms; Animal Kennel, or Hospital.
- Measure 2024-065- To See if the Town Council will vote to amend the North Attleborough Bylaws, Chapter 108, Animals.
- Power Point of the Town Seal

## II. Approval Of Minutes

- a. Approval of Town Council Minutes of February 12, 2024

Approval of Town Council Minutes of February 12, 2024

Vice-President Simmons made a motion to approve the February 12, 2024 Minutes.

Councilor Gregory seconded the motion.

**Motion carried 6-0-2.**

## III. Town Councilor Community Announcements

- Councilor Slobogan presented a Power Point of proposed updates to the Town Seal. She would like to keep the integrity and continuity of the seal, but just give it an updated look while cleaning it up.
- President Pare' reported that North Attleboro Junior Football signups are coming up, as well as softball signups.
- Congratulations to Town Manager Borg for his four years of service.

## IV. Town Manager's Report

Town Manager Michael Borg gave an overview of the Town Manager Report. Items he reviewed included:

- Emergency Management -Updates
- Communications-Updates
- Operations-Updates
- Budget-Updates
- Personnel-Updates

## V. Resident And Community Comment

None at this time

## VI. Confirmations

- a. Measure 2024-059- Confirmation of Appointment of John Guion as member of the Cultural Council

An interview with John Guion of J AL Pace Drive, North Attleborough, MA was completed with the Town Manager to serve as a member of the Cultural Council. After a favorable interview, I recommend him for appointment.

Therefore, I respectfully request the Town Council confirm the appointment of John Guion as a member of the Cultural Council. His Term will expire on June 30, 2027.

Mr. Guion was in attendance and thanked the Council for the opportunity to serve the community.

Vice-President Simmons made a motion to approve Measure 2024-059- Confirmation of Appointment of John Guion as member of the Cultural Council.

Councilor St. Pierre seconded the motion.

**Motion carried 8-0.**

- b. Measure 2024-060-Confirmation of Appointment of Hong Li as Building Commissioner

An interview with Hong Li was conducted by the Town Manager and the Assistant Town Manager for the position of Building Commissioner. Ms. Li is extremely motivated and eager to take on this role. She is very driven and passionate about this position and is ready to take on the challenge. Ms. Li has many years of experience as a Local Building Inspector and as a Building Commissioner/Inspector of Buildings. She comes highly recommended by State Officials and has an impeccable reputation when working with the public, contractors and staff.

Therefore, I respectfully request the Town Council confirm the appointment of Hong Li as the Building Commissioner for the Town of North Attleborough.

Ms. Li was in attendance and addressed the Council. She stated that she was excited for the opportunity and looking forward to becoming the next Building Commissioner for the Town of North Attleborough.

Vice-President Simmons made a motion to approve Measure 2024-060-Confirmation of Appointment of Hong Li as Building Commissioner.

Councilor Slobogan seconded the motion.

**Moton carried 8-0.**

- c. Measure 2024-061- Confirmation of Appointment of Tim Chouinard as Public Facilities Director

An interview with Timothy Chouinard was conducted by the Town Manager, the Assistant Town Manager, and the School Superintendent. Mr. Chouinard is enthusiastic about this

position and is ready to fully engage and take on this large role for the Town. Mr. Chouinard's varied background in the facilities field with diverse industry knowledge and a bachelor's degree in Facility Planning and Management makes him an ideal candidate for this position.

Therefore, I respectfully request the Town Council confirm the appointment of Timothy Chouinard as the Public Facilities Director for the Town of North Attleborough.

Mr. Chouinard was in attendance for the confirmation and to address the Council. Mr. Chouinard stated that he is ready to take on this new role and new position as Facilities Director for the Town of North Attleborough.

Vice-President Simmons made a motion to approve Measure 2024-061 - Confirmation of Appointment of Tim Chouinard as Public Facilities Director for the Town of North Attleborough.

Councilor Donovan seconded the motion.

**Motion carried 8-0.**

d. Measure 2024-070-Confirmation of Appointment of Melissa Bingham as Veterans Agent

The Town Manager and Assistant Town Manager recently interviewed Melissa Bingham, who impressed them with her positive outlook and innovative ideas for the Veterans Office future. Her professionalism, vibrant personality, and seasoned experience set her apart. Having served as a soldier, worked on the VA Staff, and accumulated experience as a Veterans Agent, Ms. Bingham brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to North Attleborough. These attributes make her the perfect candidate to serve as our Veterans Agent for the towns of North Attleborough, Plainville, and Wrentham.

In light of her qualifications and potential contributions, I recommend that the Town Council approves Melissa Bingham's appointment as the Veterans Agent.

Ms. Bingham was in attendance to address the Council. She thanked Town Manager Borg, and the Council for this opportunity to fill the role of Veterans Agent in the Town. She is excited to begin and is looking forward to serving the Veterans in need of services.

Vice-President Simmons made a motion to approve Measure 2024-070-Confirmation of Appointment of Melissa Bingham as Veterans Agent.

Councilor Costello seconded the motion.

**Motion carried 8-0.**

## VII. Sub-Committee Reports

a. Finance

- i. Measure 2024-058- Appropriation request for the utilization of FY24 Retained Earnings from Verizon PEG Access Account to purchase New Server Equipment for North T.V. in the amount of \$16,259.70.

The Cablecast unit that provides the complete operation of North TV's video storage,

playback, program replay and video on demand services has reached a point where the available storage has fallen to a point that is below 17%.

The North TV staff have been receiving warnings since the capacity fell under 20% warning that the lack of storage can lead to problems with operation. This has happened on at least one occasion when the meeting of one board appeared in the file of another board.

North TV received a quote that will increase the storage by 30TB (the existing unit, purchased almost six years ago, had only 27TB).

North TV will also upgrade the video on demand and automation servers providing a more secure and uniform operation.

Therefore, an appropriation request for the utilization of FY24 Retained Earnings from Verizon PEG Access Account to purchase new server equipment for North T.V. in the amount of \$16,259.70 is being requested for your consideration.

Vice-President Simmons reported that this item was discussed at the February 21, 2024 Finance Sub-Committee Meeting. North T.V. Director Peter Gay was in attendance to explain his ask, and answer any of the questions that the Sub-Committee may have had.

Items discussed:

- Currently running at 20% capacity
- Service doesn't work as normal as it was before it reached this capacity
- When you start to run out of space, you run into unanticipated problems
- This is money from Cable subscribers/part of the franchise Fees
- Anticipating running into more problems down the road, as space becomes more limited
- Asking for this only now/We were waiting until we were almost at full capacity
- This is not tax-payers money
- If this passes tonight at this Sub-Committee, and then at the Town Council on 2/26/2024, hoping we can order the equipment, and delivery should be in the next 2-3 weeks
- Cloud based storage is much too expensive. Estimated to cost \$30,000.00 per year. Cost prohibitive.

The Finance Sub-Committee voted 6-0 in favor of sending this measure back to the Full Town Council.

Vice-President Simmons made a motion to approve Measure 2024-058- Appropriation request for the utilization of FY24 Retained Earnings from Verizon PEG Access Account to purchase New Server Equipment for North T.V. in the amount of \$16,259.70.

Councilor Donovan seconded the motion.

**Motion carried 8-0.**

- ii. Measure 2024-057-Authorization to transfer \$3 million dollars of FY24 Free Cash to the Capital Improvement Stabilization Fund

The Capital Improvement Stabilization Fund is a critical strategic tool enabling the Town to address financial and community goals. Transferring \$3 million from available Free Cash to the Capital Improvement Stabilization Fund is a strategic and forward-thinking decision that ensures the community is investing in its future. This action addresses future infrastructure needs and lays the groundwork for sustainable growth, improved public safety, and enhanced quality of life for all residents. Most importantly, transferring these funds demonstrates fiscal responsibility, strategic planning, and a commitment to the well-being and prosperity of North Attleborough.

The current FY24 Free Cash balance is: **\$5,272,248.18.**

Therefore, I respectfully request that the Town Council authorize to transfer \$3 million dollars of FY24 Free Cash to the Capital Improvement Stabilization Fund.

Vice-President Simmons reported that this measure was discussed at the February 21, 2024 Finance Sub-Committee Meeting and was voted 6-0 back to the Full Town Council with a favorable recommendation. He also explained that that this request had already been discussed and approved as part of the FY24 Free Cash Strategy

Vice-President Simmons made a motion to approve Measure 2024-057-Authorization to transfer \$3 million dollars of FY24 Free Cash to the Capital Improvement Stabilization Fund to the Finance Sub-Committee for further review.

Councilor Slobogan seconded the motion.

**Motion carried 8-0.**

b. Economic Growth & Sustainability

- i. Measure 2024-045- Request that multiple parcels of land located on Allen Avenue be transferred from the Town Council for the purpose for which it is held to the Town Manager

The purpose of this measure is to obtain approval to transfer these parcels from the **Town Council to the Town Manager for the purpose of selling.**

The parcels of property known as plat 26/ lot 33, plat 26/ lot 404, plat 26/ lot 377, and a portion of lot 263 located on Allen Avenue, are each currently owned by the Town of North Attleborough. The Town would be interested in selling these **properties.**

If this measure is approved, the North Attleborough Town Manager would then solicit bids for the sale of these parcels of land on Allen Ave., North Attleborough, MA, which totals approximately 27.37 acres. The Request for Bid-Sale of Real Property would then be advertised in The Sun Chronicle and on the Town's Website for at least two weeks before sealed bids would be received.

Therefore, I am asking that the Town Council approve that the Parcels of Land Located on Allen Ave. further described as plat 26/ lot 33, plat 26/ lot 404, plat 26/ lot 377, and a portion of lot 263 be transferred from the Town Council for the purpose for which it is held, to the Town Manager for the purpose of sale.

Total value of properties including the school building is \$5.3mm.

\$1.748mm Improvements (school building, shed, pavement)

\$3.638mm land only

\$1.748mm + \$3.638mm = \$5.3mm

Councilor Slobogan reported that this measure was discussed at the Economic Development Meeting on February 22, 2024. No decisions were made on this property, this discussion was continued. It will need to go the Planning Department, Conservation Commission, and the Town Attorney.

- ii. Measure 2024-053- Request that Parcel of Land described as Map 34/ Lot 555 be Transferred from the Town Council for the purpose for which it is held to the Town Manager for the purpose of sale

The purpose of this measure is to obtain approval to transfer this parcel from the **Town Council to the Town Manager for the purpose of selling.**

The parcel of property known as plat 34/ lot 555, is 1.6 acres and is located off of Kelley Blvd., is currently owned by the Town of North Attleborough. The Town would be interested in selling this property.

All applicable Zoning Bylaws remain in force.

If this measure is approved, the North Attleborough Town Manager would then solicit bids for the sale of this parcel of land off of Kelley Blvd., North Attleborough, MA, which is approximately 1.6 acres. The Request for Bid-Sale of Real Property would then be advertised in The Sun Chronicle and on the Town's Website for at least two weeks before sealed bids would be received.

Therefore, I am asking that the Town Council approve that the Parcel of Land located off of Kelley Blvd. further described as plat 34/ lot 555, be Transferred from the Town Council for the purpose for which it is held, to the Town Manager for the purpose of sale.

Councilor Slobogan reported that this item was discussed at the February 22, 2024 Economic Meeting. This property is landlocked, and it had been requested by an abutter that the Town sell the property to him. The property would first need to be transferred from the Town Council to the Town Manager for the purpose of sale, and then it would need to go out to bid and the highest bid would be chosen. It was referred back to the Full Town Council with a favorable recommendation. It was unanimous 4-0.

Vice-President Simmons made a motion to approve Measure 2024-053- Request that Parcel of Land described as Map 34/ Lot 555 be Transferred from the Town Council for the purpose for which it is held to the Town Manager for the purpose of sale.

Councilor Slobogan seconded the motion.

**Motion carried 8-0.**

Nothing to report at this time.

d. Rules

Vice-President Simmons reported that the Rules Sub-Committee met on February 5, 2024 and discussed Measure 2024-020- Approval to Establish Regular Scheduled Town Council Sub-Committee Meetings. This was discussed amongst the Committee, and it was recommended that each Sub-Committee publish a schedule every 6 months. We will bring this measure back to the Full Town Council with a recommendation at the next meeting. It was voted in favor of 3-0.

e. School Committee Representative

School Committee Meeting is coming up this week.

f. Communication, Public Participation & Engagement

Communications Officer Taylor O'Neil was in attendance to address the Council. She gave a brief update of what she is currently working on in regard to social media and keeping the public informed. She presented a presentation to the Communication and Public Participation Sub-Committee to give them an update and opportunity to ask any questions.

g. Local Emergency Planning

Nothing to report at this time.

## VIII. Old Business

a. None at this time.

## IX. New Business

- a. Measure 2024-66-Request that the Town Council authorize the Town Manager to file applications and execute agreements for grant and/or loan assistance as well as furnishing such information, data and documents for grant(s) and/or loan(s) as may be required; and otherwise to act as the authorized representative of the Town in connection with activities relative to Water Pollution Abatement Projects and Drinking Water Projects

Measure 2024-066-Request that the Town Council authorize the Town Manager to file applications and execute agreements for grant and/or loan assistance as well as furnishing such information, data and documents for grant(s) and/or loan(s) as may be required; and otherwise, to act as the authorized representative of the Town in connection with activities relative to Water Pollution Abatement Projects and Drinking Water Projects

Whereas, the Town of North Attleborough, after thorough investigation, has determined that the work activity consisting of: Service Line Inventory & Replacement Plan is both in the public interest and necessary to protect the public health, and that to undertake this activity, it is necessary to apply for assistance; and

Whereas, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) and the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust (the Trust) of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, pursuant to Chapter 21 and Chapter 29C of the General Laws of the Commonwealth

(Chapter 21 and Chapter 29C) are authorized to make loans and grants to municipalities for the purpose of funding planning and construction activities relative to Water Pollution Abatement Projects and Drinking Water Projects; and

Whereas, the Applicant has examined the provisions of the Act, Chapter 21 and Chapter 29C, and believes it to be in the public interest to file a loan or grant application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Town Council as follows:

1. That the Town Manager is hereby authorized on behalf of the Applicant to file applications and execute agreements for grant and/or loan assistance as well as furnishing such information, data and documents pertaining to the applicant for a grant (s) and/or loan(s) as may be required; and otherwise to act as the authorized representative of the Applicant in connection with this application;
2. That the purpose of said loan(s)/grant(s), if awarded, shall be to fund planning activities.
3. That if said award is made the Applicant agrees to pay those costs which constitute the required Applicant's share of the project cost.

DPW Director Mark Hollowell was in attendance to address the Council and answer any questions that they may have had. Mr. Hollowell is requesting that Town Manager Borg be listed as the signatory, to file applications and execute agreements for grant and/or loan assistance as well as furnishing such information, data and documents for grant(s) and/or loan(s) as may be required; and otherwise, to act as the authorized representative of the Town in connection with activities relative to Water Pollution Abatement Projects and Drinking Water Projects

Vice-President Simmons made a motion to approve Measure 2024-066-Request that the Town Council authorize the Town Manager to file applications and execute agreements for grant and/or loan assistance as well as furnishing such information, data and documents for grant(s) and/or loan(s) as may be required; and otherwise, to act as the authorized representative of the Town in connection with activities relative to Water Pollution Abatement Projects and Drinking Water Projects.

Councilor Slobogan seconded the motion.

**Motion carried 8-0.**

- b. Measure 2024-063- Authorization of payment of an FY23 Invoice for HUB Technologies in the amount of \$1,891.50 for the Information Technology Department

Per the invoice, we had a contractor do some networking work for us starting 6/6/2023. However, the tech did not close out the ticket, which did not generate the invoice until 11/29/2023, which was also later getting to me.

I.T. Director Keith Mueller was in attendance to explain why he did not encumber this FY23 invoice and why he was requesting it to be paid in FY24.

Vice-President Simmons made a motion to approve Measure 2024-063- Authorization of payment of an FY23 Invoice for HUB Technologies in the amount of \$1,891.50 for the Information Technology Department.

Councilor Slobogan seconded the motion.

**Motion carried 8-0.**

- c. Measure 2024-067-Approval to reallocate remaining funds from previously bonded/borrowed Capital Projects to be used for the Richards Memorial Library Refurbishment

Approval to reallocate remaining funds from previously bonded Capital Projects to be used for the Richards Memorial Library Refurbishment from the following accounts:

<b>Funding Sources: Account:</b>	<b>Amount:</b>
Town Phone System Upgrade-M2021-053 31155153/585012	\$38,465.93
Rehab Falls Dam-A6/16ATM 31171267/584003	\$78,332.69
Repair Lighting Town Hall-A6C/20ATM 31192287/581502	\$110,000.00
Repair Ceiling Tile Town Hall- A6C/20ATM 31192287/582030	\$150,000.00
Engine 4 Replacement-M2021-053 31220153/585104	\$10,849.79
Engine 6 Replacement-A8/14JTM 31220261/585104	\$411.52
Fire ST2 Heating System-A6/15ATM 31220263/584007	\$478.11
Highway Salt Shed-A6C/18ATM 31422278/582025	\$117.96
Chestnut St. Bridge-A6C/18ATM 31422278/586208	\$471,013.81
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$859,669.81</b>

As well as approval to transfer FY24 Free Cash in the amount of \$12,180.19.

Therefore, I respectfully request that the Town Council approve the reallocation of remaining funds from previously bonded/borrowed Capital Projects in the amount of \$859,669.81 and to transfer from FY24 Free Cash in the amount of \$12,180.19. The total amount of \$871,850.00 to be used for the Richards Memorial Library Refurbishment.

Vice-President Simmons made a motion to refer Measure 2024-067-Approval to reallocate remaining funds from previously bonded/borrowed Capital Projects to be used for the Richards Memorial Library Refurbishment to the Finance Sub-Committee for further review and discussion.

Councilor Slobogan seconded the motion.

**Motion carried 8-0.**

- d. Measure 2024-068- Approval to establish a Special Education Stabilization Fund

I respectfully request the Town Council vote to establish a Special Education Stabilization Fund pursuant to MGL Chapter 40, Section 13E; the funding of which and any appropriation(s) from shall be authorized by vote of the legislative body of the Town (the Town Council).

Vice-President Simmons made a motion to refer Measure 2024-068- Approval to establish a Special Education Stabilization Fund to the Finance Sub-Committee for further review and discussion.

Councilor Costello seconded the motion.

**Motion carried 8-0.**

- e. Measure 2024-069- Approval to transfer \$60,000.00 ARPA NEU Funds to the Special Education Stabilization Fund

**Purpose:** The purpose of funding the Special Education Stabilization Fund with FY24 Free Cash is to:

1. Ensure continuity of services through the uninterrupted delivery of special education services to students with disabilities, irrespective of financial uncertainties.
2. Address unforeseen costs and expenses that arise due to fluctuations in special education needs.
3. Enhance our flexibility and responsiveness within the school district with the flexibility to respond promptly to emerging special education needs without the need for immediate budget reallocations or cuts to other essential services.

**Justification:** The need for allocating funds to the Special Education Stabilization Fund is underscored by several critical factors:

1. **Rising Costs:** The cost of providing high-quality special education services is steadily increasing, driven by the need for specialized staff, tailored educational materials, and technology-enhanced learning aids.
2. **Enrollment Variability:** The number of students requiring special education services can fluctuate significantly from year to year, leading to unpredictable budgetary pressures.
3. **Regulatory Compliance:** Federal and state mandates require that all students with disabilities receive a free and appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment, necessitating sufficient funding to comply with these legal obligations.

**Community Impact:** Investing in the Special Education Stabilization Fund reinforces the community's commitment to supporting all its members, ensuring that students with disabilities have equal opportunities to succeed and contribute to the community.

Town Manager Borg requested that the funding source be amended on the floor. ARPA Funds cannot be used for a Stabilization Fund, so instead we would use FY24 Free Cash as the funding source.

Therefore, I respectfully request the Town Council vote to transfer \$60,000.00 FY24 Free Cash to the Special Education Stabilization Fund.

Vice-President Simmons made a motion to amend and replace the funding source of Measure 2024-069 from \$60,000.00 of ARPA Funds of to \$60,000.00 of FY24 Free Cash to fund the Special Education Stabilization Fund.

Councilor Slobogan seconded the motion.

**Motion carried 8-0.**

Vice-President Simmons made a motion to refer Amended Measure 2024-069- Approval to transfer \$60,000.00 FY24 Free Cash Funds to the Special Education Stabilization Fund to the Finance Sub-Committee for further review and discussion.

Councilor Slobogan seconded the motion.

**Motion carried 8-0.**

f. Measure 2024-062 Safety & Security Project

To see if the Town Council will approve the expenditure of \$180,000 of FY24 Free Cash related to enhancing the safety and security infrastructure within our community. Following a comprehensive review process, a proposal has been selected that aligns with our town's objectives and requirements in this area. The specifics of this proposal, including the selected firm and the detailed scope of work, will be discussed further during an upcoming executive session. This approach ensures that all considerations are thoroughly vetted, maintaining our commitment to the community's well-being and security.

Vice-President Simmons made a motion to refer Measure 2024-062 Safety & Security Project to the Finance Sub-Committee for further review and discussion.

Councilor Slobogan seconded the motion.

**Motion carried 8-0.**

g. Measure 2024-064- That the Town Council amend the North Attleborough Zoning Bylaws, Chapter 290, Section 54, Schedule B, Principal use Agriculture #5 Commercial Stables, Kennels... and Selected words and terms; Animal Kennel, or Hospital.

To clarify and expand the definitions of Kennels in the Zoning Board of Appeals By-law language. That the Town Council vote to amend the North Attleborough Zoning Bylaws, Schedule B, Principal Use, Agriculture.

See recommendations (in red print) for proposed amendments attached)

This measure will be referred to the Bylaw Subcommittee and the Planning Board. The Planning Board is required to have a Public Hearing. The Town Council is required to have a First Reading, and then a Public Hearing with a Second Reading and Vote on the amended Zoning Bylaws.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the Town Council amend the North Attleborough Zoning Bylaws, Chapter 290, Section 54, Schedule B, Principal Use Agriculture #5 Commercial Stables, Kennels... and Selected words and terms; Animal Kennel, or Hospital.

Vice-President Simmons made a motion to refer Measure 2024-064- That the Town Council amend the North Attleborough Zoning Bylaws, Chapter 290, Section 54, Schedule B, Principal use Agriculture #5 Commercial Stables, Kennels... and Selected words and terms; Animal Kennel, or Hospital to the Planning Board and the Bylaw Sub-Committee.

Councilor St. Pierre seconded the motion.

**Motion carried 8-0.**

- h. Measure 2024-065- To See if the Town Council will vote to amend the North Attleborough Bylaws, Chapter 108, Animals

To See if the Town Council will vote to amend the North Attleborough Bylaws, Chapter 108, Animals.

A study was conducted by a working group consisting of the Bylaw Sub-Committee members, Town Clerk, Town Planner, ZBA Administrative Assistant, and Animal Control Officer.

The group met and reviewed, studied, and made recommendations for amendments to the General Bylaws as per Measure 2024-040- To see if the Town Council will conduct a comprehensive examination of Chapter 108, Article 1 within the General Bylaws, as well as Chapter 290, Use Schedule B found in the Zoning Bylaws and then provide revisions as necessary or needed.

See recommendations for amendment (in red print) attached.

This measure will be referred to the Bylaw Sub-Committee for review and a referral back to the Town Council where there will be a First Reading, and a Public Hearing with a Second Reading and Vote.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the Town Council vote to amend the North Attleborough Bylaws, Chapter 108, Animals.

Vice-President Simmons made a motion to refer Measure 2024-065- To See if the Town Council will vote to amend the North Attleborough Bylaws, Chapter 108, Animals to the Bylaw Sub-Committee.

Councilor Slobogan seconded the motion.

**Motion carried 8-0.**

#### **X. Adjournment**

Vice-President Simmons made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Councilor Donovan seconded the motion.

**Motion carried 8-0.**