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Town of North Attleborough
TOWN COUNCIL
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5/12/2025 - Minutes

I. Pledge Of Allegiance

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Pare' called the meeting to order at 7:00P.M. and lead the Town Council and the audience in the pledge of allegiance along with Boy Scout Troops 33 and 222.

Town Council Members Present:

Justin Pare'

John Simmons

Andrew Shanahan

Pat St. Pierre

Mark Gould arrived at 7:01PM

Dan Donovan

John Costello

Andrea Slobogan arrived at 7:01PM

Staff Present:

Town Manager Michael Borg

Assistant Town Manager Antonio Morabito

Clerk of the Council Kerrin Billinghoff

Town Accountant Linda Catanzariti

Members Absent:

Darius Gregory

Treasurer/Tax Collector Chris Sweet

I.T. Director Amy Sullivan

Superintendent of Schools Dr. John Antonucci

NAHS Principal Pete Haviland

Residents Present:

Laura Wagner- Elected Town Councilor to begin her term July 1, 2025

Kevin McCarthy- Elected Town Councilor to begin his term July 1, 2025

Dick Kieltyka Resident

Guests Present:

Steven Johnson of Consigli

Boy Scout Troop 33

Boy Scout Troop 222

Documents Reviewed:

- Town Council Meeting Minutes of April 28, 2025
- Town Manager's Report May 12, 2025
- FY26 Town Annual Budget- Public Hearing Legal Ad
- **Measure 2025-079**- Authorization to Repurpose Funds in the amount of \$30,000.00 for the New High School Debt Exclusion Election
- MSBA HS Presentation Power Point- Construction Phasing & Site Logistics
- **Measure 2025-082**- Authorization to pay an FY24 Invoice for Civic Plus in the amount of \$8,673.37 for the I.T. Department
- **Measure 2025-083**- Rescind Borrowing Authorization-PFA's Removal & Fluoride Injection (McKeon Plant) \$2,749,939.00 & Repair, Replacement, & Maintenance- Roads, Bridges, & Sidewalks \$500,000.00
- **Measure 2025-084**-Funding for Snow & Ice Deficit
- **Measure 2025-080**- Authorization to Transfer Funds in the amount of \$60,000.00 to the K.P Law Account for Legal Services

II. Approval Of Minutes

- a. Approval of Town Council Minutes of April 28, 2025

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Vice President Simmons made a motion to approve the Town Council Minutes of April 28, 2025.

Councilor Costello seconded the motion.

Motion carried 6-0.

III. Town Councilor Community Updates

None at this time.

IV. Town Manager's Report

Town Manager Michael Borg gave an overview of the Town Manager Report.

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

V. Resident And Community Comment

Mr. Dick Kieltyka was in attendance to address the Town Council and report that there will be debt from the new High School if it is constructed, and where will the taxpayers come up with the money to fund this debt. He also stated that there is currently unfunded OPEB, & an unfunded Retirement Fund.

VI. Confirmations

- a. None at this time

VII. PUBLIC HEARING

- a. FY26 Town Annual Budget

FY26 Town Annual Budget

Vice-President Simmons read the Legal ad into the record:

TOWN OF NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH

TOWN COUNCIL

PUBLIC HEARING

LEGAL NOTICE

MAY 12, 2025

The Town Council will hold a Public Hearing in the JoAnn Cathcart Conference Room in

Town Hall, at 43 South Washington Street, on Monday, May 12, 2025 at 7:00PM, to present the FY26 Town Annual Budget,

which will be broadcast by North TV.

The proposed FY2026 Budget can be found on the Town's website at: <HTTPS://WWW.NATTLEBORO.COM/335/BUDGET-INFORMATION>

Vice-President Simmons made a motion to open the Public Hearing.

Councilor Donovan seconded the motion.

A Roll Call Vote was taken:

Councilor Costello	YES
Councilor Gould	YES
Councilor Shanahan	YES
Councilor Donovan	YES
Vice-President Simmone	YES
President Pare'	YES
Councilor Slobogan	YES
Councilor St. Pierre	YES

Motion carried 8-0.

Nothing Heard.

Vice-President Simmons made a motion to close the Public Hearing.

Councilor Donovan seconded the motion.

A Roll Call Vote was taken:

Councilor Costello	YES
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Councilor Gould	YES
Councilor Shanahan	YES
Councilor Donovan	YES
Vice-President Simmone	YES
President Pare'	YES
Councilor Slobogan	YES
Councilor St. Pierre	YES

Motion carried 8-0.

VIII. Sub-Committee Reports

a. Finance

- i. Measure 2025-079- Authorization to Repurpose Funds in the amount of \$30,000.00 for the New High School Debt Exclusion Election

Measure 2025-079- Authorization to Repurpose Funds in the amount of \$30,000.00 for the New High School Debt Exclusion Election

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the appropriation and transfer of \$30,000 to the Elections Office to fund the costs associated with conducting a Special Election scheduled for June 3, 2025. This election, authorized by Town Council Measure 2025-051 and approved unanimously (8-0) at the February 24, 2025 Town Council meeting, will allow North Attleborough voters to decide whether to approve a debt exclusion for the construction of a new North Attleborough High School.

The new high school is a critical investment in the Town's future, replacing an aging facility that no longer meets modern standards for safety, accessibility, or educational effectiveness. The proposed project addresses long-standing infrastructure deficiencies and positions the Town to better serve current and future students.

This Special Election was not forecasted in the current fiscal year and not included in the FY25 operating plan. As a result, the Elections Office does not have sufficient funds remaining in its FY25 budget to conduct the election. Approval of this transfer is required to ensure the Town can carry out the election in a timely, secure, and effective manner.

Funding for this election will be transferred from the following accounts:

Economic Development Coordinator – 011238 511028: \$19,675.21

Conservation Clerical Salaries – 011718 511001: \$10,324.79

This measure ensures that the Elections Office has the necessary resources to execute the Special Election and provide voters the opportunity to make an informed decision on this important capital investment.

Vice-President Simmons reported that this motion was voted unanimously 7-0 in favor of sending back to the Town Council with a positive recommendation.

Vice-President Simmons made a motion to approve Measure 2025-079- Authorization to Repurpose Funds in the amount of \$30,000.00 for the New High School Debt Exclusion Election.

Councilor St. Pierre seconded the motion.

Motion passed 8-0.

b. Economic Growth & Sustainability

Nothing to report at this time.

c. By-Law

A meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 20, 2025.

d. Rules

Nothing to report at this time.

e. School Committee Representative

Councilor Costello reported that the Schools can use \$200,000.00 of outside revenue to cover some of their budget.

f. School Building Committee (MSBA)

i. Construction Phasing & Site Logistics

Construction Phasing & Site Logistics- Mr. Steve Johnson from Consigli presented a Power Point Presentation to the Councilors. Presentation Highlights:

1. New Road Construction
2. Mobilization
3. Site Setup
4. Excavation
5. Middle School Entrance Rework
6. Parking Lot Construction
7. Bus Loop Reconfiguration
8. Summary
 - o Typical Work Hours 7:00AM-3:30PM
 - o Separate Entrance for Contractor
 - o Contractor Parking Provided On-Site
 - o No Public Access on Job Site
 - o No Changes to Bus Patterns and Middle School Drop Off
 - o Blackout Times established for Construction Deliveries
 - o Dust Control and Street Sweeping Measures in Place
 - o Erosion Measures in Place

g. Communication, Public Participation & Engagement

Nothing to report at this time.

h. Local Emergency Planning

Nothing to report at this time.

j. RFP Town Auditor Ad Hoc Committee

President Pare' stated that he had shared the audit results with the Councilors and the Audit Committee will be meeting soon after the Audit Letter is received.

IX. Old Business

- a. None at this time

X. New Business

- a. Measure 2025-082- Authorization to pay an FY24 Invoice for Civic Plus in the amount of \$8,673.37 for the I.T. Department

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Purpose and Justification:

The I.T. Department has been attempting to consolidate several bills now paid to Civic Plus for services that were previously provided by separate companies. Since Civic Plus purchased these disparate entities (ArchiveSocial, SeeClickFix, and AudioEyes), the total

yearly expense has exceeded \$10,000.00. As these are new acquisitions, Civic Plus is not in a position to combine these into a single contract. We are still working to create an umbrella contract for all Civic Plus Services, but until that time we are obligated to pay several past due bills, including this one for the Town's Website that was due June 8th, 2024.

The balance of \$8,673.37 will be paid out of the Maintenance of Computer Software account (0111559-524302).

I.T. Director Amy Sullivan was in attendance to explain this request and answer any questions that the Town Councilors may have had.

Vice-President Simmons made a motion to approve **Measure 2025-082**- Authorization to pay an FY24 Invoice for Civic Plus in the amount of \$8,673.37 for the I.T. Department.

Councilor St. Pierre seconded the motion.

Motion carried 8-0.

- b. Measure 2025-083- Rescind Borrowing Authorization-PFA's Removal & Fluoride Injection (McKeon Plant) \$2,749,939.00 & Repair, Replacement, & Maintenance- Roads, Bridges, & Sidewalks \$500,000.00

Measure 2025-083- Rescind Borrowing Authorization-PFA's Removal & Fluoride Injection (McKeon Plant) \$2,749,939.00 & Repair, Replacement, & Maintenance- Roads, Bridges, & Sidewalks \$500,000.00

To rescind the borrowing authorization for the authorized and unissued amount of \$2,749,939.00 for which borrowing authority is no longer required for PFAs Removal & Fluoride Injection (McKeon Plant) - authorized for \$10mm and approved at the 2/27/2023 Town Council Meeting - Measure 2023-040,

and

To rescind the borrowing authorization for the authorized and unissued amount of \$500,000.00 for which borrowing authority is no longer required for the Repair, Replacement, & Maintenance - Roads, Bridges, & Sidewalks - authorized for \$1mm and approved at the 6/12/2023 Town Council Meeting - Measure 2023-066 Item #2.

Total to rescind: \$3,249,939

These projects are either complete or are using funding from other sources.

Vice-President Simmons made a motion to refer Measure 2025-083- Rescind Borrowing Authorization-PFA's Removal & Fluoride Injection (McKeon Plant) \$2,749,939.00 & Repair, Replacement, & Maintenance- Roads, Bridges, & Sidewalks \$500,000.00 to the Finance Sub-Committee for further review and discussion.

Councilor Costello seconded the motion.

Motion carried 8-0.

- c. Measure 2025-084-Funding for Snow & Ice Deficit

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The Snow and Ice Budget is currently in deficit due to expenses incurred for snow removal, salting and sanding and the purchase of materials during the winter snow season. The Total deficit is \$188,440.13. The DPW Director provided spreadsheets itemizing the expenses by snow and ice event, which are attached to this measure. The spreadsheets indicate the current deficit within the budget and the total amount needed to fund the account.

Therefore, I respectfully request the Town Council vote "To approve the transfer of \$27,050.13 from Free Cash to the Snow and Ice Salary Line 014238", and vote "To approve the transfer of \$161,390.00 from Free Cash to the Snow and Ice Expense Line 014239."

Vice-President Simmons made a motion to refer **Measure 2025-084** -Funding for Snow & Ice Deficit to the Finance Sub-Committee for further review and consideration.

Councilor St. Pierre seconded the motion.

Motion carried 8-0.

XI. Executive Session

Vice-President Simmons stated that they would not be returning to Regular Session, but would be adjourning directly from Executive Session.

Vice-President Simmons made a motion to enter into Executive Session.

Councilor Donovan seconded the motion.

A Roll Call Vote was taken:

Vice-President Simmons made a motion to close the Public Hearing.

Councilor Donovan seconded the motion.

A Roll Call Vote was taken:

Councilor Costello	YES
Councilor Gould	YES
Councilor Shanahan	YES
Councilor Donovan	YES
Vice-President Simone	YES
President Pare'	YES
Councilor Slobogan	YES

Councilor St. Pierre

YES

Motion carried 8-0.

- a. M.G.L., C.30A, Sec.21(a)-3. To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation of an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigation position of the public body and the chair so declares.
 - i. Measure 2025-080- Authorization to Transfer \$60,000.00 from the Reserve Account to the K.P Law Account for Legal Services
- b. M.G.L.,C.30A, Sec.21(a)-2. To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with non-union personnel.

XII. Adjournment

Entered into Executive Session at 7:37PM.