Town of Newington Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes Thursday, February 6, 2014 Town Hall 10:30am

Chair Rick Stern called the meeting to order at 10:33am.

<u>Present</u>: Chair Rick Stern, Selectman Jan Stuart and Selectman Cosmas locovozzi as well as Town Administrator Martha Roy and various members of the public.

Warrant Article Review and Discussion:

<u>Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade Bond Warrant Article-</u> After discussion regarding the proposed project and cost, C. locovozzi moved to recommend the \$8,180,000. Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade Bond Warrant Article. J. Stuart seconded the motion and all were in favor.

<u>Ambulance Purchase Warrant Article</u>- The Board discussed the purchase of a new ambulance in light of all of the other financial concerns currently facing the town. **C. locovozzi moved to not recommend the Ambulance Purchase Warrant Article. This was seconded by J. Stuart with all in favor.**

<u>Health Insurance Warrant Article</u>- C. locovozzi moved to recommend the Health Plan Deductible Supplement Fund Warrant Article in the amount of \$35,000. J. Stuart seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Conservation Fund Warrant Article- J. Stuart moved to recommend the Warrant Article. This was seconded for discussion by C. locovozzi. Discussion was held among the Board about the financial concerns facing the town currently. Michael Mazeau reminded the Board that recent Current Use payments to the Fund had totaled approximately \$70,000. J. Stewart and C. locovozzi withdrew their previous motions. J. Stuart moved to not recommend the Conservation Commission amount of \$25,000 but instead recommend \$5,000. This was seconded by C. locovozzi. An alternate amount of \$10,000 was mentioned. The revised amount of \$5,000 was voted on and all were in favor.

Replacement and/or Repair of Vehicles Operated by the Fire Department Warrant Article- C. locovozzi moved to recommend the above warrant article in the amount of \$25,000. This was seconded by J. Stuart with all in favor.

Replacement and/or Major Repairs of Vehicles and Equipment Operated by the Highway Department Warrant Article- C. locovozzi moved to recommend the above warrant article in the amount of \$25,000. This was seconded by J. Stuart and all were in favor.

<u>Major Road Work Fund Warrant Article</u>- C. locovozzi moved to recommend \$5,000 for the Major Road Work Fund Warrant Article. This was seconded by J. Stuart with all in favor.

<u>Police Department Radio/Electronics Fund Warrant Article</u>- C. locovozzi moved to recommend \$5,000 for the Police Department Radio/Electronics Fund Warrant Article, as proposed, with all in favor.

EMS & Ambulance Fund Revenue Fund Warrant Article - The Board discussed their concern with the EMS & Ambulance Fund Revenue Fund Warrant Article. It was their consensus that the Town Meeting should decide the use of the funds and that these should be returned to the General Fund.

Next Meeting- The Board decided to hold their next meeting on Wednesday, February 19 at 4pm.

Discussion was held regarding previous approval by town meeting of a warrant article authorizing the Board to accept and expend funds. Work needed at Fox Point was also discussed.

Adjournment- C. locovozzi moved to adjourn at 11:28am. J. Stuart seconded this motion and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha S. Roy Town Administrator