

Town of Newington, NH
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 15, 2016 Town Hall

Chair Cosmas Iocovozzi called the meeting to order at 6:32pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Chair Cosmas Iocovozzi, Selectman Jan Stuart, Selectman Mike Marconi, Peter Crary, Realty Specialist, USAF Civil Engineer Center; Carl Lanz, Project Manager, USAF Civil Engineer Center; Adam Gonzalez, Esq. Snr. Counsel, USAF Civil Engineer Center; Ron Mack, PE, Senior Engineer, EA Engineering; Michael O'Neill, Senior Scientist, EA Engineering; Todd Brosko, Manager, Engineering & Construction, Real Estate and Facilities, Westinghouse Electric Co.; Frederick Miller, Facilities Operations, Westinghouse Electric Co. Len Thomas, Road Agent, Peter Welch, Rick Stern, Sewer Commissioner, Dennis Malloy and Martha Roy, Town Administrator.

Minutes Approval: J. Stuart moved to approve the minutes of August 1st, 2016. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

Manifest Approval: M. Marconi moved to approve the manifests of 8/2/16 in the amount of \$249,215.35 and 8/9/16 in the amount of \$30,280.89. J. Stuart seconded the motion with all in favor.

USAF-Patterson Lane: Peter Crary presented the Air Force's plan for demolition of the USAF Newington Fuel Depot. Their first goal was to demolish and remove the buildings/tanks/property. The second goal is to transfer the property back to the tax rolls. They are looking for a waiver of the load and axle limits to transport loads out via Patterson Lane. The start date would be at least one year away. The fuel tanks that need to be removed are 20 feet deep, 4 dolphins in the river need to be removed as well as any contaminated soils/building materials. The demolition and removal of the property might extend for a period of 6 months with an additional 6 months for removal of the dolphins. P. Crary stated that any damaged road will be repaired.

C. Iocovozzi stated that a Public Hearing will be held in October to review this proposal with the Patterson Lane residents and other abutters and take input.

Dockmaster: J. Stuart moved to appoint Vincent Taccetta to the position of Dockmaster. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

Peter Welch mentioned repairs that are needed immediately to the Town dock. He provided a list of same to the Board. He stated that he is willing to help with repairs.

Mint Energy: This item was tabled until the next Selectmen's meeting.

Volunteer Appreciation: The Selectmen discussed the importance of the Town's volunteers and various ideas to show the Town's appreciation for their service. J. Stuart volunteered to draft a plan for the Board to consider.

Brook/Culvert Maintenance: The Board discussed that it is up to the landowners to clear out brush and maintain proper water drainage on private property. The Town is responsible for insuring culverts and rights of ways are clear for proper flow.

Cemetery Brush Cutting Along Fence: The Board discussed cutting brush and trees 8 feet back on the Cemetery property line abutting the Transfer Station. The Board consensus was to only trim trees. J. Stuart will meet with L. Thomas about this.

The next Board of Selectmen meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 6th.

Gosling Road Railroad (RR) Reconstruction project: The Board discussed the Gosling Road Railroad (RR) Reconstruction project grant. The project will cost approximately \$200,000. One half of the crossing is within the City of Portsmouth boundaries and would be a joint project with Portsmouth, Newington and the NH Dept. of Transportation. The US DOT has a 90% /10% matching grant that Portsmouth and Newington would be eligible for. This would require that Newington and Portsmouth be responsible for a grant percentage cost of \$10,000 each to reconstruct the RR Crossing. The Board stated that they would like to be involved and asked M. Roy to research using the Air Mitigation funds for the town's portion of the grant project.

The Board discussed CrossFit blocking the town sidewalk with stationary bikes. The Code Enforcement Officer will be notified.

C. Iocovozzi asked M. Marconi to research the Planning Board minutes and determine the history of the Library sandwich board sign placement authorization.

Adjournment: J. Stuart moved to adjourn at 7:48pm. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha S. Roy
Town Administrator