

Town of Newington, NH
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 24, 2016 Town Hall

Chair Cosmas Iocovozzi called the meeting to order at 6:33pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Chair Cosmas Iocovozzi, Selectman Jan Stuart, Selectman Mike Marconi, Fire Engineer, Darin Sabine, Fire Chief Andy Head, HDC Chair Gail Pare, Cemetery Trustees: Peggy Lamson and Alan Wilson, Library Director Lara Berry, Library Trustees: Steve Bush, Jack O' Reilly, Lillian Wilson, Catherine Hazelton WWTF Plant Manager Denis Messier, Sewer Commissioners: Skip Cole and Rick Stern, Planning Board Chair Denis Hebert, and Martha Roy, Town Administrator.

Minutes Approval: J. Stuart moved to approve the minutes of October 3rd, 12th and 17th, 2016. M. Marconi seconded the motion with J. Stuart and M. Marconi in favor and C. Iocovozzi opposed.

Manifest Approval: J. Stuart moved to approve the manifests of 10/4/16 in the amount of \$158,855.66, 10/11/16 in the amount of \$108,600.89 and 10/18/16 in the amount of \$48,117.61. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

Historic District Commission Budget Review: G. Pare discussed the grant process and funding in the budget. J. Stuart asked about the history books. G. Pare stated that they planned on updating the history.

J. Stuart moved to approve the 2017 HDC budget of \$14,550. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

G. Pare stated that the HDC had \$10,500 left over in their 2016 budget that could be put towards the fire truck.

Cemetery Budget Review: C. Iocovozzi stated that a Cemetery Sextant is required to do paperwork, help sell graves, lay out of burial plots and placement of stones. A fee of \$100 per burial would be paid to the Sextant.

J. Stuart moved to approve the Cemetery budget of \$22,872. M. Marconi seconded the motion. M. Marconi moved to amend the budget to add \$114 for FICA for the Sextant position, for a new total budget of \$22,986. J. Stuart seconded the motion with all in favor. C. Iocovozzi moved approve the amended Cemetery budget. J. Stuart seconded the motion with all in favor.

Library Budget Review: L. Berry reviewed the changes reflected in the budget. M. Marconi moved to approve the 2017 Library budget of \$190,495. J. Stuart seconded the motion with all in favor.

Waste Water Treatment Facility Budget Review: D. Messier updated the Selectmen on the WWTF plant upgrade. M. Marconi moved to approve the 2017 Sewer Department budget of \$865,624. J. Stuart seconded the motion with all in favor.

Planning Board Budget Review: The Selectmen inquired about the services that the Planning Department charges for. They charge for engineering, legal, the Planner's time for subdivisions. M. Marconi moved to approve the 2017 Planning Board budget of \$177,844. J. Stuart seconded the motion with all in favor. Discussion ensued about the cost of the COAST bus. M. Marconi moved to remove the COAST bus funding from the Planning Department budget and to approve the amended budget for \$146,275. J. Stuart seconded the motion with all in favor.

Fire Truck Trade In Discussion: The Fire Department plans on trading in the 2006 Smeal ladder truck and purchase a 1999 Seagrave ladder truck for \$1. The Smeal has many vendor specific parts making it difficult to maintain. Service is also difficult to acquire in a timely fashion. The Seagrave truck will have a warranty. The Fire Department representatives are leaving Thursday to bring the Seagrave truck to Newington.

Tax Rate: The Selectmen expressed concern about the assessed valuation of properties. In order to help the tax impact, J. Stuart moved to approve a \$9.15 tax rate. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

Fuel Bids: M. Roy reviewed the various fuel bids with the Board. J. Stuart moved to award the 2016/2017 fuel bid to Hartmann. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

Health Insurance quote-Blue Choice/Access Blue: M. Roy reviewed the 2017 HealthTrust insurance plan costs with the Selectmen. They have increased 5.3%.

Buffalo Wild Wings Game Permit: The Town's current ordinance is for coin operated games. The ordinance needs to be updated to reflect the changes in the way games are paid for now. M. Roy will review the ordinance with legal counsel.

Fox Point Shoreline Restoration: M. Roy discussed the need for further restoration of the Fox Point shoreline. **J. Stuart moved to award the contract to Tighe & Bond for \$12,000 and authorize the Chair to sign the contract. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.**

2016 Hydrant Fee: The Selectmen requested that M. Roy write a letter to the City of Portsmouth explaining that the Town of Newington will not be paying the 2016 hydrant fees as Newington was not given prior notice of the large increase and it is not in the Town's budget.

D. Hebert discussed the Planning Board budget and specifically the COAST bus issue with the Selectmen. J. Stuart stated that the taxpayers are not benefitting from this service.

J. Stuart moved to go into a nonpublic session at 9:01pm per RSA 91-A:3 II (a). C. Iocovozzi seconded the motion and all were in favor on a roll call vote.

The Board returned from the nonpublic session at 9:18pm.

M. Marconi moved to seal the non-public minutes indefinitely. J. Stuart seconded the motion with all in favor on a roll call vote.

Adjournment: J. Stuart moved to adjourn at 9:20pm. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha S. Roy
Town Administrator