

Town of Newington, NH
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 7, 2016 Town Hall

Present: Chair Cosmas Iocovozzi, Selectman Jan Stuart, Selectman Mike Marconi, Police Chief Jon Tretter, Conservation Commission Chair Jane Hislop and Martha Roy, Town Administrator.

J. Stuart called the meeting to order at 6:39pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes Approval: M. Marconi moved to approve the minutes of October 24th and 25th, 2016. J. Stuart seconded the motion with all in favor.

Manifest Approval: M. Marconi moved to approve the manifests of 10/25/16 in the amount of \$24,767.60 and 11/1/16 in the amount of \$187,736.28. J. Stuart seconded the motion with all in favor.

Police Department Budget Review: J. Stuart recognized the Police Chief, Jon Tretter. Both Selectmen expressed deep regret to learn that Chief Tretter is retiring.

C. Iocovozzi entered the meeting.

The Board discussed the budget with Chief Tretter. Personnel will be changing thus reducing the wages line.

M. Marconi moved to approve the proposed 2017 Police Department budget of \$1,369,737. J. Stuart seconded the motion with all in favor.

Office of Emergency Management Budget Review: Chief Tretter explained that the budget and expenditures were the same as 2016. **J. Stuart moved to approve the proposed 2017 Office of Emergency Management budget of \$15,158.**

M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

Recreation Committee Review: The Board discussed the Voucher program. They agreed that the program should only be used by people in financial need only. **M. Marconi moved to reduce the proposed Recreation Committee 2017 budget to a new total of \$46,000 by reducing the Voucher Program to zero and General Maintenance to \$4,800. J. Stuart seconded the motion with all in favor.** It was discussed that if there was a financial need situation, in regards to

recreation programs, the family would be directed to the Selectmen for review of the circumstances.

The Board discussed the 2015 receipts submitted for reimbursement in November 2016 by the Recreation Committee. The Board decided that they are not paying for these overdue receipts.

Conservation Commission Budget Review: J. Stuart moved to approve the proposed 2017 Conservation Commission budget of \$11,592. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

C. Iocovozzi moved to approve a warrant article for the Conservation Fund in the amount of \$75,000. J. Stuart seconded the motion with all in favor.

The Board discussed the Ripley property conservation easement. The Commission is anticipated to use \$40,000 of the total warrant article to secure the easement and the remainder to grow the Conservation Fund for other projects.

M. Marconi moved to approve the over expenditure of the Conservation consultant expense line. J. Stuart seconded the motion with all in favor.

Facility Use Requests:

Historic District Commission-Historic Plays-OTH-March 3,4 & 5, 2017 all day.

J. Stuart moved to approve the HDC plays and waive the facility fee. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

Dave & Debbie Luchsinger-Charity Swim-Fox Point-12/10/16

J. Stuart moved to deny the Luchsinger's facility use request because they are not residents. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

Martha St. Amand- Portsmouth Yacht Club Christmas Party-OTH-12/8/16

J. Stuart moved to approve the PYC's facility use request. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

Recreation Committee-Holiday Party-OTH-12/11/16

J. Stuart moved to approve the Recreation Committee's facility use request. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

The Board of Selectmen discussed sending a letter to the PDA about the need to have "no hunting signs" installed. M. Roy to send reply to Jack O'Reilly.

M. Roy to call K. Cota about Fox Run Road ownership. Martha will send a letter to Cota and then have him call C. Iocovozzi.

The Board discussed the auditorium floor adhesive leakage. They requested that Brox rip up the floor and replace the adhesive.

M. Marconi discussed the water contract with Portsmouth. He will talk to Peter Loughlin, Esq.

The Board coordinated election coverage for the 8th of November.

Health insurance and other benefit coverage will be reviewed at a work session shortly.

M. Marconi moved to set the COLA rate at 1% for full time town employees in 2017. J. Stuart seconded the motion with all in favor.

M. Marconi moved to enter into nonpublic session at 8:15pm per RSA 91-A:3 II (a). J. Stuart seconded the motion and all were in favor on a roll call vote.

The Board returned from the nonpublic session at 8:35pm.

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 8:40pm. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha S. Roy
Town Administrator