

Town of Newington, NH
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 4, 2016 Town Hall

Cosmas Iocovozzi called the meeting to order at 6:28pm.

Present: Chair Cosmas Iocovozzi, Selectman Jan Stuart, Selectman Mike Marconi, Fire Engineer Ruth Fletcher, Fire Engineer Jim Fabrizio, Fire Chief Andy Head, Peggy Lamson, Joyce and Chris Ten Haagen and Martha Roy, Town Administrator.

Minutes Approval: J. Stuart moved to approve the minutes of March 21st and March 22nd, 2016. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

Manifest Approval: C. Iocovozzi moved to approve the manifests of 3/22/16 in the amount of \$20,278.36 and 3/29/16 in the amount of \$35,438.96. J. Stuart seconded the motion with all in favor.

Vegetation-Peggy Lamson: P. Lamson explained that she will not be working on the Town pocket gardens any longer but is glad to advise anyone that is taking up this volunteer effort. She expressed her support of the dog ordinance stating that she has witnessed dogs digging holes and owners not picking up after their dogs. Peggy also mentioned that on April 12th there will be an educational session on "Climate Risk" at the Stratham Municipal Building.

Fire Pump & Building Improvements-Fire Dept: J. Stuart moved to approve Granite State Glass, furnishing and installing 11 windows at the Fire Department in the amount of \$4,990. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

The Building Inspector will be attending the April 18th Selectmen's meeting.

The Fire Chief proposed buying a used tanker for roughly \$30,000 rather than fixing the old one for the same amount of money. C. Iocovozzi asked that there be other quotes brought before the Board of Selectmen.

J. Stuart agreed that further quotes were needed prior to a decision being made. M. Marconi asked that all fire vehicles be placed out to bid. He also was in favor of getting a tanker for the Fire Department as soon as possible once further research had been accomplished.

Fabyan Point: C. Iocovozzi stated that the developer will pay for the engineering of the Kennard Dam turnoff for a Fire Department dry hydrant location.

Facility Usage Requests:

J. Stuart moved to charge the Volunteer UNH Marine Docent Program \$50 per month for a 2.5 hour meeting at the OTH given that they will be cleaning the hall and setting up and taking down all furniture.

M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

Appointments:

J. Stuart moved to approve the following appointments:

Jane Hislop, Jane Kendall (Alternate) and Cynthia Gunn-Conservation Commission

Anne Beebe-Deputy Town Clerk

Gail Pare-Historic District Commission

Paul Pelletier-Historic District Commission

Lee Lamson-Library Trustee Alternate

M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

Mott Pond Contract: M. Marconi moved to approve the Mott Pond Culvert contract and authorize the Chair to sign. J. Stuart seconded the motion with all in favor.

The Selectmen requested that the Police Department put up a sign notifying the public about the Mott Pond project 1-2 weeks before it commenced. This will affect road traffic for 2-3 weeks.

Large Construction Project Inspections: The Board tabled this item to a later date.

Forestry Truck (at Highway): The Board agreed to place both Fire Department vehicles out to bid. It was the consensus was that the Fire pumper truck will have a minimum required bid of \$13,500.

Unemployment Comp Insurance Bid Opening- This item was tabled until the April 18th meeting.

Property Liability Insurance- M. Marconi moved to approve the contract with Primex for \$91,832. J. Stuart seconded the motion with all in favor.

Worker's Compensation Insurance- J. Stuart moved to approve the contract with Primex for \$142,066. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

Mosquito Spraying Bid Opening: J. Stuart moved to approve the Dragon Mosquito bid for 2016 in the amount of \$36,200. M. Marconi seconded the motion with a passing vote of 2-1. (C. Iocovozzi voting in the negative)

Investment Policy: M. Marconi moved to accept the Investment Policy as recommended on 4-4-16. J. Stuart seconded the motion with all in favor.

GSC Contract: M. Marconi moved to approve the 2016 GSC Pest Control contract for all Town Buildings. J. Stuart seconded the motion with all in favor.

Stoneface Brewery Liquor License Status: M. Roy reported that the State Liquor Commission is researching the license approval process and will discuss same with the Town shortly.

Dog Ordinance: Joyce Ten Haagen submitted a petition regarding the dog ordinance, requesting a suspension of it pending a public hearing. She attached a general summary of what the signatories were concerned with.

J. Stuart explained that there have been complaints of dogs running into vehicles, baby strollers as well as pet waste left behind on the playground and cemetery plots. People have complained of stepping in pet waste as well. J. Ten Haagen agreed that dogs should be on leashes when games at the fields are in process. Some of the wording in the ordinance was confusing to people, she stated. All agreed that banning dogs from the cemetery made sense. Ruth Fletcher voiced concerns with people not picking up their dog's waste on the town roads, particularly Little Bay Road.

Chris Ten Haagen of 33 Beane Lane requested a pet waste ordinance be implemented. J. Ten Haagen agreed that pet waste should be addressed. Jim Fabrizio stated he was in support of the Selectmen's actions regarding the dog ordinance and approved of the language as it stood.

J. Stuart let people know that there will be signage about owners picking up pet waste. R. Fletcher stated that the \$100 fine was too high.

C. Iocovozzi asked the Board to review the petition for future discussion.

C. Iocovozzi moved to go into a nonpublic session 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 nonpublic minutes of 4-4-16 indefinitely. J. Stuart seconded the motion and all were in favor on a roll call vote.

Adjournment: M. Marconi moved to adjourn at 8:40pm. J. Stuart seconded the motion with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha S. Roy
Town Administrator