

Town of Newington, NH
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 26, 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, Fire Chief Andy Head, Assistant Fire Chief Jeff Leduc, Fire Engineers; Ruth Fletcher, Darin Sabine, Road Agent Len Thomas, Eric Weinrieb, Altus Engineering and Martha Roy, Town Administrator.

Minutes Approval: M. Marconi moved to approve the public and non public minutes of September 6th, 2016. J. Stuart seconded the motion with all in favor.

Manifest Approval: J. Stuart moved to approve the manifests of 9/6/16 in the amount of \$277,724.87, 9/13/16 in the amount of \$47,255.02 and 9/20/16 in the amount of \$8,933.69. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

Fire Department Warrant Articles Review & Over Expenditure Request:

Chief Head discussed the Fire Department request to reorganize the current Capital Reserve funds. They also propose a new Fire Department Capital Reserve account for ambulance equipment, hoses, gear or major repair costs of equipment. Darin Sabine explained that \$100,000 would be for replacing hose. \$25,000 in the fund would come from ambulance revenue. The department's long term plan is to refurbish the Seagrave pumper.

C. Iocovozzi expressed concern with the ambulance revenue being placed in the capital reserve fund rather than going into the general fund for Fire Department employee expenses etc. C. Iocovozzi would like the Finance Director to review the proposals of the Fire Department.

M. Marconi stated that streamlining budgets can be a good idea but he would like time to review the proposals. The Selectmen requested research into other town capital reserve funds. Do other towns have a combined Fire and Ambulance Capital Reserve or separate funds? C. Iocovozzi requested that the Budget Committee Chair's and legal counsel's opinion be sought as well. The Board expressed concern with the request to have revenues of ambulance calls and alarm monitoring placed directly in the capital reserve funds without the approval of Town Meeting. They would prefer that the voters at Town Meeting have control over how the revenue is allocated.

Andy Head wanted to let the Selectmen know that the department is going to overspend their vehicle maintenance expense line. The ladder truck part is going to be approximately \$2,000 and the 2006 Smeal ladder truck is going to need more repairs. They are hoping to be able to sell the ladder truck and purchase a used one that doesn't have computerized systems and is not vendor specific.

Facility Usage Requests:

Great Bay Services-Halloween Party-October 28th-TH-6 to 10pm

C. Iocovozzi notified Great Bay that this would be their last event as they are no longer residents of town.

Clicker Requests:

J. Stuart moved to approve the following clicker request:

Transfer Station

M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

Appointments:

The Planning Board Alternate will be appointed by the Planning Board.

M. Marconi moved to appoint David Turbide to the position of Library Trustee. J. Stuart seconded the motion with all in favor.

Road Paving Budget: M. Marconi moved to award paving of Welch Cove to Bell and Flynn Inc. (low bid). J. Stuart seconded the motion with all in favor. Dumping Cove is already scheduled to be paved later in the fall. \$130,000 will be encumbered at the end of the year for the paving of Wilcox Way and part of Little Bay Road in 2017.

J. Stuart moved to go into a nonpublic session at 7:31pm per RSA 91-A:3 II (a). M. Marconi seconded the motion and all were in favor on a roll call vote.

The Board returned from the nonpublic session at 7:46pm.

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

Computer Services Bid: M. Roy will bid out the computer services.

Portable Restroom Bid: M. Roy will bid out the portable restroom services.

2017 Budget Goals Discussion: The Board consensus was to request that all departments level fund their operating budgets in 2017.

Review Schedule for 2017 Budgets: The proposed October and November department budget review schedule was approved.

Assessing Report Fees: This item was tabled until the next meeting.

Ballot Counter Machine: This item was tabled until the next meeting.

Coast Board Representative: The Planning Board Chair will determine who should be appointed to the COAST Board of Directors and recommend same to the Selectmen.

Patty Borkland Resignation-Library Trustee: M. Marconi moved to accept Patty Borkland's resignation with regret. J. Stuart seconded the motion with all in favor.

Tour of Town Buildings: This item was tabled.

Stone School Asbestos and Lead Paint Testing: C. Iocovozzi moved to approve asbestos testing at the Stone School. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor. Discussion ensued regarding the long term plans for the Stone School.

Appraisal Increase Notification Letters: M. Roy and Susan Henderson, Corcoran Consulting Appraiser, are working on the resident notification letters that will go out at the end of the week.

The Selectmen received a notice from the Portsmouth Public Works Department regarding the drilling of a new well in Greenland.

Adjournment: M. Marconi moved to adjourn at 8:17pm. J. Stuart seconded the motion with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha S. Roy
Town Administrator