

**Town of Newington, NH  
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes  
October 14, 2013- Town Hall  
6:30pm**

**Call to Order:** Chair Rick Stern called the meeting to order at 6:32pm.

**Present:** Chair, Rick Stern, Selectman Jan Stuart, Selectman Cosmas Iocovozzi and Town Administrator Martha Roy.

The Pledge of Allegiance was declared.

**Minutes Approval:** Jan moved to approve the minutes of the September 23, 2013 meeting, seconded by Cosmas. Motion passed 3-0.

**Manifest Approval:** Cosmas moved to approve manifests dated 9/24/13 for \$149,858.01, 10/1/13 for 177,889.91, 10/8/13 for 167,719.23 and 10/8/13 for \$182,677.27, seconded by Jan and the motion passed, 3-0.

**Library Trustees Discussion:** Melissa Prefontaine thanked the Board of Selectmen for working with the Trustees on the many issues regarding the Library addition.

Her first item to discuss with the Board was determining a location of a sign the library would like to purchase. This would be to announce events that were happening at the Library and other historic district buildings. They would like to place it on the corner of Little Bay and Nimble Hill Roads; on the cemetery side. Melissa explained that they would like the sign to resemble the Fire Department Message board. Cosmas told Melissa that the Cemetery Trustees should be consulted as this is their property. Melissa stated that if all is approved they would like to place this item in the Library's 2014 budget. Cosmas will have stakes given to Melissa so she can put them where the proposed sign would go.

The second issue Melissa requested of the Board was if the Board of Selectmen could help subsidize the cost of the new parking plan at the Library. The Library Addition Contingency fund was discussed as a source however Melissa pointed out that they were leery of its use until the water line installation had been paid for. The Board stated that if there were no funds left over in the library addition budget they would advise to place it on the 2014 Town Meeting warrant.

Jan asked about whether a change had taken place regarding the Wagon Wheel path in front of the library based on e-mails from the Historic District Commission (HDC). Melissa replied that the asphalt would be removed and that they were working with the HDC to pay homage to the historic roots of the town. This discussion is still ongoing. She mentioned Horse hitching posts were being considered as well that could be used for people to tie their dog's leashes to.

Lee Lamson commented that there had been a thorough discussion about the driveway recently and was very encouraged.

The Trustees mentioned that they are also researching milled pine boards from the town forest trees to repurpose them if not too cost prohibitive.

Melissa stated that the Library is working with the Attorney General's office to see if they could receive the interest from Library Trust funds from 2015. Cosmas mentioned that they were completing the same steps for the Cemetery.

**COAST Piscataqua Drive Bus Shelter:** COAST had agreed that they would assume the liability for any incident at the bus shelter and agreed to place this in writing for the Town however this was not forthcoming. Therefore, **Jan moved to table the item indefinitely. This was seconded by Cosmas and all were in favor.**

**Transfer Station:** The Board discussed a proposed book drop to benefit veterans to be located at the Transfer Station. Rick asked that the Town research which Veteran's organization will be getting the funds attained by the book drop and Cosmas asked if there was an outside agency running the book drop on behalf of the Veterans what percentage of the profits did they receive. **Cosmas moved to table the item until answers are obtained. Jan seconded the motion and all were in favor.**

**Investment Policy:** Cosmas moved to approve the Investment Policy currently in place. Jan seconded the motion and all were in favor.

**Fire Engineers:** Darin Sabine gave the Board a fact sheet outlining the cost of a new ambulance they would like to purchase. The total cost of the ambulance is \$197,287. There is not enough in the Capital Reserve fund to allow for this expenditure. The Engineers stated there was a shortfall of \$24,662. to purchase the vehicle even though this was a middle of the road manufacturer. Darin stated that new emission standards were driving up the cost of these vehicles. Jan asked where the Chief or Assistant Chief were and they were told they were not available. John Klanchesser discussed the method to obtain the remaining funds. Darin asked about the Local Government Center health insurance holiday

funds and use of those to offset the remaining cost necessary. Jan replied that these funds were going back to the general fund, to the taxpayers. Darin expected that the Engineers would place a warrant article on the 2014 Town Meeting warrant as funds would be available right away.

**Appointments:** Cosmas moved to appoint Robert Dell Isola, Diana Moulton, Chris Bellmare and Martin Callahan to the Recreation Committee as well as Jane Kendall to the position of Alternate for the Conservation Commission. Jan seconded and all were in favor.

**Clicker Requests:** Discussion of reprogramming all clickers, number on hand and ordering further clickers ensued. **Jan moved that all requests submitted since May be approved with the agreement to be signed and payment due prior to receipt of the clicker. Cosmas seconded the motion and all were in favor.** Doreen Stern asked about the gate and had it been working satisfactorily. The Board responded that they still have the issue of people running through the gate prior to it being all the way open thus leaving it open until the next car passes. This occurs as the gate sensor does not start registering cars passing until it is completely open.

**Facility Use Requests:**

- **Jan moved that Great Bay Services be allowed to use the Town Hall on October 25, 2013 from 7-9pm for a Halloween Party. This was seconded by Cosmas and all were in favor.**
- **Jan moved that Nancy Haberstroh be allowed use of the Old Town Hall on October 19, 2013 from 11-2pm for a birthday party.. This was seconded by Cosmas and all were in favor.**

Justin Richardson had understood that he was on the agenda to discuss the Nimble Hill Road speeding situation and a study. Discussion ensued about a four way stop at the intersection of Nimble Hill Road and Fox Point Road. Jack O'Reilly discussed the Air Mitigation fund and that the Town was waiting for Eric from Altus Engineering to respond to the Town regarding the matter. **Cosmas moved that the matter be discussed with the Planning Board. Jan added that Highway Safety should review the matter as well and seconded the motion. All were in favor.**

Jack reported to the Board that the Police Chief had stated in the past that he could not reduce the speed any further on Nimble Hill in that location.

**Adjournment:** Jan moved to adjourn at 7:40pm., seconded by Cosmas with all in favor.