

**Town of Newington, NH  
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes  
November 21, 2013- Town Hall  
6:30pm**

**Call to Order:** Chair Rick Stern called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

**Present:** Jan Stuart, Co-Chair, Cosmas Iocovozzi, Selectman, George Fletcher, Sewer Commission Chair, Skip Cole, Sewer Commissioner, Tim Fields, Sewer Commissioner and Town Administrator Martha Roy.

The Pledge of Allegiance was declared.

**Sewer Commission Budget:** George explained that the budget was still being worked on and the Major Maintenance line could potentially be revised. He stated that there was on going repair of sewer pipes which were 30 plus years old. They have a pick up truck in the budget this year as the old one is rusting out. The Commissioners reminded the Selectmen that if they have too much revenue the excess reverts to the enterprise fund. The group discussed the cost a new plant being in the range of \$9-11 million dollars.

**Cosmas moved to approve the Sewer Department budget at \$835,252., Jan seconded the motion. All were in favor.**

Jan recessed the meeting at 7:05pm while waiting for the Library Trustees.

The recessed meeting was opened again at 7:30pm. Rick Stern joined the meeting at this time.

Library Trustee Melissa Prefontaine, Chair as well as Trustees Gup Knox, Lee Lamson and Jack O'Reilly arrived to discuss the budget with the Board.

**Library Budget Review:** Melissa reviewed the new budget format with the Board. The peach colored section of the budget represented the trust fund earnings. She also indicated the anonymous donation from the NH Charitable Funds listed at the bottom of the budget. The Trustees are considering moving from Bayring to Comcast to save funds as they have with the propane and alarm systems.

Cosmas asked how much there was in the Library Trust fund. Gup replied that there was approximately \$900,000. In principal in the account with \$13-14,000 that was available in interest to spend annually. Rick encouraged the Trustees to show the \$1,000 for the NH Charitable Foundation. Rick asked how many

part time employees there were at the Library currently. Melissa replied that there were 6. She stated that this made for non-efficient working environment, as one person that started a project may not be scheduled to work for several days when a project is due sooner. She let the Board know that due to resident requests for the Library to be open further hours the Trustees had decided to place an article on the Town warrant requesting same. Jack stated that next year would be the last year of the Town's Garage payment which could help with the budget.

**Cosmas moved to recommend \$183,286. for the Library budget. Jan seconded the motion and all were in favor.**

**The Library Trustees left and the Recreation Committee arrived including Bob Del Isola, Diana Moulton, Brian Haberstroh, Darryl Brown and Keith Frizzell.**

**Recreation Committee Budget:** In an effort to be mindful of the tax rate the Recreation Committee proposed a level funded budget for 2014. They may purchase two grills to be kept in storage for Recreation events only so that they have reliable grills at Septemberfest.

Cosmas moved to approve the \$51,550. budget for 2014. This was seconded by Jan with all in favor.

**Adjournment:** Cos moved to adjourn at 8:37pm. This was seconded by Jan and all were in favor.