Town of Newington, NH

Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 5, 2015 Town Hall 6:30pm

Chair Jan Stuart called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm

**Present:** Chair Jan Stuart, Selectman Rick Stern, Selectman Cosmas Iocovozzi, Building Inspector John Stowell, Fire Engineer John Klanchesser and Town Administrator Martha Roy.

The Board of Selectmen reviewed the 2015 proposed Town budget items.

Dig Safe Notices: It was the consensus of the Board that Len Thomas, Road Agent, should be able to receive announcements from Dig Safe. J. Stowell will research how to forward e-mails to the Road Agent from Dig Safe. Discussion ensued about the kind of phone the Town provides to the Road Agent and the ability to retrieve the emails from his phone.

After discussing the Building Inspector’s budget it was the consensus of the Board to move $1,000 into a new supplies line, and $1,000 into a new Dues & Training line.

After review of the Town Buildings projects with the Building Inspector the Board chose the most important work, to add to the budget, which could not be delayed.

Discussion followed as to why the Town spent $632 in health insurance out of the Executive Office in 2014. [It was later reported that this was for a retiree no longer getting insurance]

The Board requested a report on the amount remaining in the Fox Point Capital Reserve account. M. Roy will provide this to the Board.

There was a consensus of the Board to add $5,000 to the Highway budget for 4 days of tree trimming on McIntyre and Little Bay Roads.

Strobing Stop Light -Nimble Hill Road: The blinking light at Fox Point Road intersection with Nimble Hill Road needed repair work. The Board stated that East Coast Signal should be contacted.

Street Light: A resident requested that a street light be installed in the area of 1 Little Bay Road. It was a consensus of the Board that one not be installed after reviewing the area, site distance, and other concerns.

Fire Department Vehicles- Personal Use: The Board reviewed the practice of vehicles being taken home by the Fire Chief and Assistant Chief. This should be taxed as a fringe benefit if allowed by the Town. Concern was raised regarding length of drive to personal homes and cost of fuel.

Merit pay: The Board discussed holding merit reviews for part time employees and regular performance reviews with all full-time employees of the Town Hall.

Town Vehicles: J. Stuart requested a list of all Town owned rolling stock and mileage. M. Roy will provide this to the Board.

The Board asked M. Roy to contact the NH Department of Transportation about the electricity cost of streetlights and signal lights on Woodbury Avenue.

The Board would like to review the Mott Pond Dam project at their next meeting. M. Roy will forward engineer’s estimate to the Board.

**Adjournment: J. Stuart moved to adjourn at 8:54pm. R. Stern seconded the motion with all in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,

Martha S. Roy

Town Administrator