

Town of Newington, NH  
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes  
Monday, March 9, 2015 Town Hall 6:30pm

Chair Jan Stuart called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

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

**Non-Public Session:** R. Stern moved to enter non-public session under RSA 91 A:3 II (c) reputation. This was seconded by C. Iocovozzi. All were in favor on a roll call vote.

The Board returned to public session at 6:45pm.

**R. Stern moved to seal the non-public session minutes for two years.**  
**C. Iocovozzi seconded the motion and all were in favor on a roll call vote.**

The Board discussed Board and Committee positions and directed the Town Administrator to advertise all open positions.

**Minutes Approval:** C. Iocovozzi moved to approve the minutes of February 11, February 23 (non-public and public minutes). R. Stern seconded the motion and all were in favor.

**Manifest Approval:** C. Iocovozzi moved to approve the following manifests: Manifest for \$44,287.37 dated 2/24/15, \$167,110.95 dated 3/3/15 and \$83,146.13 dated 3/10/15. R. Stern seconded the motion with all in favor.

**General Linen Contract:** Consensus of the Board was to continue with General Linen for Town Hall rug supply at the newly negotiated lower rate for one year.

**Mitigation for Shattuck Way Extension & Wilcox Expansion:** The Board reviewed the memo from Town Planner Tom Morgan recommending that the Flynn pit property be used as mitigation of roughly 13 acres for expansion of the Wilcox facility and construction of the extension of Shattuck Way. C. Iocovozzi moved to approve the use of the Flynn Pit in this regard. This was seconded by R. Stern with all in favor.

**Great Bay Conservation Marathon:** The Board discussed the Marathon request and noted that there were two road races already that occurred in town during

the summer and fall. C. Iocovozzi moved to deny the application. This was seconded by R. Stern with all in favor.

**Snow Removal from Town Buildings-Letters of Thanks:** C. Iocovozzi directed M. Roy to draft a letter of thanks to all employees and volunteers for working to rake and remove snow from the Town building roofs during the emergency recently. Each of the Board members expressed their appreciation to all who participated. The Board noted that Selectman Rick Stern was not compensated and worked tirelessly during the snow raking and removal process.

C. Iocovozzi asked that the Town's insurance carrier be contacted about what employees are allowed to complete this work.

**Facility Use Requests:** C. Iocovozzi moved to approve the Recreation Committee use of the OTH and Grove for the annual Easter Egg Hunt on March 28, 2015 and further to authorize the Chair to schedule meetings as necessary with Eversource regarding the erection of 115kV transmission lines. This was seconded by R. Stern with all in favor.

**Clicker Request:** R. Stern moved to approve the clicker request of Dennis & Rebecca St. Germaine of 46 Carter's Lane. This was seconded by C. Iocovozzi with all in favor.

**Jacques- Letter of thanks:** The Board received a letter from Steve and Valerie Jacques of 47 Fox Point Road thanking the Town, and specifically the Fire Department, for shoveling snow off of their roof recently. The Board directed M. Roy to inquire with the Fire Chief about the criteria that is used to determine what residences should be shoveled. Inquiries have been made by residents if they can rely on the Fire Department to shovel off their roofs in future excessively snowy winters.

**Fire Department Vehicles Being Taken Home:** C. Iocovozzi reported that he recently attended a Fire Engineers meeting to express concern that the Fire Chief and Assistant Chief were taking the Fire Department command vehicle and the Forestry truck home on their off hours rather than leaving them at the station. He stated that the Engineers had agreed via contract that these two employees receive this benefit. This was a concern to C. Iocovozzi as response time to a fire or medical emergency would be at least one hour. The Board of Fire Engineers were going to provide copies of the employee contracts to C. Iocovozzi.

**Mott Pond Status:** M. Roy reported that final engineering work was being reviewed by Department of Environmental Services. The Board will notify all abutters of a meeting to review plans for the dam Fox Point road culvert replacement as soon as the final DES approval is received.

**New Business:**

**Pease Development Authority- Appointments:** J. Stuart moved to appoint Margaret Lamson to a 3 year term and Peter Loughlin, Esq. to a joint three year term with the City of Portsmouth. Discussion followed about attendance at PDA meetings would be encouraged if residents are interested in PDA Board positions in the future. **This was seconded by R. Stern and all were in favor.**

**Auditors:** R. Stern moved to place the Town auditing work out to RFP for the 2015 year. C. Iocovozzi seconded the motion with all in favor.

**2015 Highway budget:** The Board determined that even with the harsh winter and excessive Highway Plowing wages spent they were not going to propose an increase to the Highway salaries line at Town Meeting.

**Lighting for Town Sign at Fire Department:** The Board discussed the need to have a solar powered light on the Town sign at the Fire Department. This would insure residents could see upcoming events being announced. J. Stuart discussed the need for this concept to be approved by the Police Chief and the Planning Board.

**Adjournment:** C. Iocovozzi moved to adjourn at 7:34pm. R. Stern seconded the motion with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha S. Roy  
Town Administrator