**Town of Newington, NH**

**Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, March 21, 2016 Town Hall**

Cosmas Iocovozzi called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Present: Interim Chair Cosmas Iocovozzi; Jan Stuart, Selectman, Mike Marconi, Selectman and Town Administrator Martha Roy

**M. Marconi nominated C. Iocovozzi as Chair of the Board of Selectmen. J. Stuart seconded the motion with all in favor.**

**M. Marconi moved to enter into nonpublic session at 6:05pm per RSA 91-A:3**

**II (a). J. Stuart seconded the motion with all in favor on a roll call vote.**

**The Board returned from the nonpublic session at 6:30pm.**

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

**Minutes Approval: J. Stuart moved to approve the minutes of March 7th, 2016 with the correction. C. Iocovozzi seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0-1. M. Marconi abstained.**

**Manifest Approval:** **C. Iocovozzi moved to approve the manifests dated 3/8/16 in the amount of $26,572.45 and 3/15/16 in the amount of $18,583.28.**

**M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.**

**Selectmen’s Representatives-Committees/Boards:**

The consensus of the Board for representatives to the various Boards and

 Committees was as follows:

Budget Committee-All 3 Selectmen will attend these meetings dependent on

 which budget is being reviewed.

Cemetery-C. Iocovozzi

Safety Committee-M. Marconi

Planning Board-C. Iocovozzi

Emergency Management -M. Marconi

Historic District Commission- open (if something applicable a Selectman will

 attend)

**Dog Nuisance Ordinance: J. Stuart moved to approve a temporary ordinance to not allow dogs on the following town properties: Old Town Hall, Grove Picnic Area and playgrounds. Further dogs shall be leashed on all town public rights of way. Fines as recommended by the Police Chief are $100 per violation. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.** This temporary ordinance will be in effect until the 2017 Town Meeting. The Board also authorized the purchase of “No Dogs Allowed- Service Dogs Are Welcome” signs.

**Weight Limits Ordinance:** **J. Stuart moved to approve local deliveries per RSA 231:191 for Mr. Armitage of 178 Fox Point Road. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.**

**J. Stuart moved to have the Building Inspector send a letter of requirements to Mr. Khalsa regarding the driveway for his lot at 17 Old Post Road. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.**

**M. Marconi moved to approve the Local Road Weight Limits Ordinance as recommended by the Police Chief, contingent on Section C.1. added language of allowing viable Town businesses to receive freight and the Road Agent’s approval. This is in effect until the 2017 Town Meeting election. J. Stuart seconded the motion with all in favor.**

The Board agreed to develop a newsletter of the latest developments in town.

**Facility Usage Requests:**

**M. Marconi moved to approve the following Facility Usage request:**

**John Lamson/UNH Marine Docents, Monthly Meetings, First Tuesday of each month, OTH**

**J. Stuart seconded the motion for a one year time frame, contingent upon the receipt of checks for rental and security deposit as well as insurance coverage.**

**All were in favor.**

**New Business:**

**Eversource Tree Cutting-Status:** J. Stuart explained that the first phase of trimming would be the dead branches and trees around the electrical poles. She requested to tour the town roads with the arborist prior to the second phase of tree cutting taking place.

**Hydrant Rental Payment:** It was a consensus of the Board to approve the 2015payment of $13,500 from the hydrant rental budget. This was a large increase from the $8,700 billed in 2014.

**Coleman Drive:** The Board discussed the hazardous ditch on Coleman Drive and possible solutions to warn drivers about it. M. Marconi suggested that the Highway Department to place markers next to the ditch. A written notice will be sent to a concerned resident stating what the Board had determined should be completed.

**Mosquito Spraying:** M. Roy showed the Mosquito Spraying RFP to the Board.

**Stoneface Brewery Liquor License Review:** The Board requested that M. Roy call the Liquor Commission to have a new request sent to Newington.

**Volunteer Openings:** M. Roy stated that the Volunteer Openings Announcement is on the website and will be placed on the Town Sign on Tuesday.

**Emergency Management Appointment Request: J. Stuart moved to appoint Police Chief Jon Tretter and Fire Chief Andy Head as Co-Directors of the Office of Emergency Management. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.**

**Speed Limits:** M. Marconi explained that residents are concerned with thespeed limits in town and the commuting traffic. They requested that it be dropped to 30 mph. J. Stuart discussed that the Selectmen have asked for enforcement of the current speed limits rather than reducing the speed limit.

**Fox Point:** J. Stuart notified the Selectmen that clammers and out of state vehicles are out at the Point. M. Roy will draft a letter, for Board signature, asking for more enforcement on Fox Point.

**Eversource:** D. Hebert discussed the Town’s continued position with the Board. The Board confirmed they were still in agreement.

**Adjournment:** **M. Marconi moved to adjourn at 8:38pm. J. Stuart seconded the motion with all in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,

Martha S. Roy

Town Administrator