Town of Newington, NH

Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 7, 2016 Town Hall

Chair Rick Stern called the meeting to order at 6:31pm.

Present: Rick Stern, Chair, Board of Selectmen; Jan Stuart, Selectman; Cos Iocovozzi, Selectman; Len Thomas, Road Agent; John Frink,

Dev Atma Khalsa, Tim Noonan, Molly Chartier and Martha Roy, Town Administrator

**Minutes Approval: J. Stuart moved to approve the minutes of February 17, 2016. C. Iocovozzi seconded the motion with all in favor.**

**Manifest Approval:** **C. Iocovozzi moved to approve the manifests dated 2/23/16 in the amount of $49,284.60 and 3/1/16 in the amount of $235,301.65. J. Stuart seconded the motion with all in favor.**

**Gate Clicker Requests:**

**J. Stuart moved to approve the following Gate Clicker requests:**

**Paul Spinney-245 Fox Point Road**

**Mike Marconi-19 Coleman Drive**

**C. Iocovozzi seconded the motion with all in favor.**

**Legal Representation-DOT Agreement-Woodbury Ave:** The Board of Selectmen tabled this agenda item.

**Wilcox Way Paving:** **C. Iocovozzi moved to approve the not to exceed amount of $75,000 for paving of Wilcox Way. R. Stern seconded the motion with all in favor.**

**Eversource Tree Cutting:** J. Stuart explained that she was concerned with Eversource’s tree cutting request. Jan notified all present about the public hearing on the tree cutting that will take place at the Planning Board meeting on Monday, March 14th at 6:30pm. J Stuart stated that she is only in favor of selective/essential tree or branch cutting being completed.

**Frost Heaves-Weight Limits:** R. Stern verified that there is a road frost ban in effect. J. Frink requested that the logs from D. Kahlsa’s property, which were placed on Eva Reed’s (his sister) property, be removed. D. Khalsa stated that he would look into this. He requested an exception to the current frost ban weight limits so that he can have fill from the Highway brought to his property. This is anticipated to be approximately 125 loads. R. Stern explained that it is not fair to taxpayers if the road is damaged due to heavy trucks traveling on them at this time of year. T. Noonan verified that the dirt is state approved clean dirt. The Board explained that this extensive use of the road cannot be allowed.

**Personnel Policy-Legal Review:** **C. Iocovozzi moved to approve the personnel policies review and updates, not to exceed $2,500. J. Stuart seconded the motion with all in favor.**

**Essential Power/Nautilus Generation:** **C. Iocovozzi moved to approve the letter of support to be signed by the Selectmen. J. Stuart seconded the motion with all in favor.**

**Special Event Permit: J. Stuart moved to deny Shogun’s Special Event request contingent on legal counsel agreement with the Planner’s opinion. R. Stern seconded the motion will all in favor.**

**Sunset Road Race-Beer Sampling:** School Supporters President M. Chartier asked if the School Supporters Sunset Road Race could have a beer sampling area after the race. J. Stuart was concerned about the liability of consumption of alcohol on Town property. The Board noted that they were in full support of the School Supporters Sunset Road Race and had denied other road races in the last year. **C. Iocovozzi moved to deny beer sampling at the Sunset Road Race on Town property. J. Stuart seconded the motion with all in favor.**

**Comcast Status:** The Board of Selectmen requested a draft of the renewal agreement from Comcast.

**Woodbury Ave Traffic Signal Coordination & Maintenance:** R. Stern explained that at a recent meeting with the State it was agreed that the State would install a traffic signal control box on Gosling Road. Newington will control the box. The Board of Selectmen consensus was to have another vendor, instead of the City of Portsmouth maintain the controller.

**Gosling Road Corridor Review:** The consensus of the Selectmen was to not construct any sidewalks on Newington’s side of Gosling Road as this would be a liability concern. R. Stern recommended that the Board review the map.

**Coast Bus Route Status:** J. Stuart discussed concerns with Coast Bus cutting a route from Rochester through Newington to Pease. J. Stuart asked if Portsmouth is contributing to Coast. M. Roy will find out the answer.

**Mott Pond Culvert Replacement Bid Opening:** The Board of Selectmen announced the bids for the Mott Pond Culvert Replacement. **J. Stuart made a** **motion to award the Mott Pond Culvert Replacement project to North Hampton** **Excavating, LLC at a total cost of $123,901. C. Iocovozzi seconded to tentatively approve this contingent on engineer verification that there will not be a requirement to move the Portsmouth water main.**

**Fire Department Door Repair:** It was a consensus of the Board to continue the discussion about work on the Fire Station until after Town Meeting.

**J. Stuart moved to donate $100 to Friends Forever in honor of Mayor Eileen Foley of Portsmouth. C. Iocovozzi seconded the motion with all in favor.**

**25 Piscataqua Easement Deed: C. Iocovozzi moved to authorize the Chair to sign the easement deed to 25 Piscataqua LLC (Wilcox) as previously approved by Town Meeting (2015). J. Stuart seconded the motion with all in favor.**

The Board discussed enacting a leash law in town. It will be discussed further at a later meeting.

**Adjournment:** **J. Stuart moved to adjourn at 8:35pm. R. Stern seconded the motion with all in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,

Martha S. Roy

Town Administrator