Town of Newington, NH

Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 7, 2015 Town Hall

Chair Rick Stern called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Present: Rick Stern, Chair, Board of Selectmen; Cosmas Iocovozzi, Selectman; Jan Stuart, Selectman. Fire Engineers- Darin Sabine, Chair, Ruth Fletcher and James Fabrizio, Police Commissioner Steve Prefontaine, Police Chief Jon Tretter, Historic District Commission member Paul Pelletier, Andy Head, Fire Chief, Recreation Committee members Brian Haberstroh and Keith Frizzell, Newington School Principle Peter Latchaw, Planning Board Chair Denis Hebert and Town Administrator Martha Roy

**C. Iocovozzi moved to go into a nonpublic session at 6:01pm per RSA 91-A:3**

**(a & e). J. Stuart seconded the motion and all were in favor on a roll call vote.**

**The Board returned from the nonpublic session at 6:33pm.**

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

**Minutes Approval: J. Stuart moved to approve the minutes of November 16th, 2015. C. Iocovozzi seconded the motion with all in favor.**

**Manifest Approval:** **J. Stuart moved to approve the manifests dated 11/17/15 in the amount of $69,755.55, 11/24/2015 in the amount of $60,144.90 and 12/1/15 in the amount of $268,662.14. C. Iocovozzi seconded the motion with all in favor.**

**Fire Department Budget Review:** Chief Head would like to increase the call fire employee hours and have 4 people on 10 hours per day, six days per week. His eventual goal is to have 4 people covering the department at all times. The overtime and dental lines were discussed as well. **C. Iocovozzi moved to approve the Fire Department budget. J. Stuart seconded the motion with all in favor.**

**Fire Department -Replacement and/or Repair of Vehicles Operated by the Fire Department -Warrant Article $50,000:**  Coastal Truck found that Engine 3’s frame rail was separating and would cost between 35 and 45 thousand dollars to fix. He reported that there is a pump issue as well. A. Head told the Board that they had found a used fire truck for $65,000. C. Iocovozzi urged the Fire Engineers to look further and not explore purchasing the used truck.

The Chief explained that the Utility truck engine has failed and is irreparable. The Selectmen advised to put the plow on the Forestry truck.

**Communications Warrant Article $50,000.:** Chief Head discussed the need to replace the current Keltron fire alarm system which supports business and industry in town. He asked for a new hard wired system. The Board will discuss the idea of 3rd party monitoring versus a hard wired system at their next meeting. R. Stern would like to see more than one quote.

The Selectmen requested that another budget meeting be held once further research has been completed.

The Chief reviewed the other three warrant articles with the Board. A $20,000 warrant article was proposed to add to the **Replacement of the Town Ambulance and any Major Medical Equipment.** A $12,000 warrant article was proposed to **fund paramedic training** for certain Fire Dept. employees.

A $46,000 warrant article was proposed to fund the **purchase of a new fire boat.** The Selectmen requested that this be withdrawn in favor of applying for a fire boat grant through the State in 2016.

**Fire Department Over Expenditures:** **C. Iocovozzi moved to approve the Fire Department over expenditures of the following lines: Telephone, Fica/Medicare, Dues/Subscriptions and Training Programs. J. Stuart seconded the motion with all in favor.**

**Fire Department Santa Ride:** The ride will be Sunday December 20th from 4 to 7pm.

**Police Department Budget Review:** C. Iocovozzi asked why the equipment contract line increased from $5,600 to $8,025. The Chief explained that the Police software rates went up. R. Stern will review the Portsmouth Computer Group’s quoted monthly rates and cloud protection with the Chief.

Discussion ensued regarding the proposed increase to the standard longevity policy and the 2016 longevity line. The Selectmen notified the Police Commissioner and Chief that while the Police Commission is in charge of compensation, benefits such as longevity fall under the auspices of the Board of Selectmen.

**Police Department Over Expenditures:** **C. Iocovozzi moved to approve the Police over expenditure of the Equipment Purchase line for a cruiser camera expense. J. Stuart seconded the motion with all in favor.**

**Historic District Commission Budget Review:** The Board discussed the proposed budget with P. Pelletier. **J. Stuart moved to approve the HDC budget of $14,300. C. Iocovozzi seconded the motion with all in favor.**

**School Ice Rink:** P. Latchaw, K. Frizzell and B. Haberstroh explained the plan to build an ice skating rink between the tennis court and the playground. The tennis parking lot would be plowed after every snow storm and a path shoveled from the parking lot to the rink. There will be lights on temporary poles installed. Similar rules to tennis court lighting (close at 10pm) will apply.

**C. Iocovozzi made a motion to approve the ice skating rink as outlined in the memo of 12-2-15. J. Stuart seconded the motion with all in favor.**

**Planning Board Budget Review:** The Board discussed the Planning Board budget with D. Hebert. J. Stuart is not in favor of contributing money for COAST. **C. Iocovozzi moved to approve the Planning Board budget of $221,207. R. Stern seconded the motion with a vote of 2-1 (J. Stuart in the negative). The vote passed.**

Denis Hebert gave an Eversource update. This will be discussed in further detail in the near future.

**Highway Department Budget Review:** The Board of Selectmen agreed to pay CDL drivers $20 an hour to plow this winter. This will keep the rate competitive with the market. The Board reviewed the roads to be reclaimed in 2016. They agreed to add $50,000 to the capital reserve fund for **major roads** in the budget. **R. Stern moved to approve the Highway Department budget of 410,840. C. Iocovozzi seconded the motion with all in favor.**

**Facility Usage Requests:**

**C. Iocovozzi moved to approve the following Facility Usage request:**

**Paula Akerley, Wedding & Reception, 5/29/15, Fox Point, 10-9pm**

**Portsmouth Yacht Club-Board, Christmas Party, OTH, 12/10/15, 5-9pm**

**Newington Town Church, Church Suppers, TH, 3/1, 4/16, 5/14, 9/24 & 10/22/16**

**Jessica Morgan, Christmas Party, OTH, 12/15/15, 4 to 9 pm**

**J. Stuart seconded the motion with all in favor.**

**The Board decided to table the Newington School Supporters Road Race request as it was too early to consider. They should put forth the request in six months’ time.**

**Old Business:**

**J. Stuart moved to approve IDs for Town Employees. C. Iocovozzi seconded the motion with all in favor.**

Solar Panels Door to door sales: The Board requested M. Roy to develop a Hawkers & Peddlers ordinance for the Board’s consideration at a future meeting. All must register with the Police Department when they are in Newington.

**New Business:**

**Highway Truck Repair:** **C. Iocovozzi moved to transfer the cost of the truck repair ($4,495.06) from the Highway Vehicle Maintenance expense line to the Highway Replacement and/or Major Repairs of Vehicles and equipment operated by the Highway Department Capital Reserve Fund. J. Stuart seconded the motion with all in favor.**

**Conservation Commission Warrant Article: J. Stuart moved to approve the** **Conservation Commission 2016 warrant article for $15,000**. **C. Iocovozzi seconded the motion with all in favor.**

**Buildings & Grounds 2015 Projects Review:** The Selectmen decided to table this item until the next BOS meeting**.**

**J. Stuart moved to go into a nonpublic session at 9:16 pm per RSA-A:3 (a & e). C. Iocovozzi seconded the motion and all were in favor on a roll call vote.**

**The Board returned from the non-public session at 9:32pm.**

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

**Adjournment:** **C. Iocovozzi moved to adjourn at 9:37pm. J. Stuart seconded the motion and all were in favor.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Martha S. Roy**

**Town Administrator**