

Town of Newington, NH
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 17, 2016 Town Hall

Chair Rick Stern called the meeting to order at 6:14pm.

Present: Rick Stern, Chair, Board of Selectmen; Jan Stuart, Selectman; Ruth Fletcher, Town Moderator; James Teetzel, Wilcox Industries; John Bernier, Bernier Corporation; Peter Landry, Landry Surveying and Town Administrator Martha Roy

J. Stuart moved to enter into non-public session at 6:15pm per RSA 91-A:3 II (c). R. Stern seconded the motion and all were in favor on a roll call vote.

The Board returned from the nonpublic session at 6:41pm.

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

Comcast Public Hearing: R. Stern opened the public hearing regarding Comcast. He asked if there were any comments from the public with regard to their Comcast service or other issues regarding the franchise agreement. There were positive comments from Board members about Comcast and their service. R. Stern stated he would keep the public hearing open for one hour.

Minutes Approval: J. Stuart moved to approve the amended minutes of January 13th, 2016, (adding vote approving additional Highway budget funding), the minutes of 1/26/16 and 2/1/2016. R. Stern seconded the motion with all in favor.

Manifest Approval: J. Stuart moved to approve the manifests dated 2/2/16 in the amount of \$197,438.61, 2/9/2016 in the amount of \$67,770.90 and 2/16/16 in the amount of \$21,747.36. R. Stern seconded the motion with all in favor.

Corcoran Appraisal Contract Review: J. Stuart moved to renew the Corcoran contract in the amount of \$78,500. R. Stern seconded the motion with all in favor.

Wilcox Way Discussion: J. Teetzel stated that Wilcox Industries had spent over \$350,000 on the Wilcox Way design work, moving electrical poles, engineering, moving water lines, survey work and soil studies. It has come to light that the State Department of Environmental Services (DES) is requiring that a mitigation fee of \$150,000 be assessed as the new road and part of the building addition will

be constructed in wetlands. He presented plans of Wilcox Way. Total cost will be in the range of \$581,000 for road building and \$150,000 DES mitigation.

The Board discussed assisting in development of the road and paving a portion of Wilcox Way. This will be placed on a future agenda.

J. Teetzel reviewed the long term plan of Wilcox Industries at this location.

Facility Usage Requests:

J. Stuart moved to approve the following facility usage request contingent upon insurance modifications:

Cheryl Spinney, Going Away Party, 4/2/16, OTH, 9-5

R. Stern seconded the motion with all in favor.

J. Stuart moved to approve the following facility usage requests:

Brenda Blonigen, Road Race, 7/24/16, OTH & Grove, 6-10am

Anne & Joseph Graciano, Wedding, 8/20/16, Fox Point, 9-8

Newington Recreation, Egg Hunt, 3/19/16, OTH & Grove, 9-5

R. Stern seconded the motion with all in favor.

R. Stern moved to approve the following facility usage request contingent upon a \$50 facility fee with no second floor access:

Katie Mueller, On Belay Fundraiser, 6/12/16, OTH & Grove, 8-6

J. Stuart seconded the motion with all in favor.

Old Business:

HealthTrust Resolution: J. Stuart moved to approve the updated HealthTrust Application and Membership Agreement, COBRA Administrative Services Agreement and Retiree Billing Administrative Services Agreement and further to authorize the Chair to sign. R. Stern seconded the motion with all in favor.

New Business:

Walmart Abatement Request: J. Stuart moved to approve the Walmart abatement. R. Stern seconded the motion with all in favor.

Game Permit Request: J. Stuart moved to approve CEC Entertainment (Chuck E. Cheese) game permit. R. Stern seconded the motion with all in favor.

R. Stern closed the Comcast public hearing at 8:23pm.

Adjournment: J. Stuart moved to adjourn at 8:24pm. R. Stern seconded the motion with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

**Martha S. Roy
Town Administrator**