

Town of Newington, NH
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 6, 2017 Town Hall

Chair Cosmas Iocovozzi called the meeting to order at 6:31pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Chair Cosmas Iocovozzi, Selectman Jan Stuart, Selectman Mike Marconi, Craig Daigle, Rick Stern and Martha Roy, Town Administrator.

The Board of Selectmen celebrated the over 20 years of service Cosmas Iocovozzi has given the Town serving on the Zoning Board, Cemetery Board of Trustees and as a Selectman.

Minutes Approval: M. Marconi moved to approve the minutes of February 20th, 2017. J. Stuart seconded the motion with all in favor.

Manifest Approval: J. Stuart moved to approve the manifests of 2/21/17 in the amount of \$33,518.30 and 2/28/17 in the amount of \$192,612.41. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

Facility Use Requests:

M. Marconi moved to approve the following Facility Use request:

Bonnie Welch-OTH-April 1st- Rockingham Democratic Party Meeting

J. Stuart seconded the motion with all in favor.

J. Stuart moved to approve the following Facility use request:

Recreation Committee-Egg Hunt-OTH-April 8th (Rain Date April 9th)

M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

Appointments: All appointments are tabled until the March 20th, 2017 Selectmen's meeting.

Spring Weight Limits: The consensus of the Board was to authorize the Road Agent to set the Road weight limit restriction date with the condition that a minimum of one week's notice shall be given to local businesses.

Moderator for Town Meeting: The moderator has appointed Cosmas Iocovozzi to serve as Moderator Pro tempore at the March 18th deliberative session of Town Meeting due to her recent injury and upcoming surgery.

The Board discussed the Gosling Road turnoff and asked that the Road Agent have “no parking” signs and stone placed by the Toys R Us/Cumberland Farms turn off.

Meeting with City of Portsmouth about Gosling Road Maintenance:

C. Iocovozzi reminded the Board that the City of Portsmouth Public Works Department has plowed and salted Gosling Road for over a decade. They are requesting that the Town enter into an agreement with them about this maintenance and Attorney Peter Loughlin will be attending this meeting with C. Iocovozzi. They may also discuss the potential of Portsmouth maintaining Woodbury Avenue in the future. This is an information gathering meeting. No commitments on behalf of Newington will be made until the new Board of Selectmen can review the offers made by the City.

Stoneface Liquor License Letter: The Board agreed to forward a letter to the NH Liquor Commission explaining that Stoneface Brewery has received all appropriate planning and zoning approvals.

Gosling Road Traffic Signal Repair: J. Stuart moved to approve the Gosling traffic signal work invoice, \$2,520, from The Electric Light Company adding \$330 for the pedestrian crosswalk signal work. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

Woodbury Ave. Traffic Signals: The Board of Selectmen discussed getting a quote from The Electric Light Company to maintain the Woodbury Avenue traffic signal lights. The lights and controllers will need to be on Newington’s electric bill when the road is accepted.

Fire Grant Paperwork: The Town of Newington’s Board of Selectmen, in a majority vote, accepted the terms of the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) as presented in the amount of \$12,410.00 to develop a Waterfront Emergency Response Plan. Furthermore, the Board acknowledges that the total cost of this project will be \$24,820.00. in which the Town will be responsible for a 50% match (\$12,410.00). All were in favor.

Mr. Paul Brogan of Sea 3 has confirmed that they will fund the Town’s portion of the match. The Board requested M. Roy confirm that there are “no strings attached” and what line the grant funds would be expended out of.

C. Daigle discussed some minor traffic issues that occur from time to time at the Transfer Station. When residents stop their vehicles in the middle of the loop others have to wait and can’t traverse to other areas of leave the Station. Craig plans to place further signage up and will be completing further line painting.

He has acquired a new vendor for the recycling of TVs, printers, etc. He expects to save \$700-800 per load removed. Residents are placing items in the wrong bins. M. Marconi asked M. Roy to include in the next newsletter, something about encouraging people to ask where the various items should be placed at the Transfer Station.

The Selectmen approved the removal of a street light by the Great Buffet on Piscataqua Drive.

The Board toured the Auditorium and discussed options for repair.

C. Iocovozzi stated that it has been a pleasure to serve the Town over the years.

Adjournment: M. Marconi moved to adjourn at 7:55pm. C. Iocovozzi seconded the motion with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha S. Roy
Town Administrator