

Town of Newington, NH
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 17, 2017 Town Hall

Chair Cosmas Iocovozzi called the meeting to order at 5:33pm.

The Selectmen met with the Conservation Commission, Peggy Lamson (via Conference call) and Atty. John Ratigan regarding the Pease Development Authority (PDA), 28 acre clear cutting plan.

Jim Weiner reviewed Pease's plans for clear cutting 27 acres. He stated that several representatives of the Pease Development Authority came to the January 12th, 2017 Conservation Commission meeting and told the Commission that there was nothing they would agree to because Pease is just cutting trees on their own land.

The Selectmen and Commission entered into a non-meeting at 5:43PM to consult with legal counsel.

The Selectmen returned from the non-meeting at 6:28PM. The Conservation Commission agreed to follow Attorney Peter Loughlin and Attorney John Ratigan's recommendations about the tree cutting and replanting at Pease.

The Selectmen reconvened their regular meeting.

Present: Chair Cosmas Iocovozzi, Selectman Jan Stuart, Selectman Mike Marconi, Fire Engineers; Darin Sabine, Ruth Fletcher and Jim Fabrizio, Planning Board Member Chris Cross, Fire Chief Andy Head, Deputy Fire Chief Jeff LeDuc, HDC Chair; Gail Pare and Martha Roy, Town Administrator.

Minutes Approval: M. Marconi moved to approve the amended minutes of November 21st (to detail Town Buildings budget approval) and the minutes of January 3, 2017. J. Stuart seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Gail Pare, CLG Grant Application Request: G. Pare stated that the current CLG Grant is for archeological research between Goat Island and Durham It is \$9,238. J. Stuart moved to accept the CLG Grant and authorize the Chair to sign the Grant contract. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

The 2018 CLG Grant is for updating the mapping project. The study is on a small area up from area farms. **M. Marconi moved to authorize G. Pare to apply for the 2018 CLG grant and authorize a Selectman to sign the application. J. Stuart seconded the motion with all in favor.**

Facility Use Requests:

J. Stuart moved to approve the following Facility Use requests:

HDC-TH/ deRochemont Room-2/2/17-9am

Department of Labor-Wage and Hour Workshop-TH-5/23/17-9am-12pm

M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

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

Coastal Conservation Association (David Mueller)-TH-March 11th-Auction

J. Stuart seconded the motion with all in favor.

Corcoran Consulting Contract: This item was tabled until a later meeting.

Sansoucy Consulting Contract: This item was tabled until a later meeting.

Warrant Article Review:

J. Stuart moved to approve the Major Road Work Fund Warrant Article for \$50,000. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

M. Marconi moved to approve the Replacement and/or Major Repairs of Vehicles and Equipment operated by the Highway Department Warrant Article for \$50,000. J. Stuart seconded the motion with all in favor.

Fire Vehicles Warrant Article: Andy Head discussed the cost to replace an engine is \$600,000. Darin Sabine said that the Fire Department will need a new pumper truck in 5 or 6 years. **M. Marconi moved to approve the Replacement and/or Repair of Vehicles Operated by the Fire Department Warrant for \$50,000. J. Stuart seconded the motion with all in favor.**

J. Stuart moved to approve the Municipal Building Emergency Repairs Warrant article for \$30,000. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

M. Marconi moved to approve the Replacement of the Town Ambulance and any Major Medical Equipment Warrant Article for \$10,000. J. Stuart seconded the motion with all in favor.

M. Marconi moved to approve the Police Department Radio/Electronics Fund Warrant Article for \$10,000. J. Stuart seconded the motion with all in favor.

M. Marconi moved to approve the Town Generator Capital Reserve Fund Warrant Article for \$10,000. J. Stuart seconded the motion with all in favor.

M. Marconi moved to approve the Town Recreational Facilities and Equipment Warrant Article for \$5,000. J. Stuart amended the motion from \$5,000 to \$2,500. M. Marconi withdrew his motion and seconded J. Stuart's motion. The vote was all in favor.

It was consensus of the Board of Selectmen to take no action on the Health Plan Deductible Supplement Fund warrant article. There are sufficient funds in the fund at this time.

M. Marconi moved to approve a Warrant Article to create one additional Full Time Fire Fighter Position for \$62,000. J. Stuart seconded the motion with all in favor. J. Stuart asked if we were saving money by doing this. Andy Head said this will help better staff the Fire Department for emergencies. Chief Head explained that it is a safety issue. They currently can't meet the guidelines of OSHA, 2 in and 2 out rule after 6pm. A. Head stated that the Fire Department has 9 full time firefighters (7 + 2 chiefs) and 17 call firefighters.

M. Marconi moved to approve the Fire Department Communications warrant for \$35,000. J. Stuart seconded the motion with all in favor.

Extensive discussion was held regarding the addition of a Fire Inspector position; the long term costs, more growth in staff at the department. The Chief and Assistant Chief are splitting the duties currently. They cannot do annual inspections of the businesses due to time constraints. **J. Stuart moved to oppose the Fire Department warrant article to add a Fire Inspector to the department. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all opposed.**

M. Marconi moved to approve the Fire Department SCBA Fund warrant article for \$10,000. J. Stuart seconded the motion with all in favor. Chief Head will give the Selectmen a report of the cost estimates and lease costs.

M. Roy will draft a Fox Point preservation warrant article.

Andy Head stated that he will have a fire boat grant application coming up for a vote.

Residential Flood Insurance/Flood Plain Mapping Update: M. Roy will give the Board a report from Jerry Coogan, Town Planner about residential flood insurance and ways we can help residents.

Exit 4-South Bound-Safety Issue: Discussion ensued about the Exit 4 problems; M. Marconi stated that lighting is bad, the median should be removed and better signage is also needed. After more discussion it was decided that no action will be taken at this time.

Health Insurance HRA Plan Document Approval: M. Marconi moved to approve consent action of plan adoption for the Lumenos health plan and authorize the Chair to sign. J. Stuart seconded the motion with all in favor.

Adjournment: M. Marconi moved to adjourn at 8:16pm. J. Stuart seconded the motion with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha S. Roy
Town Administrator