

Town of Newington, NH
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 3, 2017 Town Hall

Chair Cosmas Iocovozzi called the meeting to order at 6:33pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 and Martha Roy, Town Administrator.

Minutes Approval: M. Marconi moved to approve the minutes of November 21st, November 30th, December 9th, December 15th and December 28th. J. Stuart seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Manifest Approval: J. Stuart moved to approve the manifests of 11/29/16 in the amount of \$186,938.02, 12/6/16 in the amount of \$443,600.16, 12/13/16 in the amount of \$1,294,880.21, 12/20/16 in the amount of \$86,580.07 and 12/27/16 in the amount of \$360,060.03. M. Marconi seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Fire Department Budget Review: Chief Head stated that the 2017 budget has an overall increase of 5.1%. The department proposes a 35 hour per week, Fire Prevention Officer position. This has been added to the budget. Health Insurance has decreased with the change to the BC/BC Access Blue HMO plan. C. Iocovozzi inquired about the new Fire Prevention Officer position. A. Head explained that their goal is to inspect/ review every business/ building once per year and there is not enough time to do this currently.

Chief Head stated that the Fire Department has changed the way they charge for inspections. A fee based scale is used currently. This only affects commercial buildings, not residential. They expect to be able to bring in revenue sufficient to pay for the Fire Prevention Officer position. J. Stuart inquired if the new position would require specific training. Chief Head stated that it would require Fire Inspection certification. C. Iocovozzi thought that the change of fees should be brought up at Town Meeting. He believed a public hearing is needed to change fees. C. Iocovozzi stated that the Board should carefully review this new position; if construction declines then the revenues will not support it. He recommended that this be a separate warrant article to let the Town Meeting decide. M. Marconi stated that historically the Town has voted at Town Meeting for new positions. D. Sabine stated that the Fire Engineers would agree to file a separate warrant article for the new position. J. Stuart stated that the Fire

Department budget would be increasing just slightly if the new position is removed. A. Head said the budget would be up 2% if this were the case. D. Sabine stated that the SCBA Air packs are a concern currently. C. Iocovozzi supported adding \$5,000 to the SCBA Capital Reserve warrant article. Chief Head explained that the department will be putting forth a warrant article for two new fire fighter positions besides the Fire Prevention Officer position.

Chief Head stated that the heart monitor needs to be replaced. It will cost between \$35-\$38,000. The Chief explained that he schedules 2 Firefighters to work on weekends. They are running out of part time employees. C. Iocovozzi asked if they could you use the Fire Prevention Officer as a Fire Fighter? Chief Head said for emergencies, yes.

C. Iocovozzi stated that this year a Fire Prevention Officer should also be a Firefighter/EMT. He discussed the importance of having firefighters that can fulfill multiple roles. D. Sabine said that the Fire Engineers will meet tomorrow about this.

J. Stuart moved to approve the Fire Department budget of \$1,562,628. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor. This amount does not include the new Fire Prevention Officer position.

Airforce Egress Avery Lane/Patterson Lane: C. Iocovozzi discussed the Airforce proposal to temporarily use Patterson Lane for an temporary egress route to remove demolition materials from their land. He has talked to Denis Hebert who stated that he doesn't want the Airforce to use Patterson Lane for egress once the property is sold, except for emergencies. C. Iocovozzi stated that the site review process could put stipulations on the road. C. Cross explained that the Air Force had an agreement to use Avery Lane and they had lost it. The Board discussed temporary access through Patterson Lane. They will hold a public hearing with the abutters in the future.

Facility Use Requests:

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

Fire Department-Staff Meeting-OTH-1/10/17- 9am

Newington School Supporters-Road Race-OTH & Grove Picnic Area-9/9/17

Newington Church-Church Suppers-TH-3/25, 4/22, 5/20, 9/23 & 10/21/17

J. Stuart seconded the motion with all in favor.

Appointments:

M. Marconi moved to appoint Peter Welch to the position of Library Trustee Alternate. J. Stuart seconded the motion with all in favor.

M. Roy noted that Dens Hebert and Chris Cross are currently Rockingham Planning Commissioners (RPC). **J. Stuart moved to appoint Gerald Coogan as a Rockingham Planning Commission (RPC) Alternate. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.**

J. Stuart moved to appoint Christopher Cross as a member to the RPC, Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC). M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

J. Stuart moved to appoint Jerry Coogan to the position of RPC- TAC alternate. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

Girl Scout Cookie Sale: J. Stuart moved to approve the Girl Scout Cookie Sale at Walmart, Crossings at Fox Run, Fox Run Mall and Town Meeting with the stipulation that they can be at one entrance only. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

Town Hall Auditorium Floor-Brock's Flooring: M. Marconi reviewed the floor that Brock's Flooring installed. C. Iocovozzi stated that the State of NH requires a one year warranty on all work. He will contact Brocks about this. The Board is very concerned with the condition of the floor installed by Brocks Flooring.

Utility Pole & Conduit License Petitions: J. Stuart moved to hold the Public hearing on February 6, 2017. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor. J. Stuart thanked Sue Philbrick for bringing the petition forward.

Residential Waste Collection: M. Marconi moved to approve the Residential Waste Collection budget of \$84,590. J. Stuart seconded the motion with all in favor.

Conservation Commission Expenditure: The Board of Selectmen consensus was that the cost of the PDA 28 acre clear cutting expenses should be expended through the town legal budget and not charged to the Conservation Commission.

Police Department Over Expenditure Request: J. Stuart moved to approve the Police Department over expenditure request. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

M. Roy stated that Eversource has agreed to cut down many of the identified trees for safety purposes on Little Bay Road. The Highway crew will assist.

Chris Cross asked the Board of Selectmen about the long range goals regarding the bridges, culverts, rails and trails in Town. He will discuss these opinions/concerns at the next RPC TAC meeting.

Adjournment: J. Stuart moved to adjourn at 8:37pm. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha S. Roy
Town Administrator