

Town of Newington, NH  
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes  
Monday, November 21, 2016 Town Hall

Chair Cosmas Iocovozzi called the meeting to order at 6:30pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Present:** Chair Cosmas Iocovozzi, Selectman Jan Stuart, Selectman Mike Marconi; Building Inspector, John Stowell; HDC Chair Gail Pare; Lulu Pickering; Road Agent, Len Thomas, Eric Weinrieb, Altus Engineering; Rick Stern and Martha Roy, Town Administrator.

**Minutes Approval:** J. Stuart moved to approve the minutes of November 7th, 2016. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

**Manifest Approval:** C. Iocovozzi moved to approve the manifests of 11/8/16 in the amount of \$67,059.96, 11/15/16 in the amount of \$43,941.72 and 11/22/16 in the amount of \$14,757.85. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

**Little Bay Road Drainage Issue:** E. Weinrieb explained that Little Bay Road, by the Transfer Station, needs to be rerouted due to encroaching on the north side of the road. The shoulders are deteriorating, drainage needs to be corrected on the south side and residents cannot safely walk along the road. He discussed the problems with lowering the road. L. Pickering discussed the runoff from the cemetery and transfer station flowing downhill. She requested a third catch basin to collect water. She expressed concern about the maintenance of the new swales along Little Bay for the long term.

L. Pickering asked if the Arboretum culvert is too high. E. Weinrieb said he would research the issue. Drainage analysis will be completed along Little Bay by the Cemetery.

The wash out on the north side of Little Bay Road and the action the Town is taking to stabilize erosion were discussed.

M. Roy stated that \$190,000 is needed for the project to be completed.

L. Pickering discussed the need to cut 20 trees along Little Bay and her preference to leave stumps 6 feet high as a natural guard rail. J. Stuart will research tree removal.

It was the consensus of the Board that there should be a capital reserve warrant article in the amount of \$50,000 for Major Road Work.

**Highway Budget Review:** The Board authorized gang mowers to be purchased for the Kubota tractor rather than a new 72" mower. The Board further approved the funding of a 3 ton plow truck with all-wheel drive.

C. Iocovozzi recommended that the Highway Department review a 6 wheel, front wheel drive, truck. The Board of Selectmen approved the Highway Department Contract Services line of \$51,000. **M. Marconi moved to approve the 2017 Highway budget of \$453,520. J. Stuart seconded the motion with all in favor.**

**Code Enforcement Budget Review:** John Stowell reviewed the Code Enforcement budget with the Selectmen. **M. Marconi moved to approve the Code Enforcement budget of \$113,625. J. Stuart seconded the motion with all in favor.**

**Town Buildings Budget Review:** To prepare for the eventual replacement of the Town Hall roof the Board consensus was to put \$50,000 in the Town Buildings capital reserve fund. **M. Marconi moved to approve \$41,564 for the Town Buildings Administration budget and the following amounts for each building budget: Town Hall- \$38,500., Town Garage-\$15,240., Old Town Hall-\$28,400., Meeting House- \$13,600., Fire Station- \$23,500., Police Station-\$25,900., Stone School- \$2,350., Old Parsonage- \$5,820. J. Stuart seconded the motion with all in favor.**

**Facility Use Requests:** J. Stuart moved to approve the following requests:  
Fire Department-Children's Christmas Party-TH-12/18/16  
UNH Marine Docents-Christmas Party-TH-12/8/16  
**M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.**

**Game Permit:** C. Iocovozzi moved to approve the game permit for Buffalo Wild Wings. J. Stuart seconded the motion with all in favor.

**HDC Sign Request-North and South Side of Town-**The Board of Selectmen discussed the HDC signs and decided to table the subject until HDC sends a letter with details.

**Town Employee Benefits Review:** M. Roy reviewed the recommended health insurance plans for 2017. The Board consensus was to charge 20% for the BC/BS Blue Choice plan due to the large cost to the Town for the plan. Employees can enroll in the Access Blue plan at the 90%/10% premium cost share for employees hired after May 1, 2012. The Town will also offer the BC/BS Lumenos high

deductible plan with an no roll over-HRA with card. The Town would contribute \$1,000 for a single HRA plan, and \$2,000 for a two person and family plan. **J. Stuart moved to offer the health insurance plans as discussed for employees. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.**

**M. Marconi moved to approve the Northeast Delta Dental Plan #1. J. Stuart seconded the motion with all in favor.**

**WWTF Budget:** The budget needs to be revised to include the new plant insurance. **J. Stuart moved to approve the 2017 Sewer budget of \$869,744. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.**

**Adjournment:** **J. Stuart moved to adjourn at 9:17pm. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,

Martha S. Roy  
Town Administrator