

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

Chair Cosmas Iocovozzi called the meeting to order at 6:36pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Minutes Approval: M. Marconi moved to approve the minutes of January 17th, 25th and 31st, 2017. J. Stuart seconded the motion with all in favor.

Manifest Approval: **Manifest Approval:** J. Stuart moved to approve the manifests of 12/29/16 in the amount of \$15,000.00, 1/3/17 in the amount of \$161,808.13, 1/10/17 in the amount of \$143,385.15, 1/17/17 in the amount of \$48,437.29, 1/24/17 in the amount of \$46,301.39 and 1/31/17 in the amount of \$166,018.82. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

Public Hearing: C. Iocovozzi opened the Public Hearing to universally amend the pole and conduit licenses and other agreements to allow for the use of the Town's rights-of-way that the Board of Selectmen or its agent has issued for poles and conduits in the public rights-of-way and agreements for use of the rights-of-way by gas and water companies, to require payment of properly assessed property taxes and notify the Town of additional attachers on the poles and conduits, as required by the New Hampshire law. The Board received the Petitions on December 30, 2016 from Susan Philbrick, Town Treasurer. Copies were available.

M. Roy stated that the amendments proposed are in the public good because they would change the licenses and agreements to comply with the requirements of New Hampshire law by referencing the statutory scheme which authorizes the Town to tax entities with poles and conduits in the public right-of-way and others using the rights-of-way. Additionally, the amendments would require the license holders and those with such agreements to notify the Town of additional attachers on the poles and conduits and other users of the rights-of-way who have perhaps avoided taxation until now. Properly assessing property taxes against all entities using the public rights-of-way is required under the law and is in the public good. M. Roy provided the Board with other written materials supporting the petitions.

Game Permits: J. Stuart moved to approve the Game Permits for Tricorp Amusements and CEC Entertainment. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

Resignation: Cindy Gunn-HDC and Conservation Committee. It was the consensus of the Board to accept the resignations with regret.

Corcoran Consulting Contract: The Board requested a meeting with Wil Corcoran in March. C. Iocovozzi requested further bonding language be added to the assessing contract.

Sansousy Consulting Contract: The Board will table this item until speaking with Wil Corcoran.

Ondrea Hastings Request: The Board agreed to the Hastings exception request for their upcoming wedding.

Gate Repair Status: C. Iocovozzi will contact Granite State Gate about the gate replacement cost.

Rental Snow Plow/Sanders to offset snow removal equipment-at the Road Agent's discretion: J. Stuart suggested and the Board agreed to schedule a meeting with the road agent about private plowing help.

Auditorium Floor: The auditorium floor is in disrepair after Brocks Flooring retiled it. They will discuss this matter further at their next meeting.

Public Hearing: C. Cross requested that as the telephone poles are replaced they should be located 4-6 feet off of the road rather than further in on the properties. He also stated that it is too early to convert the street lights to LEDs. The Town should wait for further technological developments prior to moving forward. It would be cost prohibitive and the technology is not perfected.

Dennett Farm resident concerns:

The Board read the letter of the Dennett Farm residents. They were concerned about not being able to receive services such as trash removal and plowing on their street. The developer was made aware that until such time as the road received final coat and was approved by the Town, vehicles of the Town could not traverse it. C. Cross will research matter.

C. Iocovozzi closed the Public Hearing at 7:40pm.

J. Stuart moved to enter into a nonpublic, RSA 91-A:3 II (e), meeting at 7:42pm. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

The Board returned from the nonpublic meeting at 8:35pm. M. Marconi moved to seal the nonpublic minutes indefinitely. J. Stuart seconded the motion with all in favor on a roll call vote.

J. Stuart moved to grant the petitions to Amend Pole Licenses and the Agreements to use the public rights-of-way. M. Marconi seconded the motion with all in favor.

Adjournment: M. Marconi moved to adjourn at 8:39pm. J. Stuart seconded the motion with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha S. Roy
Town Administrator