

Town of Newington, NH
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 20, 2015 Town Hall 6:30pm

Chair Rick Stern called the meeting to order at 6:30pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Chair Rick Stern, Selectman Cosmas Iocovozzi and Selectman Jan Stuart were in attendance. Also present were Fire Engineer Ruth Fletcher, Cemetery Trustee/Pease Development Authority Rep. Peggy Lamson, Atty. Bernie Pelech, Melissa Prefontaine and Town Administrator Martha Roy.

Minutes Approval: J. Stuart moved to approve the minutes of April 6, 2015. C. Iocovozzi seconded the motion with all in favor.

Manifest Approval: C. Iocovozzi moved to approve the following manifests: Manifest for \$53,986.00 dated 4/7/15 and one for \$24,069.11 dated 4/14/15 J. Stuart seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Pease Development Authority Helicopter Meeting: P. Lamson informed the Board that there will be an Airport Committee meeting soon and Seacoast Helicopters will be in attendance. She invited the Selectmen to attend.

Beautification: P. Lamson discussed the history and location of the Pocket Gardens in town. She is the only volunteer left to work on the gardens. The request was made for one of the Highway Department crew to clean out the flower beds. The Board agreed, as this was a one-time per year job. Highway will also help with watering the gardens. J. Stuart discussed the option of having a family volunteer to take care of a specific pocket garden for the season. Attorney Pelech told everyone that his firm plants and takes care of a flower garden in Portsmouth. He stated it is a very successful program. P. Lamson discussed the need to add further plantings to the flowerbed at the Town Hall entrance. **J. Stuart moved to approve P. Lamson attaining prices for this project and further allow the Highway Department to continue with watering the Pocket gardens. C. Iocovozzi seconded the motion and all were in favor.**

Water Line Connection Discussion: The Board agreed to all meet with Portsmouth Water Department and discuss water line connections in the future..

Discussion with the Road Agent regarding 2015 road projects was postponed.

Community Advisory Board (Pease Blood Testing): J. Stuart moved to appoint John Stowell, Newington Health Officer, to the position of Community Advisory Board member. This was in regard to the Portsmouth Water- Hazen Well contamination concerns and release of this water to the general water system in 2014. C. Iocovozzi seconded the motion with all in favor.

Town Capital Asset Value determination: J. Stuart moved to define a town capital asset as having a value of \$10,000. C. Iocovozzi seconded the motion with all in favor.

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

Eversource, TH, April 23rd, 12-9

Ruth Fletcher, OTH, April 27-May 1,9-5

Great Bay Services, TH, June 27th, 12-9, Fancy Dance

C. Iocovozzi seconded the motion with all in favor.

Melissa Prefontaine told the Board that her research regarding transmission lines found health risks whether above or below ground. A brief discussion was held with the Board and she informed them that she planned to attend and speak at the informational hearing.

Appointments: J. Stuart moved to appoint the following residents to serve for a one-year term on the Recreation Committee: Bob Dell Isola, Tom Rossi, Martin Callahan, Brian Haberstroh, Myhanh Nguyen, Bill Blatt, Keith Frizzell, Diana Moulton and Chris Bellmare.

The Board discussed the importance of programming for senior citizens in addition to the children's programs. C. Iocovozzi seconded the motion and all were in favor.

The Board stated that any Committees/Board not sending their agenda to the Town for the website should be sent a reminder.

C. Iocovozzi stated that the Town needs to receive a certificate of insurance from any vendor or group using the town facilities.

Gate Clicker Requests: J. Stuart moved to approve renting gate clickers to Michaela King-15 Little Bay Road

Katie Hood-14 Coleman Drive
Abby Hood-12 Coleman Drive

C. Iocovozzi seconded the motion with all in favor.

C. Iocovozzi requested that the list of those having clickers be compared to the tax rolls at the end of each year and that anyone that has moved out of town be sent a letter requesting that the town clicker be returned.

Old Business

Facility Use Rates Review- The Board expressed concern over the maintenance and repair costs of the Town Hall auditorium. M. Roy presented rate comparisons of halls in surrounding communities. **C. Iocovozzi moved to increase the Town Hall auditorium/kitchen rental rate to \$250. for no more than 8 hours effective immediately for any resident that has not applied by April 20. He further stated that the kitchen and auditorium would be rented together rather than separately. J. Stuart seconded the motion with all in favor.** The Board stated that all non-profit agencies should be showing proof of it to Selectmen's office when they apply.

New Business

Over-expenditure Approval: C. Iocovozzi moved to approve the over-expenditure of the Alarm Maintenance (01-4220-17-691) line requested by the Fire Department. This is expected to be taken out of the Equipment Maintenance (01-4220-17-630) line subject to other necessary expenditures that occur during the year. **J. Stuart seconded the motion with all in favor.**

Lawn and Grounds Care RFP- The Board reviewed the Lawn and Grounds Care RFP and approved its distribution. The Building Inspector will review locations.

Denis Hebert entered the meeting.

Denis Hebert - Eversource transmission line Update: D. Hebert discussed the status of the Eversource/PSNH transmission line proposal and the upcoming public information meeting. He reviewed the fact that PSNH had already received ISO-New England approval for the project rather than the step down transformer option in 2012 unbeknownst to the town. He further informed the Board that Eversource had already completed some of less invasive portions of the project, which hamper the ability of the Town to request that the step down transformer idea be reconsidered. He encouraged the Board to attend the meeting on Thursday and that a further flyer be sent to all residents. This would stress the importance of attending the meeting and speaking in favor of placing the lines underground.

R. Stern moved to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A: 3 II (a), C. Iocovozzi seconded the motion and all were in favor on a roll call vote.

The Board returned from non-public session.

R. Stern moved to seal the minutes of the non-public session indefinitely.

J. Stuart seconded this with all in favor on a roll call vote.

J. Stuart moved to adjourn at 9:20pm. C. Iocovozzi seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha S. Roy
Town Administrator