

Town of Newington, NH
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 4, 2015 Town Hall 6:30pm

Chair Rick Stern called the meeting to order at 6:30pm

Present: Chair Rick Stern, Selectman Cosmas Iocovozzi and Selectman Jan Stuart. Also, present were John Diaz, GPI, Eric Weinrieb, Altus Engineering, Len Thomas, Road Agent and Martha Roy, Town Administrator.

Minutes Approval: J. Stuart moved to approve the minutes of April 20, 2015. C. Iocovozzi seconded the motion with all in favor.

Manifest Approval: C. Iocovozzi moved to approve the manifests dated 4/21/15 in the amount of \$20,384.46, and 4/28/15 in the amount of 52,067.99. J. Stuart seconded the motion with all in favor.

Woodbury Avenue Report: J. Diaz of GPI presented the Woodbury Avenue Traffic Signal Analysis report to the Board.

He explained that the current traffic signal system is out dated and does not allow for traffic signal sequencing to change with the times of the day, season or year. The systems are also not in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The report summary highlighted the most important upgrades to be made to the system. Total cost of upgrades needed was approximately \$580,000.

The street and drainage upgrades will cost \$1,500,000 which will bring the total cost of Woodbury upgrades to over \$2,000,000. The Board will send a letter to the State including the Altus and GPI Reports with findings.

Road Agent Paving Report:

L. Thomas recommended that the end of Fox Point Road and the remaining section of Old Post Road should be reclaimed and paved. Final quotes will be discussed at the next meeting.

The Board asked the Road Agent to get a price to reclaim and pave McIntyre Road.

Old Dover Road was discussed and the Board noted that the State will complete necessary upgrades.

C. Iocovozzi noted the importance of cleaning catch basins in 2016. He also stated the low section of McIntrye needs to be built up.

The Board mentioned the following projects for the Highway crew to follow up on:

1. Fox Point fallen pine tree-clean up.
2. Clean up in Historic District by OTH and cannon.

The Board discussed calling Rainscape to turn on Cemetery water. C. Iocovozzi will have this completed.

Waste Water Treatment Improvements/Loan Application: Denis Messier-Waste Water Treatment Facility (WWTF) Plant Manager and Skip Cole, Sewer Commission Chair attended the Board meeting to request authority to apply for a State Revolving (SRF) Loan. D. Messier explained that this would result in debt reduction from 8.1 to 7.1 million. The interest rate would be 3.168% for a 20 year loan.

C. Iocovozzi moved to authorize the Chair of the Sewer Commissioners, currently T. Dean "Skip" Cole, to apply for and enter into the Clean Water SRF loan, on behalf of the Town, to perform the WWTF upgrade as discussed. J. Stuart seconded the motion with all in favor.

Recreation Committee Appointment:

J. Stuart moved to appoint Darryl Brown to the Recreation Committee with a term to expire in March of 2016. C. Iocovozzi seconded the motion with all in favor.

Facility Usage Requests: The Board would like the representatives of the NH Aquarium Society and the NH Bridge Club to meet with them and discuss their upcoming events. The events are getting bigger and are more difficult to manage. This will be scheduled for a future meeting.

**C. Iocovozzi moved to approve the following Facility Usage requests:
Lori and Mandy Akerley, TH, June 6th, Baby Shower, 10-3
Amy Fletcher, OTH, May 13th-21st, 9-5
J. Stuart seconded the motion with all in favor.**

Clicker Requests:

**C. Iocovozzi moved to approve the following clicker requests:
Laura and John Stone-436 Newington Road
J. Stuart seconded the motion with all in favor.**

Portsmouth Water Department: C. Iocovozzi is scheduling a work session with Portsmouth Water Department in the near future.

New Business:

R. Stern presented a purchase order for Bay Auto to complete repairs to the F350 custodian's town truck. **R. Stern moved to repair the F350 truck at a cost not to exceed \$1,021. C. Iocovozzi seconded the motion with all in favor.**

Treasurer, Sue Philbrick prepared an investment policy for the Board's review. This will be discussed at the next Board meeting.

The Historic District Commission delivered a letter outlining their recommendation that the Town pursue the U. S Army Corps of Engineers 106 Review process. They urged the Selectmen to approve this due to the Eversource proposed transmission line potentially traversing the Historic District. The Board consensus was to approve the Town moving forward on this matter.

Denis Hebert reported that he is asking all of the various Committee Chairs to meet and agree to the same approach regarding the transmission lines. The Board expressed their support of directing the transmission lines through the Wildlife Refuge as a first option and underground as a second option.

The Town Clerk/Tax Collector approached the Board about outstanding lien and deed research work that would require extra hours. **C. Iocovozzi moved to approve the over- expenditure of the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's salary line in the amount of \$3,200. to cover the extra work. R. Stern seconded the motion with all in favor.**

The Board agreed that C. Iocovozzi should speak at the Site Evaluation Committee meeting in favor of the Sea 3 expansion.

The RFPs for grounds care and landscaping were opened. **J. Stuart moved to award the Grounds Care RFP to Fabyan Point Grounds Care for 3 years with revisions as discussed. C. Iocovozzi seconded the motion with all in favor.**

Adjournment: C. Iocovozzi moved to adjourn at 8:24pm. J. Stuart seconded the motion with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha S. Roy
Town Administrator