

Town of Newington, NH
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 28, 2015 Town Hall

Chair Rick Stern called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Present: Rick Stern, Chair, Board of Selectmen; Cosmas Iocovozzi, Selectman; Jan Stuart, Selectman and Town Administrator Martha Roy

C. Iocovozzi moved to go into a nonpublic session at 6:01pm per RSA 91-A:3 (a & e). J. Stuart seconded the motion and all were in favor on a roll call vote.

The Board returned from the nonpublic session at 6:35pm.

R. Stern moved to seal the non-public minutes indefinitely. J. Stuart seconded the motion with all in favor on a roll call vote.

Minutes Approval: J. Stuart moved to approve the minutes of December 7th, 2015. C. Iocovozzi seconded the motion with all in favor.

Manifest Approval: C. Iocovozzi moved to approve the manifests dated 12/8/15 in the amount of \$1,854,991.25, 12/15/2015 in the amount of \$189,929.45 and 12/22/15 in the amount of \$138,026.01. J. Stuart seconded the motion with all in favor.

Fire Department Budget Review: Chief Head discussed that the Fire Department would like to encumber \$12,000 for Paramedic Training. He proposed a three year contract with the employee(s) that are sent to training. The Board consensus was that this would be allowed.

Communications Warrant Article: Chief Head discussed the need to replace the current Keltron fire alarm system which supports business and industry in town. The Chief will be proposing to the Fire Engineers an increase to \$300.00 yearly or a one-time fee off \$500.00 for the alarm system replacement at their next meeting

The Chief reviewed the other warrant articles with the Board. A \$20,000 warrant article was proposed to add to the **Replacement of the Town Ambulance and any Major Medical Equipment.**

Engine 3 Letter: The Boards discussed buying a used truck. D. Sabine stated that Freightliner parts are available but structural pieces are not available. A new truck would cost approximately \$400,000. They reviewed the fact that if a

used truck is purchased there is no warranty. C. Iocovozzi reminded everyone that mutual aid from surrounding towns and cities is available. J. Fabrizio stated that the Fire Department should really be asking for a new fire truck and more staff. The Chief will research various funding methods for a truck

J. Stuart moved to approve the Fire Department budget of \$1,527,514 and present it to the Budget Committee. C. Iocovozzi seconded the motion with all in favor.

Police Department Budget Review:

C. Iocovozzi moved to deduct \$2,850 from the Police budget longevity line and add it to the Police budget wages line. The Board discussed the importance of keeping the same benefits for all full time town employees. This vote will accomplish that goal. These funds moved into the wage line will be used as the Police Commissioners see fit. **J. Stuart seconded the motion with all in favor.**

R. Stern moved to approve the Police Budget with the change to the longevity line. C. Iocovozzi seconded the motion with all in favor.

Transfer Station-AA Metal Recycling Quote: C. Iocovozzi moved to approve All Day Junk Removal at the same price as the last vendor and authorize the Chair to sign the agreement. J. Stuart seconded the motion with all in favor.

Facility Usage Requests:

**C. Iocovozzi moved to approve the following Facility Usage requests:
Newington School Supporters-Sunset Road Race-OTH & Grove-9/9/16
through 9/11/16, 12 to 8pm; and
NHDOT-Pete Clary- Incident Management Training -TH- 1 to 3pm-1/20/16
R. Stern seconded the motion with all in favor.**

**R. Stern moved to approve the following Facility Usage request:
Paula Akerley, 5/28/15 and 5/30/15 for tent set up and take down, Fox Point
C. Iocovozzi seconded the motion. R. Stern and C. Iocovozzi voted yes, with J. Stuart abstaining. Motion carried.**

The Board requested that M. Roy write a letter to Great Bay Services stating that the Town is not able to accommodate weekly use of the TH kitchen.

Clicker Requests:

**C. Iocovozzi moved to approve the following clicker request:
Brian Short – 336 Newington Road (one remote)
R. Stern seconded the motion with all in favor.**

R. Stern moved to deny the following clicker request:
Nell Ann Hiatt-80 Little Bay Road - One clicker per household is allowed and this household already has a clicker.
C. Iocovozzi seconded the motion with all in favor.

R. Stern moved to approve the following clicker request:
Alexander O'Brien-293 Nimble Hill Road
C. Iocovozzi seconded the motion with all in favor.

J. Stuart moved to approve the following clicker request:
Elliott Staude-27 Hodgdon Farm Lane
R. Stern seconded the motion with all in favor.

Old Business:

457 Plans-State and PFPope: **J. Stuart moved to approve the Town's offering of both the State's 457 plan and the PFPope Roth IRA. C. Iocovozzi seconded the motion with all in favor.**

Comcast Letter: The Town is in receipt of the Comcast Letter. A public meeting will be held as time allows in the near future.

New Business:

Proposed Zoning Amendment Acceptance: C. Iocovozzi stated that the Board of Selectmen was in receipt of the warrant article and will distribute it to the Planning Board.

Tax Assessment Agreement: **J. Stuart moved to approve the Tax Assessment agreement with Essential Power New England. C. Iocovozzi seconded the motion with all in favor.**

Girl Scout Cookie Sale: C. Iocovozzi moved to approve the sale of cookies with the understanding that the Girl Scout group will receive approval from the vendor prior to selling cookies in front of their store. J. Stuart seconded the motion with all in favor.

Personnel Policy Revision-Driver's License and Record: C. Iocovozzi moved to approve the proposed revision dated 12-28-15. R. Stern seconded the motion with all in favor.

C. Iocovozzi reported that Frank's Garage is still working on a wiring problem on the Buildings and Grounds truck.

C. Iocovozzi moved to enter into a nonpublic session at 8:49 pm per RSA-A:3 (a & e). J. Stuart seconded the motion and all were in favor on a roll call vote.

The Board returned from the non-public session at 9:00pm.

R. Stern moved to seal the non-public minutes indefinitely. J. Stuart seconded the motion with all in favor on a roll call vote.

Adjournment: C. Iocovozzi moved to adjourn at 9:03pm. J. Stuart seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha S. Roy
Town Administrator