

TOWN OF NEWPORT, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Board of Selectmen
Minutes for Meeting of October 22, 2018 6:30 pm
Special Business Meeting
Municipal Building, 15 Sunapee Street, Newport, NH 03773

SELECTMEN PRESENT: Jeffrey Kessler, Chairman; Barry Connell, John Hooper, II; William Wilmot, Jr.

STAFF PRESENT: Hunter Rieseberg, Town Manager; Paul Brown, Finance Director

COMMUNITY MEMBERS PRESENT: Bert Spaulding, Sr., Virginia O. Irwin, Kathy Hubert, Guenter Hubert, Archie Mountain.

NCTV: John Lunn

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Kessler called the regular meeting of the BOS to order at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA REVIEW: Chairman Kessler added Open Forum to the agenda.

OPEN FORUM: Mrs. Irwin addressed the Board and explained her voting record as a State Representative. Mr. Spaulding addressed the Board and reiterated his comments from the prior week on the work of state representatives in our district. Mr. Spaulding commented on the positive financial activity at the Airport.

INFORMATIONAL: Review & Consider Letter to Elected Officials Regarding School Funding/Taxes
Mrs. Hubert updated the BOS on the status of the school funding issue, with comments from Mrs. Irwin and Mr. Spaulding.

The Board discussed the letter to officials regarding the school funding issue with comments from Mrs. Irwin and Mr. Spaulding. **On a motion of Selectman Connell, seconded by Selectmen Wilmot, the Board approved the letter and that it be sent to the appropriate people. 4-0.**

ACTION ITEMS: Review & Approve 2017-18 Year End Fund Balance & Encumbrances - Mr. Spaulding commented on the fund balance and asked questions on some of the amounts.

The Board discussed the encumbrances and fund balances and appropriate amounts to retain or use to reduce taxes. *A motion of Selectman Wilmot, seconded by Selectman Connell to use \$200,000 of fund balance to reduce taxes was subject to an amendment from Selectman Hooper, seconded by Selectman Connell to increase the amount to \$250,000. The amendment passed 3-1 (Kessler). The main motion failed on a 2-2 (Wilmot, Kessler opposed).*

A motion of Selectman Hooper, seconded by Selectman Connell to use \$225,000 of fund balance to reduce taxes, failed 2-2 (Wilmot, Kessler opposed).

A motion of Selectman Wilmot, seconded by Selectman Kessler to use \$200,000 of fund balance to reduce taxes passed 3-1 (Hooper).

The Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul J Brown', written over the printed name.

Paul J Brown
Scribe

Approved on: November 5, 2018

The next regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen is scheduled for Monday, November 5, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.