

AMENDED AND APPROVED
Town of Newport, New Hampshire
Board of Selectmen
Minutes for Meeting of January 9, 2017
6:30 pm, Municipal Building

SELECTMEN PRESENT: Jeffrey Kessler, Chairman; Todd Fratzel, Vice Chairman; David Hoyt, William Wilmot

STAFF PRESENT: Hunter Rieseberg, Town Manager; Larry Wiggins, Director, Public Works Department

COMMUNITY MEMBERS PRESENT: Representative Virginia Irwin

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

AGENDA REVIEW: Add: Non- Public Session (NPS) 91-A:3II (c) Matters Which May Affect the Reputation of Another (by Kessler) and NPS 91-A:3II(d) Real Estate (by Kessler) ; business item: Heritage Commission is looking for an Alternate (by Rieseberg).

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING(S): December 19, 2017 Regular Meeting; December 19, 2017 Non-Public Minutes #1

On a motion by Selectman Hoyt, seconded by Selectman Wilmot; *the Board voted to approve the minutes with the following correction: SELECTMEN PRESENT: change John Hooper II to John Hooper III. The motion passed 4-0-0.*

CONSENT AGENDA: On a motion by Selectman Hoyt, seconded by Selectman Fratzel; *the Board voted to approve the Consent Agenda of January 9, 2017. The motion passed 4-0-0.*

OPEN FORUM: none

COMMUNICATIONS:

Selectman Wilmot had nothing to share at this time.

Selectman Hoyt had nothing to share at this time.

Selectman Fratzel had nothing to share at this time.

Chairman Kessler addressed the Board and public and stated that:

- The Budget Advisory Committee (BAC) will have a meeting on Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at the Sugar River Valley Vocational Center to continue their review of the school district budget.
- Thursday, January 12, 2017 the School Board will be holding a public meeting of the budget in the Lou Thompson Room. He encouraged people to attend.
- The Newport Recreation Department posted Newport's 101st Winter Carnival events (February 8-February 12) on their website.
- Opening day for skating was January 9, 2017 at Meadow Park.

Town Manager Rieseberg stated that:

- ❖ He had circulated a budget calendar to each Board member. Final approval could be given at the January 9, 2017 meeting or at the January 23, 2017 BOS meeting.

- ❖ The Town was working with the Town of Goshen to extend their ambulance contract into 2017. The existing contract was extended into the month of January 2017 to allow the Town of Goshen to comment on Newport's proposal.

There was a short discussion on the proposed budget calendar.

INFORMATIONAL:

University of New Hampshire Roads Scholars: Michael Murphy, Bill Scanlon and Timothy West

The BOS had been informed that Michael Murphy, Bill Scanlon and Timothy West had finished the Roads Scholars Program. Chairman Kessler read aloud from letters from UNH. It stated that Michael Murphy had achieved Roads Scholar One, William Scanlon had achieved Senior Roads Scholar One and Timothy West had achieved Roads Scholar One.

Chairman Kessler congratulated all three gentlemen on their accomplishments and thanked them for the work they do for the Town. Mr. Wiggins stated that they had all completed the levels and would continue; it was an ongoing program.

The following item was added to the agenda:

Representative Virginia Irwin addressed the Board and stated she wanted to discuss legislature that was happening in Concord this year. January 10th is Senate Bill 12 hearing on concealed carry (firearm) permits. Representative Irwin and the Board discussed SB 12 which would remove the necessity of permits. She also stated that the Municipal Association had concerns on bills; she offered to meet with the BOS from time to time to review them. Representative Irwin expressed her desire to represent the people of Newport.

The meeting continued with the posted agenda items:

Fireworks Displays

The Board, Town Manager Rieseberg and Police Chief Burroughs discussed having a fireworks event at the Newport Winter Carnival. Interested parties were to contact Police Chief Burroughs and Fire Chief Conroy before the January 23, 2017 BOS meeting.

Department of Public Works (DPW) Staffing Update

Town Manager Rieseberg addressed the BOS and stated that the DPW continued to work with a skeletal crew. He felt it was important for the Board to know that and explained further. Director Larry Wiggins was in attendance at the meeting to answer any of the Board's questions. Mr. Wiggins addressed the BOS and viewing public and asked for their patience. He stated that the interim Superintendent resigned, therefore the Town of Newport did not have a Water and Sewer Superintendent. Currently Director Wiggins was the Superintendent, Town Engineer, etc. He asked for the public's patience on response time for matters that occur on a daily basis.

Water Restriction Update

Director Wiggins stated there was 28" of water in Gilman Pond under the ice. There were difficulties with the Treatment Plant working correctly, they were experiencing difficulties with the Pollards Mill well as well as the Guild Pump Station. Those were the problems in their infrastructure. Director Wiggins did not have information as to whether the outdoor restrictions have decreased the water usage. Director Wiggins addressed the public and asked that they conserve water usage both outside and indoors. He gave examples of how individuals in households could do this. There was a short discussion on the problem between the BOS and Director Wiggins.

Police Body/Dashboard Cameras-Chief James Burroughs

Police Chief James Burroughs explained the reason for and the history of police body/dashboard cameras in Newport. He explained there was a new body worn cameras law for law enforcement. Further, he

discussed the technology that he hoped to outfit Newport police officers with. The Board members and Town Manager discussed the potential equipment with Police Chief Burroughs.

Selectman Wilmot made a motion *to direct the Town Manager to proceed with this single source vender for a body cam/cruiser cam project for the Newport Police Department and spend up to but not to exceed \$41,000 and accept any gifts from the private sector in support of the effort.* It was seconded by Selectman Fratzel.

The Board held a discussion on the need for a public hearing to accept private donations. Town Manager Rieseberg stated he would look into its necessity. The Chair called for a vote. ***The motion passed 4-0-0.***

Local Control of Municipal Roads

Chairman Kessler stated he had received documentation concerning an effort by some communities to maintain local control of Municipal roads. He asked the pleasure of the Board and stated that if they would like to join the effort it would be put on the January 23, 2017 BOS agenda. There was a short discussion on the subject. Board members concurred that they did not want to become involved in the subject.

ACTION ITEMS:

Resolution to Enter Primex Workers' Compensation Contribution Assurance Program

Selectman Wilmot made a motion *to enter a resolution to enter into Primex Workers' Compensation Contribution Assurance Program.* It was seconded by Selectman Fratzel. ***The motion passed 4-0-0.***

Resolution to Enter Primex Property and Liability Contribution Assurance Program

Selectman Wilmot made a motion *to enter a resolution to use Primex's Property and Liability Contribution Assurance Program.* It was seconded by Selectman Hoyt. ***The motion passed 4-0-0.***

APPOINTMENTS: Recreation Advisory Council-Ben Gallagher-Student Representative

On a motion by Selectman Wilmot, seconded by Selectman Fratzel; ***the Board voted to appoint Mr. Ben Gallagher as a student representative to a one year term on the Recreation Advisory Council ending in June 2017. The motion passed 4-0-0.***

The BOS members held a short discussion on CIP appointments.

On a motion by Selectman Hoyt, seconded by Selectman Fratzel; ***the Board voted to appoint Selectman Wilmot as a BOS Representative Alternate to a one year term on the Heritage Commission ending in June 2017. The motion passed 3-0-1(Wilmot abstained).***

On a motion by Selectman Hoyt, Seconded by Selectman Fratzel; ***the Board voted by roll call vote to go into NPS 91-A:3 II(c) Matters which may affect the Reputation of Another and NPS 91-A:3 II (d) Real Estate at 8:01p.m. The motion passed 4-0-0.***

Present at the non-public session were Selectmen Kessler, Fratzel, Wilmot and Hoyt. Also in attendance was Town Manager Hunter Rieseberg.

On a motion by Selectman Fratzel, seconded by Selectman Wilmot; ***the Board voted unanimously to exit NPS at 8:19 p.m.***

There was no action taken.

On a motion by Selectman Hoyt, seconded by Selectman Fratzel; ***the Board voted to enter NPS 91-A:3 II (d) Real Estate at 8:20 p.m. The motion passed 4-0-0.***

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The Board members discussed the sale and lease of Town-owned real estate.

On a motion by Selectman Wilmot, *seconded by Selectman Fratzel; the Board voted to exit NPS.*
There was no action taken.

The Board reconvened in public session at 8:40 p.m.

The Board adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen is scheduled for January 23, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Maura Stetson".

Maura Stetson
Scribe

Approved on: February 27, 2017