

TOWN OF NEWPORT
Board of Selectmen
6:30 pm Regular Meeting & Public Hearing, Municipal Building
Minutes for July 6, 2015

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

STAFF PRESENT: Paul J. Brown, Town Manager

PUBLIC PRESENT: Bert Spaulding, Sr.; David Kibbey, Ryan O'Brien

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Nichols called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA REVIEW: add Trustee of Trust Funds under appointments (Brown)

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: June 15, 2015.

On a motion by Selectman Kessler, seconded by Selectman Wilmot; *the Board voted to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2015 meeting as presented. The motion passed 5-0-0.*

CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Selectman Hoyt, seconded by Selectman Fratzel; *the Board approved the Consent Agenda of July 6, 2015 as presented. The motion passed 5-0-0* (Attachment 1).

FORUM:

Mr. Bert Spaulding, Sr. addressed the Board of Selectmen and stated his dissatisfaction with the Zoning Board of Adjustments handling of their recent public hearing and meetings.

Mr. David Kibbey addressed the Board of Selectmen and also stated his dissatisfaction with the public hearings held concerning septage. He explained. He thanked the Board for their time.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Board of Selectmen

Selectman Wilmot encouraged all to visit the current LAC "wood" exhibit. It was excellent.

Selectman Hoyt reminded people that construction on Main Street would start on July 13, 2015. Crews would be working from 6am-6pm on Monday-Friday.

Selectman Fratzel had nothing at this time.

Chairman Nichols wanted to thank the Lake Sunapee Bank for providing a room for the LAC to conduct classes. He also stated that to assist customers during the road construction period, LSB would have extended business hours at their Guild, NH branch.

Selectman Kessler reminded the public that there were many events this summer. Weekly events in Newport were the Concerts on the Common (Sunday night) and the Farmers Market (Friday afternoon).

Chairman Nichols also reminded the public of the weekly Car Nutz gathering on Monday evenings.

The Board would be holding a meet and greet for the new Town Manager. Details would be forthcoming. The BOS would introduce new Town Manager Shane O'Keefe at the July 20, 2015 Board of Selectmen meeting. Town Manager O'Keefe would officially begin on July 27, 2015.

Town Manager Brown congratulated Patrick Hennig who had been awarded his Eagle Scout badge; reminded the public of the construction which would begin on July 13, 2015 and reminded the Board members and the public that the Board of Selectmen meetings for August and September would be as follows: August 3rd, August 24th and September 21st.

INFORMATIONAL:

Memorial Committee

Town Manager Brown explained that Mr. and Mrs. Rollins had made a request to put a granite bench in Ransom Tracey Park. It would be in honor of their son, Justin Rollins. Town Manager Brown explained the historical steps in which the Town had accepted such gifts in the past (through a Memorial and Monument Committee as set forth at a Town Meeting). He stated the Board of Selectmen needed to reestablish a Memorial and Monument Committee. Town Manager Brown recommended that the BOS appoint three people to it: a BOS representative, a member of the public (citizen at large) and a member from the Heritage Commission. Further, he suggested the Committee work with Mr. Ken Dennis, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, who would be responsible for its maintenance. Selectman Wilmot volunteered to represent the BOS on the committee. On a motion by Selectman Wilmot, seconded by Selectman Fratzel; ***the Board of Selectmen voted to reestablish the Memorial and Monuments Committee consisting of a member of the BOS, a member from the public (citizen at large) and a member from the Heritage Commission. The motion passed 5-0-0.***

ACTION ITEMS:

Pollards Mill Swimming Hole Discretionary Easement

Town Manager Brown addressed the Board and explained the Pollards Mill Swimming Hole Discretionary Easement. He explained the history of the swimming hole and the advantages of having the easement. There was a lengthy discussion among the Board. Mr. Bert Spaulding was acknowledged by the Chair. He questioned the need of having an easement. There was further discussion by the Board members. Mr. Ryan O'Brien was acknowledged by the Chair. Mr. O'Brien stated that Pollards Mills was a great area and was considered one of the seven wonders of Newport. He gave his opinion of the responsibilities and liabilities concerning the area. There was further discussion among Board members. On a motion by Selectman Kessler, seconded by Selectman Wilmot; ***the Board voted to enter into negotiations for a discretionary easement. The motion passed 4-0-1 (Hoyt).***

Town Manager Brown Contract Extension to July 27, 2015

Chairman Nichols stated that Mr. Shane O'Keefe would not officially begin his term until July 27th. Therefore, the BOS was extending Town Manager Brown's contract to July 27, 2015. On a motion by Selectman Hoyt, seconded by Selectman Kessler; ***the Board of Selectmen voted to extend Town Manager Brown's contract until July 27, 2015. The motion passed 5-0-0.***

APPOINTMENTS:

Committee & Board Appointments

Town Manager Brown addressed the Board of Selectmen and again explained the quandary with the election of Trustee of Trust Funds (Town Meeting 2015). He stated that four individuals had stepped forward willing to assist until May 2016. On a motion by Selectman Hoyt, seconded by Selectman

Fratzel; *the Board appointed Mr. Peter Lovely, Sr. to the position of Trustee of Trust Funds until Town Meeting 2016. The motion passed 5-0-0.*

There being no further business in the public meeting, on a motion by Selectman Hoyt, seconded by Selectman Fratzel; *the Board voted by roll call to go into non-public session: RSA 91-A:3, II (a) Personnel; (d) Real Estate; and (e) Litigation.*

The public meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm. Chairman Nichols announced a five minute break before NPS. He stated that Mr. Ryan O'Brien would attend part of the NPS.

Mr. Ryan O'Brien exited the NPS at 8:05 pm.

On a motion by Selectman Fratzel, seconded by Selectman Hoyt; *the Board voted to exit NPS at 8:29 pm. The motion passed 5-0-0.*

On a motion by Selectman Fratzel, seconded by Selectman Hoyt; *the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:30 pm.*

The next regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen is scheduled for Monday, July 20, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

Maura Stetson



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Attachments (1)

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CONSENT AGENDA
July 6, 2015

Department	Document Date	Document	Amount
Assessing	June 15, 2015	Abatement Denial	\$0
Water & Sewer	June 12, 2015	Water Abatement	\$57,209.59
Water & Sewer	June 15, 2015	Sewer Abatement	\$59,470.95
Assessing	June 17, 2015	Current Use Warrant - correction	\$1,840.00
Assessing	June 17, 2015	Current Use Warrant	\$6,500.00
Tax	June 1, 2015	Tax Abatement	\$2,962.50
Tax	June 1, 2015	Tax Abatement	\$174.00
Tax	June 1, 2015	Tax Abatement	\$183.00
Tax	June 1, 2015	Tax Abatement	\$116.00
Assessing	June 22, 2015	Abatement Denial	\$0
Assessing	June 24, 2015	Certification for Timber Assessed	\$18,674.47
Assessing	June 26, 2015	Yield Tax Warrant	\$385.29
Finance	June 25, 2015	AP Manifest	\$162,928.88
Finance	June 25, 2015	AP Manifest	\$683,949.15
Assessing	June 29, 2015	Yield Tax Warrant	\$3,342.54
Assessing	June 29, 2015	Yield Certification	\$3,342.54