

TOWN OF NEWPORT, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Board of Selectmen
Minutes for Meeting of May 21, 2018 - REVISED
6:30 pm Regular Business Meeting
Municipal Building

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

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

COMMUNITY MEMBERS PRESENT: John Lunn, Executive Director NCTV; Tobin Menard, Bert Spaulding, Sr.

NCTV: Louis Cassorla, videographer

CALL TO ORDER: Town Manager Rieseberg called the regular meeting of the BOS to order at 6:31 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

BOARD ORGANIZATION: Town Manager Rieseberg stated that the Board of Selectmen would be electing officers for the upcoming year and asked for a nomination for the position of Chairman. Selectman Fratzel made a motion *to elect Selectman Kessler as Chairman*. It was seconded by Selectman Connell. There were no other nominations. Town Manager Rieseberg called for a vote. *The motion passed 4-0-1 (Kessler abstained).*

Chairman Kessler took over the meeting.

Chairman Kessler asked for a nomination for the position of Vice Chairman. Selectman Connell made a motion *to elect Selectman Fratzel to the position of Vice Chairman*. It was seconded by Selectman Hooper. There were no other nominations. Chairman Kessler called for a vote. *The motion passed 4-0-1 (Fratzel abstained).*

AGENDA REVIEW: accepted as presented.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING(S): Minutes of May 7, 2018: On a motion by Selectman Wilmot, seconded by Selectman Fratzel; *the Board voted to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2018 BOS meeting with the following corrections: page three: first line, change “required” to “offered” and page four: the Top Dog owner should be spelled Carol Hammond. The motion passed 5-0-0.*

NPS Minutes of May 7, 2018: On a motion by Selectman Fratzel, seconded by Selectman Wilmot; *the Board voted to approve the non-public session (NPS) minutes of the May 7, 2018 BOS meeting as presented. The motion passed 5-0-0.*

CONSENT AGENDA: On a motion by Selectman Fratzel, seconded by Selectman Wilmot; *the Board voted to approve the Consent Agenda of May 21, 2018 as presented. The motion passed 5-0-0.*

OPEN FORUM: none

COMMUNICATIONS: Selectman Wilmot -

- A case of Annual Reports was delivered to the civics class at the Newport high school. He had received Town financial questions from the class. Selectman Wilmot was impressed with the students taking interest in their civic duty. One question asked was about the bonding of construction projects in Town.

Town Manager Rieseberg volunteered to annually speak to the local civics class. There was a short discussion on who to contact.

Selectman Wilmot had also:

- Attended the arrival of the prom attendees (in the rain) on Saturday night. A good time was had by all.
- Witnessed Fire Department personnel extinguishing a chimney fire. They used their new self-contained breathing apparatus (it was the first time the firefighters had had to use it).

There was a short discussion on the merits of the new breathing apparatus.

Selectman Hooper stated the Town's gardens were looking good, the Farmers Market has started and the Sunshine Town Social in the Opera House put on by The Library Arts Center (LAC) and Newport Opera House Association (NOHA) was a great success.

Selectman Connell stated he was with a group of people who were appreciative of the work being done to clean up buildings in Newport.

Selectman Fratzel thanked people for supporting him for another three year term.

Chairman Kessler thanked the 915 voters that went out to vote. He listed things that the Town had done over the last few years. He then read aloud (from a book) ten and a half signs of civic success.

Town Manager Rieseberg addressed the public and Board and stated it was National Public Works Week May 20-May 26. It is a time to state our appreciation to all the employees in Newport's Public Works for the hard work they do. Newport has a small dedicated group of people who work under difficult situations. They get the job done.

INFORMATIONAL: NCTV Updates-John Lunn - Mr. John Lunn addressed the BOS and gave a synopsis of NCTV and its three parts known as 'PEG':

Public

Educational

Governmental

Mr. Lunn discussed the problems and progress over the course of his first year as Executive Director as well as the things he envisioned for NCTV. He gave the following new information for contacting the station and personnel:

New website is: www.nctv-nh.org

Telephone: 603-863-8837

Vimeo will stop its services; NCTV will change to live streaming.

Mr. Lunn addressed the viewing public and asked them to contact the NCTV station if they were experiencing audio or video problems.

Questions from the Board were:

- ❖ What is the transition plan?
- ❖ Physically how will it happen so there is not a lapse in coverage (of meetings)?
- ❖ Will the station clean up the audio before proceeding with the transition?
- ❖ Are the people coming in to help with the new broadcasting system going to be able to help assess the audio problem?
- ❖ It is discouraging for people who want to tune in to meetings and it is not broadcast. As part of the plan will someone come down earlier to test the equipment to make sure it is working?

Mr. Spaulding, Sr. addressed Mr. Lunn and stated that the audio has been bad-he suggested a band (overlay) with the NCTV telephone number in the lower part of the screen to ask people to contact the station if they are having difficulties. There was a discussion between the two.

Mr. Tobin Menard concurred with Mr. Spaulding, Sr. stating that people are apt to call if the number was on the screen.

Mr. Spaulding, Sr. addressed Mr. Lunn and stated that the last two school deliberative sessions had major problems. This year's problem was the echo (audio problem). He told Mr. Lunn the mechanics (audio) should be corrected before the programing system was expanded.

Mr. Lunn answered the Board's and Mr. Spaulding's questions.

Chairman Kessler and the Board thanked Mr. Lunn for his presentation.

Results of Town Meeting Votes: Chairman Kessler reviewed the 2018 ballot results. There was a lengthy discussion between Mr. Spaulding, Sr. and the BOS concerning Article 22. Chairman Kessler stated the Town needed to get set up with an application process so the BOS could start reviewing applications for 79-E. Chairman Kessler asked Town Manager Rieseberg to list the things people will see happening around Town. Town Manager Rieseberg stated he would give a detailed list in June, he stated there would be road, bridge, sidewalks and beautification efforts.

Mr. Spaulding, Sr. stated the Chandler Mills Bridge was in bad shape. The BOS explained the state inspected all bridges every two years. Town Manager Rieseberg would check the state report; it would be looked into.

Board of Selectmen/School District Joint Meeting-June 6, 2018: Chairman Kessler stated that the School District and BOS would be holding a joint meeting. June 6, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. was agreeable to all Selectmen. Town Manager Rieseberg will contact Superintendent Gallagher and set a location to hold it where it can be videographed.

Selectmen asked that the following be put on the joint meeting agenda:

- 1) Community Center
- 2) Fields agreement (Control and Use Agreement Between the Town of Newport and the Newport School District)
- 3) Regional Career and Technical Education (CTE) & grant funding
- 4) Plans for Vocational Center (grants?)
- 5) Community Center/Vocational Building overlap construction times
- 6) CIP
- 7) Finance Director for school

There was a general discussion on other potential items and the Selectmen's opinions on matters which needed to be discussed and resolved at the joint meeting.

Mr. Bert Spaulding agreed, and reiterated the difficulties during last year's school budget season.

Budget Advisory Committee (BAC) Update: There was a discussion as to the next BAC meeting and the agenda with Finance Director Brown.

ACTION ITEMS: Approval of Memorial Placement at Ransom-Tracy Park - Selectman Wilmot addressed the Board and said the Monuments and Memorials Committee had met. He read aloud from an obituary from the Argus Champion dated April 13, 1967. The Dombroski family had petitioned for a suitable memorial for

Whittaker. Selectman Wilmot told the Board that the Monuments and Memorials Committee approved the request as long as there was no cost to the Town. The Committee recommended that a memorial for Private 1st Class Terry James Whittaker be placed in the Ransom-Tracy Park. On a motion by Selectman Hooper, seconded by Selectman Connell; ***the Board voted to approve the memorial placement at Ransom-Tracy Park as presented by Selectman Wilmot. The motion passed 5-0-0.***

Authorize Town Manager Rieseberg to Sign All Documents Related to the WTP SCADA System Groundwater Trust Application - On a motion by Selectman Wilmot, seconded by Selectman Fratzel; ***the Board voted to authorize Town Manager Hunter Rieseberg to sign any and all documents related to the WTP SCADA System Groundwater Trust Application. The motion passed 5-0-0.***

Committee Assignments for Selectmen: The Selectmen divided representative appointments to the various Town Boards and Commissions, appointing alternates and multiple Selectmen as needed.

APPOINTMENTS: Letters had been sent out to members on Town Boards and Commissions whose terms were coming up for renewal in June of 2018 asking if they would like to remain on the Board/Commission. Action will be taken at a later meeting.

Selectman Fratzel asked if the Board would vote on their Code of Ethics at the May 21, 2018 meeting. It was scheduled for the June 4, 2018 BOS meeting.

On a motion by Selectman Fratzel, seconded by Selectman Wilmot; ***the Board voted by roll call vote to enter into non-public session (NPS) pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II, (c) Reputation of Another at 8:21 p.m. The motion passed 5-0-0.***

Finance Director Brown was asked to attend the Non-Public Session.

See NPS information

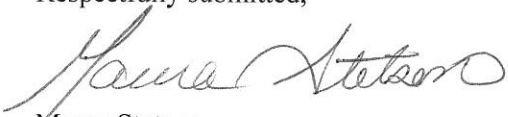
The Board voted unanimously to exit Non-Public Session at 9:02 p.m.

On a motion by Selectman Fratzel, seconded by Selectman Wilmot, ***the Board voted unanimously to deny New London Hospital's request for tax exemption.***

The Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:03 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen is scheduled for Monday, June 4, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Maura Stetson
Scribe

Approved on: June 4, 2018