

**TOWN OF NEWPORT, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**Board of Selectmen – Minutes for February 18, 2021 - 6:30 p.m.**  
**Regular Business Meeting & Public Hearing**  
**Municipal Building, 15 Sunapee Street, Newport, NH 03773**

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**SELECTMEN PRESENT:** *BOS Room:* Jeffrey Kessler, Chairman; Todd Fratzel, Vice Chairman; Herbert Tellor, Jr; Barry Connell *Via Zoom:* John Hooper, II

**STAFF PRESENT:** *BOS Room:* Hunter Rieseberg, Town Manager; Paul J. Brown, Finance Director *Via Zoom:* PJ Lovely, Recreation Director; Christine Benner, Economic Dev Coordinator

**COMMUNITY MEMBERS PRESENT:** *BOS Room:* Bert Spaulding, Sr; Susan Wells; Kathy Hubert; Guenter Hubert *Via Zoom:* Diane Rochford; Karen Dewey; Andrea Thorpe; Stephanie Gilsum; Bill Wilmot; Nancy Wilmot; Richard Schever; Justine Fafara; Larry Schissell

**NCTV:** John Lunn

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

**AGENDA REVIEW:** accepted as presented.

**PUBLIC HEARING (continued):** The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Newport, New Hampshire will hold a public hearing on Monday, February 1, 2021 at 6:30 PM at the Newport Town Offices at 15 Sunapee Street, Newport, New Hampshire to hear public comment on a proposed enactment of an ordinance for *Weight Limits for Motor Vehicles Upon Town Highways*.

**The Public Hearing was postponed to March 1, 2021**

**MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING,** February 1, 2021, were approved unanimously, by roll call vote.

**CONSENT AGENDA** was approved unanimously, by roll call vote.

**OPEN FORUM**

Bert Spaulding, Sr; Susan Wells; and Guenter Hubert commented on the Weight limit ordinance.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Selectman Connell commented on the Mars landing.

Chairman Kessler commend on the Budget Advisory Committee's approval of the School District budget. Mr. Spaulding also commented on the School Budget and meeting process.

**INFORMATIONAL:**

## a. Budget review:

The following detailed budget sections were reviewed, with questions and answers:

4720 Recreation; 4750 Library

## b. State's Legislative Agenda/Consideration of Proposed Resolution

Kathy Hubert gave a presentation on the status of school funding bills currently in the legislature. Asked the Board to adopt a resolution support legislation improving school funding.

On a motion of Selectman Fratzel, 2<sup>nd</sup> of Selectman Connell, the Board adopted the resolution by roll call vote. 4-0-1 (Hooper)

Mr. Spaulding, Mrs. Wells and Mrs. Gilsum all spoke on the school funding issue.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

## a. Newport Farmers Market – Request for Waiver of 2021 Season Rental Fees &amp; Security Deposit

On a motion of Selectman Fratzel, 2<sup>nd</sup> Selectman Connell, the Board approved to waive all fees for the Newport Farmers Market for the 2021 season by roll call vote 4-0-1 (Hooper)

## b. Acceptance of CDBG Grant for Renovation of the Rear Opera House Entrance/Parking Lot and Authorize the Town Manager to Sign All Related Documents

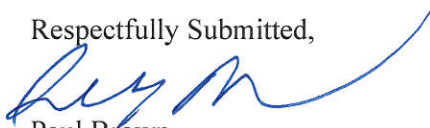
Christine Benner gave a presentation on the grant award. Mr. Spaulding and Mrs. Wells commented on the grant.

On a motion of Selectman Fratzel, 2<sup>nd</sup> Selectman Tellor, the Board unanimously approved, by roll call vote, the acceptance of the CDBG grant and authorized the Town Manager to sign all related documents.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40.

Respectfully Submitted,



Paul Brown  
Scribe

The Board went into a 91-A:2 I a non-meeting to discuss union negotiations.