

TOWN OF NEWPORT, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Board of Selectmen - Minutes for Meeting of March 1, 2021 6:30 pm
Regular Business Meeting
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, John Hooper, II

STAFF PRESENT: *BOS Room:* Hunter Rieseberg, Town Manager; Todd Cartier, Director of Public Works; Brent Wilmot, Chief of Police; Paul J. Brown, Finance Director

COMMUNITY MEMBERS PRESENT: *BOS Room:* Jenna Darling, School Board Representative; Bert Spaulding, Sr.; *Via Zoom:* Malory Tetreault

NCTV: John Lunn, Executive Director, NCTV

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: Add: NPS RSA 91-A:3, II (a) Personnel Matters, Compensation (Kessler)

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 p.m. 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*.

Chairman Kessler read the Public Hearing Notice, noting that the public hearing was a continuation of the February 1, 2021 public hearing. He acknowledged Police Chief Wilmot.

Police Chief Wilmot addressed the Board members and stated the revised copy of the proposed ordinance dealt with the concerns and comments that had been expressed on February 1, 2021. Police Chief Wilmot informed the Selectboard that he and Public Works Director Cartier had “cleaned up the language” of the draft ordinance. He read aloud the revisions which Board members had requested. He then went through the ordinance document and explained each change that had been made. Police Chief Wilmot stated he believed the spirit of the ordinance (to limit large trucks from driving through Bradford Road and other residential roads in Town) was reflected in the document.

Chairman Kessler asked the Selectmen for their input.

Selectman Tellor said it seemed reasonable; common sense will be applied in the ordinance’s use.

Similarly written ordinances were standard procedure in every community.

Selectman Connell asked for a clarification in Section 7-Exemption B. Police Chief Wilmot and

Selectman Fratzel explained his question in the section.

Selectman Fratzel said he was happy with the changes, the document looked good.

Selectman Hooper said the document seemed fine to him.

Mr. Spaulding, Sr. addressed the Board, police chief and department head and listed changes he believed were still needed in the proposed document. He gave scenarios for each one. He requested that the document be revised again. Chairman Kessler asked Police Chief Wilmot and Public Works Director

Cartier for comment. Public Works Director Cartier told Chairman Kessler that they don't weigh vehicles. Newport is not equipped to do that. If they suspect a vehicle is grossly overweight, they could call NH DOT or send it to the scale house at Carrol Concrete. Police Chief Wilmot stated it came down to reasonableness and continuity. In response to incorrect statements made concerning state penalties expressed on February 18, 2021 (Police Chief Wilmot was not in attendance), Police Chief Wilmot corrected monetary fines as stated in RSA 651.2. The Town of Newport was not going to implement high fines. He approved the proposed ordinance as written.

Mrs. Malory Tetreault asked, for clarification, if the revised ordinance verbiage protected property owners. She understood the goal was to prevent through trucking. As a property owner on one of the roads, she wanted to ensure the language was clear (if in the future she went for a zoning approval). Police Chief Wilmot stated her concern was covered under Section 7A (7) – Exemption; page two. The exemption was to ensure property/business owners were not penalized from conducting business. That applies only during non-mud season months (stated in ordinance: *except during the period of seasonal road postings*). Chairman Kessler emphasized the ordinance was not to restrict traffic to and from businesses on those roads. Mrs. Tetreault thanked them for the clarification.

There was further discussion by the Selectmen and Mr. Spaulding, Sr. on the wording in the document and the spirit of the ordinance. Selectman Hooper said he understood Mr. Spaulding, Sr.'s concerns. After discussion, Chairman Kessler closed the Public Hearing. He asked for a motion on the proposed ordinance Weight Limits for Motor Vehicles Upon Town Highways.

On a motion by Selectman Fratzel, seconded by Selectman Tellow; ***the Board voted to adopt the ordinance for Weight Limits for Motor Vehicles Upon Town Highways as presented on March 1, 2021. The motion passed 4-1-0 (Hooper voted no).***

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING(S): February 18, 2021 - The minutes of the February 18, 2021 BOS meeting were tabled to March 15, 2021.

CONSENT AGENDA: After clarification of a line item on the Consent Agenda, on a motion by Selectman Connell, seconded by Selectman Fratzel; ***the Board voted to approve the Consent Agenda of the March 1, 2021 BOS meeting as presented. The motion passed 5-0-0.***

OPEN FORUM: Ms. Jenna Darling, school board representative, announced to the BOS and viewing public that Superintendent Minnihan and herself would be holding a Question and Answer Session (virtual and in person) concerning school voting on March 9, 2021. The school board wanted to make sure that everyone was clear on the ballot questions and the voting process. The Question and Answer Session will be held on March 2, 2021. There will be a link on the school website (www.sau43.org) and Facebook page for those joining virtually. If attending in person, there will be limited seating at the high school gym.

Ms. Darling:

- ❖ briefly explained the ballot and voting process for the year 2021.
- ❖ answered all questions on the schools and attendance of students.
- ❖ stated she would look into getting easier access to the sample ballot on the school website.
- ❖ explained the different options to vote.
- ❖ did not know if absentee ballots were still viable for voting on March 9, 2021.
- ❖ stated that voting would be March 9, 2021 from 8am-7pm in the high school gym
- ❖ stated that the Question & Answer session could be in person because few people are projected to attend.

Selectman Connell told Ms. Darling that Sunapee High School had had a career day. Newport's CTE Director, Mrs. Jennifer Opalinski was there and did an outstanding job. NCTV was there and also did an outstanding job. Ms. Darling thanked Selectman Connell for his comments.

Mrs. Maura Stetson, President of the Newport Service Organization, announced that the NSO Thrift Shoppe would be open for donations on Thursdays and Fridays from 10am-2pm starting on March 3rd and 4th. The Shoppe will be open to customers three days a week (Monday, Wednesday and Saturday) from 10am to 4pm starting on March 8, 2021. Information on donation and customer shopping schedules can be found on the Thrift Shoppe Facebook page, on WCNL through Steve Smith and NCTV will soon be sent the schedule.

Mr. John Lunn, Executive Director of NCTV, addressed the BOS and gave them an update at NCTV. On Monday, March 1, 2021 two programs: the Newport vs Kearsage basketball game and the BOS meeting were both live broadcasts (concurrently). On March 2, 2021 three meetings will be broadcast live. Also, NCTV will be mounting digital cameras in the BOS room.

COMMUNICATIONS: Selectman Connell had nothing to share at this time.

Selectman Tellor had nothing to share at this time.

Selectman Fratzel had nothing to share at this time.

Selectman Hooper had nothing to share at this time.

Chairman Kessler informed all that the BAC would be meeting in the BOS room to go over the Town budget, the CTE has had open meetings on their proposed renovations and options going forward. The CTE is looking into layouts and student programs. Ideally, they would like to have something to bring to the Town voters in 2022.

Town Manager Rieseberg informed the BOS he received a message from Town counsel; they would not hold the NPS on litigation on March 1, 2021. He wanted feedback from the Board concerning Town Meeting-time and place. Selectman Fratzel voted to use the Common. When asked, Finance Director Brown stated the Deliberative Session date was Tuesday, April 6, 2021. Town Manager Rieseberg said it was a little early (in the year) to use the Common. He could contact the school about using the Towle or high school gym. His recommendation was to conduct the Deliberative Session and Town Meeting voting on their currently scheduled dates. The Selectboard concurred with the recommendation.

Mr. Spaulding, Sr. asked about using the Opera House (for Deliberative Session). He was told the Opera House was still undergoing renovations.

For clarification, Chairman Kessler stated the Town would conduct the Deliberative Session and Town Meeting voting on their currently scheduled dates. One of the school gyms will be used for the Deliberative Session. The Selectboard concurred with the recommendation. Town Manager Rieseberg will contact the school for arrangements.

Chairman Kessler asked about the Economic Corporation of Newport's (ECON's) latest strategic plan. He asked if a representative from ECON could attend a BOS meeting and explain it. There was a short discussion on the merits of explaining the plan to the Board. Town Manager Rieseberg stated that a copy of ECON's plan was posted on the Town website (www.newportnh.gov). Selectman Hooper added that the ECON group had met the morning of March 1, 2021. It was good to see the energy and professionalism that Ms. Christine Benner brought to Newport.

INFORMATIONAL: none

ACTION ITEMS: State's Legislative Agenda Resolution - Chairman Kessler stated that at the last meeting, February 18, 2021 the BOS voted to approve a legislative resolution. The Selectboard will sign the resolution and send it to Governor Sununu and all members of our State House delegation.

Adoption of Opera House Stewardship Plan - Chairman Kessler stated the plan was a condition of the NH Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) grant that Newport had received for renovations to the Opera House. Town Manager Rieseberg agreed, stating one of the stipulations of the grant was that the Town adopts the Stewardship Plan. By signing the two, the Town agreed to keep up the maintenance of the building in a manner that is systemic and regular. The Stewardship Plan requires that the Town inspect the Opera House annually (a checklist would include electrical wiring, roofing and other exterior work, etc.) to make sure we are aware of the condition of the building in order to address early/preventative maintenance of the building. We will adhere to the standards of the Secretary of the Interior in making repairs to the building in keeping with the historic nature of the property. The Stewardship Plan is an integral part of future grant proposals for funding. Chairman Kessler stated that it was important to remember the heritage of the building and its asset to the Town. Town Manager Rieseberg stated it should be written into future long-term leases. The Newport Opera House Association (NOHA) should be made a partner in the effort and responsibility of the Opera House. Chairman Kessler then read aloud the Board Resolution pertaining to the NH Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP). He asked for a motion to adopt the resolution.

On a motion by Selectman Fratzel, seconded by Selectman Connell; ***the Board voted to adopt the LCHIP Resolution: Whereas the Town of Newport has received a grant from the New Hampshire Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP); and Whereas LCHIP requires all recipients to be willing to commit to and show evidence of adopting the appropriate components of the Land Trust Alliance Standards and Practices; Whereas the Town of Newport has reviewed the Standards and Practices and agrees that Standards 1-7 and 12 are consistent with our commitment to ethics, governance, accountability, and long-term stewardship of our assets; Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Select Board of the Town of Newport hereby commits to implementing the applicable standards. So agreed... Selectboard Town of Newport, N.H. Dated March 1, 2021. The motion passed 5-0-0.***

Adoption of Land Trust Alliance Standards - Town Manager Rieseberg requested that the Board adopt the Land Trust Alliance Standard and the Stewardship Plan with separate votes for the record. Selectman Fratzel made a motion ***to adopt the Town Hall and Opera House Stewardship Plan dated October 5, 2020.*** It was seconded by Selectman Connell. ***The motion passed 5-0-0.***

Chairman Kessler called for a motion for the adoption of the Land Trust Alliance Standards and Practices. Selectman Tellor made a motion ***to adopt the Land Trust Alliance Standards and Practices Plan.*** It was seconded by Selectman Fratzel. ***The motion passed 5-0-0.***

Preliminary Approval of Budget - Chairman Kessler stated that at their last meeting, the Board had voted that any groups that were requesting money from the Town submit petition articles. He was unsure if that included Sullivan County Nutrition Services (SCNS). He had been contacted by their executive director, Ms. Brenda Burns with this concern. For approximately two decades they had been included in the Town operating budget. Continuing, Chairman Kessler stated that Sullivan Nutrition served Newport residents. Addressing the Board, he asked if they had intended to include SCNS in the budget when they voted on the operating budget. Ms. Burns addressed the Board and stated the Newport Senior Center is usually in

the budget as well. When asked, Finance Director Brown stated that the Meals on Wheels (MOW) (General Government, page 23, line 539) and the Senior Center (General Government, page 7, line 191) have historically been in the budget. Chairman Kessler said that the Senior Center and the SCNS were currently in the budget.

Chairman Kessler asked if it was the Selectboard's intent to remove the Senior Center and SCNS from the operating budget. Chairman Kessler expressed his feelings: they provide a direct service to our seniors. He stated the SCNS doesn't serve the same population as the food pantry. Selectman Hooper said the BOS did not talk about taking anything out of the budget. Others concurred. Selectman Fratzel said that the intent was to have organizations bring forth their own articles; not have the BOS choose one over the other. Selectman Fratzel said that they should keep it in the budget this year, readdress it in future budgets. Have the voters decide and support it; it will pass. Town Manager Rieseberg stated his understanding was to put everyone on the same footing. Most if not all will be funded by the voters as they have been in the past (when in the operating budget). Addressing the Board, he said that there are other agencies that are requesting to be put in the operating budget as well.

Ms. Burns stated:

- ❖ Years ago the practice was that if a petition article passed three consecutive times, it would automatically become part of the operating budget.
- ❖ The Town utilizes the Senior Center to promote other programs within the Town (Rec Center)
- ❖ The Senior Center is on the Town website (none of the other agencies are)
- ❖ The Senior Center and SCNS ask for donations from their clients to help with costs.
- ❖ The Senior Center and SCNS do not get County funds-they don't "double dip" (others acquire both)

Mr. Spaulding, Sr. asked Town Manager Rieseberg for the names of the other two agencies for comparison. He was told Southwestern Community Services (bus transportation between towns) and Visiting Nurses of VT and NH. Mr. Spaulding, Sr. addressed the Board and stated that the Senior Center was here (Newport). You only have to look at the parking lot and know what they do (for our seniors). Historically, Newport has recognized the Senior Center's asset to the community. Continuing, he stated the BOS should have the right and want to differentiate to keep them in the budget. They are US. They deserve a place within the budget.

Town Manager Rieseberg said, for clarification, that he was only seeking a process with requests going forward, not weighing merits of programs. Mr. Spaulding, Sr. disagreed with Town Manager Rieseberg and repeated his stance to keep the Senior Center and SCNS in the budget.

Chairman Kessler asked for input of the Board. Selectman Hooper expressed that the BOS keep SCNS and the Senior Center in the budget as they were now. The other agencies can use petition articles.

Selectman Hooper made a motion ***that the Board continue with the budget as presented. Under General Government Senior Center and under Health Agencies Sullivan County Nutrition Services remain in the Town budget and the other identified agencies become petition articles.*** Selectman Connell seconded the motion. In discussion, Selectman Hooper said they should continue with what they had planned to do. Selectman Fratzel commented that an argument could be made (to keep the Senior Center in the budget) since it is an emergency shelter for Newport. It is not a department within the budget; but it makes a strong argument (since it is an emergency shelter for Newport). Chairman Kessler called for a vote. ***The motion passed 5-0-0.***

Chairman Kessler thanked Ms. Burns for attending the meeting; Ms. Burns thanked the Board for their decision.

Preliminary Approval of Budget (cont.) - The Board discussed and voted on the following:

- Wage Study (page 1 line 16) \$15,000.

On a motion by Selectman Hooper, seconded by Selectman Fratzel; ***the Board removed the Wage Study for \$15,000 out of the budget. The motion passed 5-0-0.***

Town Manager Rieseberg addressed Chairman Kessler with a late request. The roof on the Corbin Covered Bridge (CCB) was in need of replacing. He had been in contact with the builder (Arnold Graton) who agreed it was time to replace the roof. The Board has a recommendation (quote) to remove the current shingles and replace the current roof with a metal roof. It would cost approximately \$30,000. He requested that the Board add \$30,000 to the budget for that use. Chairman Kessler asked, for clarification, that the person who was recommending the metal roof was Arnold Graton. Town Manager Rieseberg said that was correct. Chairman Kessler stated that Mr. Graton was the builder and overseer of the rebuilding of the CCB 26 years ago. Town Manager Rieseberg stated Mr. Graton emailed that many covered bridges are being reroofed with metal. The Town would see a 75-100 year lifespan for less money than a shingle roof. In comparison, the Town would have to wait 1-2 years for shingles. Selectman Hooper addressed the Board and others present and stated in his experience when comparing asphalt to metal roofing, asphalt is less expensive, repaired easier and have a longer warranty (50 years) versus the metal warranty of 20-25 years. He questioned the statement that metal is cheaper than shingles (he is in the building business).

There was a discussion on the material to be used and other locations that have put a metal roof on their covered bridges.

Mr. John Lunn addressed the Board and stated they should account for the fact that the bridge is a replication (of the original bridge). It may include the roof (material). For anyone (public) concerned, the BOS may have a roomful (of citizens at a BOS meeting). Town Manager Rieseberg addressed the Board and stated he had asked Larry and Jacqueline Cote. They were fine with the recommendation. Mr. Bert Spaulding, Sr. stated he totally disagreed. He gave the history of the building of the (restored) bridge; the past Board of Selectmen had wanted to replace the burned down covered bridge with a flat cement bridge. There were three ladies: Mrs. Gerry Black, Mrs. Mary Schissel and Mrs. Margo Estabrook (and Mr. Spaulding, Sr.) who had spearheaded the fight, fundraising and reconstruction of the bridge 26 years ago. Mr. Graton had built it as a replica of the original. He told the Board it (metal roof) was the wrong thing to do; it was one of the few covered bridges left. Mr. Spaulding, Sr. said that whatever Mr. Arnold Graton originally put on it, should be used.

Chairman Kessler said that without stating what material would be used, could a motion be made to add \$30,000 to the budget for the use of replacing the roof of the Corbin Covered Bridge. If the \$30,000 is not enough, there might be extra in the fund balance in the summer 2021.

Selectman Fratzel said his preference was to figure out what material would be used then put money in next year's budget. He didn't like the thought of a metal roof on the Corbin Covered Bridge. He said the Board had the same type of discussion concerning the gazebo.

Town Manager Rieseberg repeated his request and reasoning. He stated he would put on any type of roof the Board wanted.

Mr. Spaulding, Sr. asked what types of roofs were on the Pier Bridge and the Wright Bridge. He was told metal (they are owned by the state).

Chairman Kessler repeated that they could set aside \$30,000.

Selectman Hooper asked Town Manager Rieseberg what type of roof he would ideally put on the bridge. It was “11:59”. He stated the item has come up for consideration at the last second; for a roof on the (Corbin) covered bridge that the Board has not talked about. There are many things that need consideration that are not being brought up. Selectman Hooper asked again if the roof (on the covered bridge) was the thing to add in. Town Manager Rieseberg explained the reasoning behind the suggestion of the metal roof and future improvements in Town. Mr. Spaulding, Sr. stated that as a citizen he would like to see it go to the townspeople. For clarification, Chairman Kessler asked if Mr. Spaulding, Sr. felt that the cultural heritage and importance of the (CCB) bridge to the community requires the Board to involve the community in any decision as to what goes on the roof. Mr. Spaulding, Sr. said yes.

Chairman Kessler asked the pleasure of the Board. Selectman Fratzel asked if it was inspected. Finance Director Brown stated it was inspected annually; it is considered a “red list” bridge. Chairman Kessler addressed Town Manager Rieseberg and stated the BOS did not want to do anything about the bridge at this time. The Board members concurred.

After a lengthy discussion on budget items that needed to be closed down (in the budget) the Board members asked for the proper procedure going forward. Town Manager Rieseberg explained. Finance Director Brown explained, and then stated they needed to adopt a change in salary and benefits (on March 1st or at a special meeting).

Chairman Kessler called for a motion. Selectman Fratzel asked for a clarification of the correct terminology in the motion. Selectman Fratzel made a motion *that the Board agree to the terms of the Department of Public Works (DPW) contract as negotiated effective July 1, 2021.* It was seconded by Selectman Hooper. *The motion passed 5-0-0.*

Finance Director Brown asked if changes should be made in the budget to reflect the change and tax rate.

Chairman Kessler called for a motion on the operating budget. Selectman Fratzel made a motion *to approve this budget with a total of \$8,442,264.* It was seconded by Selectman Tellor. *The motion passed 5-0-0.*

Proposed Warrant Articles voted on to be included on the ballot: On a motion by Selectman Fratzel, seconded by Selectman Connell, *the Board voted to approve the Warrant Article for District Court Building Capital Reserve Fund of \$10,000. The motion passed 5-0-0.*

On a motion by Selectman Tellor, seconded by Selectman Fratzel, *the Board voted to approve the Warrant Article for Emergency Capital Reserve Fund of \$5,000. The motion passed 5-0-0.*

On a motion by Selectman Tellor, seconded by Selectman Fratzel, *the Board voted to approve the Warrant Article for Recreation Center Capital Reserve Fund of \$10,000.* Chairman Kessler explained the use of the fund was to repair fields, etc.; emphasizing it was not for new buildings. *The motion passed 5-0-0.*

On a motion by Selectman Fratzel, seconded by Selectman Connell, *the Board voted to approve the Warrant Article for the EMS Ambulance Replacement Capital Reserve Fund of \$60,000. The motion passed 5-0-0.*

On a motion by Selectman Fratzel, seconded by Selectman Tellor, *the Board voted to approve the Warrant Article for the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund of \$130,000.* Selectman Fratzel gave a reminder that it was reallocating money that ended from payments from previous truck, so we will not have to pay a big chunk at once. *The motion passed 5-0-0.*

On a motion by Selectman Fratzel, seconded by Selectman Tellor, ***the Board voted to approve the Warrant Article for the Property Reevaluation Fund for \$100,000.*** Finance Director Brown stated it is offset by a Capital Reserve withdrawal. There is no tax impact. ***The motion passed 5-0-0.***

On a motion by Selectman Fratzel, seconded by Selectman Connell, ***the Board voted to approve the Warrant Article for the Highway Department Capital Reserve Fund for \$90,000.*** ***The motion passed 5-0-0.***

On a motion by Selectman Fratzel, seconded by Selectman Tellor, ***the Board voted to approve the Warrant Article for the Highway Department Road Reconstruction for \$700,500.*** Selectman Fratzel wanted to remind people that this warrant article is for Blueberry Ridge Road, Barton Whitney and Breakneck Road. Finance Director Brown stated that it was in addition to the \$250,000 from the operating budget and offset by a Bond. ***The motion passed 5-0-0.***

On a motion by Selectman Fratzel, seconded by Selectman Connell, ***the Board voted to approve the Warrant Article for the Ambargis Mills Project for \$500,000 (\$400,000 is offset).*** ***The motion passed 5-0-0.***

Chairman Kessler asked for the bottom line for the budget if all Warrant Articles passed. Finance Director Brown informed the BOS it would be \$10,047,764.

The Board continued with voting on the Water and Sewer Funds. Finance Director Brown stated the operating budget of the Water Department will be \$855,494. Selectman Fratzel made a motion ***to approve the Water Department operating budget of \$855,494.*** It was seconded by Selectman Tellor. Town Manager Rieseberg questioned approving the operating budget at the March 1, 2021 BOS meeting. After checking with Finance Director Brown, the Chair called for a vote. ***The motion passed 5-0-0.*** Finance Director Brown stated the Town had a Long Term Debt Principal (interest) of \$54,385. On a motion by Selectman Fratzel, seconded by Selectman Tellor, ***the Board voted to approve the Warrant Article of Long Term Debt Principal (interest) of \$54,385.*** ***The motion passed 5-0-0.***

Finance Director Brown stated the Town had the water project (water line replacement) of \$1,330,000. The Town is applying for a one million dollar grant (to match or on top of the \$1,330,000). It will be a bond article, a separate warrant article. Town Manager Rieseberg stated that the bond will not be issued unless the Town gets the grant (\$1,000,000). Chairman Kessler asked what pipe would be replaced. He was told starting at the source (Gilman Pond) and going north. The worst and oldest sections of pipe would be replaced.

On a motion by Selectman Fratzel, seconded by Selectman Tellor, ***the Board voted to approve the Warrant Article for the water line replacement project of \$1,330,000.*** Town Manager Rieseberg stated for clarification that the Warrant article would read: authorize bond condition upon receipt of a grant of \$1,000,000. ***The motion passed 5-0-0.***

Finance Director Brown told the BOS that the Sewer Department operating budget was \$1,134,602. On a motion by Selectman Fratzel, seconded by Selectman Tellor, ***the Board voted to approve the Sewer Department operating budget of \$1,134,602.*** ***The motion passed 5-0-0.***

Finance Director Brown told the BOS the Sewer Department had a Long Term Debt of \$36,460. On a motion by Selectman Fratzel, seconded by Selectman Hooper, ***the Board voted to approve the Sewer Department Long Term Debt of \$36,460.*** ***The motion passed 5-0-0.***

Finance Director Brown told the BOS that the Airport operating budget was \$138,492. On a motion by Selectman Fratzel, seconded by Selectman Tellor, ***the Board voted to approve the Airport operating budget of \$138,492. The motion passed 5-0-0.***

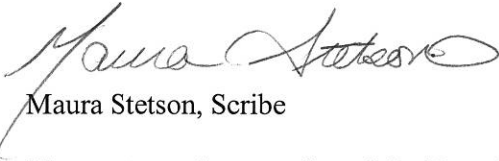
There being no further business before the Board Chairman Kessler asked for a motion to go into a non-public session for compensation. On a motion by Selectman Fratzel, seconded by Selectman Tellor, ***the Board voted unanimously by roll call vote to enter into nonpublic session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (a) Personnel Matters, Compensation at 8:49 pm. The motion passed 5-0-0.***

The Selectboard exited nonpublic session at 9:15 p.m.

No action was taken.

The Selectboard voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Maura Stetson", is written over the printed name.

Maura Stetson, Scribe

The next regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen is scheduled for March 15, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Approved on: April 5, 2021