

***TOWN OF NEWFIELDS BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2017***

Present: Selectmen: Chris Hutchins, Jamie Thompson and Michael Sununu.

Call to order at 7:03pm.

TOWN BUDGET HEARING – Town Hall

Chris welcomed everyone and stated each Article would be read. Any questions, please raise your hand and discussion would follow.

Article 1 (Operating and Default Budget) was read by Chris and recommended by the Selectmen. There were no questions.

Article 2 (Town Office Renovation) was read by Chris and recommended by the Selectmen. Michael gave an overview of the plan; Floor plan, Digitize town files & records, 4-6 month rental of 2 trailers, re-location of Selectmen’s Room upstairs.

Article 3 (Adulticiding/ Truck Spraying) was read by Chris and recommended by the Selectmen (2-1). Michael noted that the Mosquito Laviciding /Surveillance is now part of the budget.

Article 4 (Sidewalk Expendable Trust - plan & design of extension to Old Lee Rd) was read by Chris and recommended by the Selectmen (2-1).

Article 5 (Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund) was read by Chris and recommended by the Selectmen.

Article 6 (Rescue Equipment Capital Reserve Fund) was read by Chris and recommended by the Selectmen.

Article 7 (Sell property located on Maple St (102-74)) was read by Chris and recommended by the Selectmen.

Article 8 (Roof replacement – Library) was read by Chris and recommended by the Selectmen.

Chris read the following open positions for the following officers: Selectmen for three years, Cemetery Trustee for three years, Cemetery Trustees for two years, Trustee of the Trust Funds for three years and Library Trustee for three years.

Michael Price asked if there are any repairs to the Town Hall this year . Michael stated , no, the focus is on the renovation this year.

Michael noted that the increase in the 2017 Budget was due to the Highway Block Grant (\$42,000.00) being expensed in the Highway Budget, and Trash and Recycling increase, (\$20,000.00). Michael also stated there would be an additional saving by not recycling at all. Jeff Buxton inquired about using the bags for trash.

Town Budget Hearing – Adjourned at 7:37PM.

Board of Selectmen Meeting Called to Order at 7:45PM.

The Selectmen reviewed and signed:

- ✓ Checks Pd 12/30/16: Accts. Pay. Manifest - \$24,205.66
Accts. Pay. Manifest - \$10,825.00
- ✓ Checks Pd 01/06/17: Accts. Pay. Manifest - \$6,961.99 (Comcast,Casella)
Accts. Pay. Manifest - \$9,914.48
Payroll Manifest - \$8,466.20
- ✓ Sch Tx Pd 01/10/17: Accts. Pay. Manifest - \$359,881.00
Checks Pd 01/13/17: Accts. Pay. Manifest - \$4,660.72
Payroll Manifest - \$8,724.32

The Selectmen discussed the date for the 2017 Spring Clean Up on 4/29/17 to be changed to possibly 5/6/17. Sue will update the Board.

Chris updated the Board on the new appointee for Health Officer, Hugh MacDonald. Jamie made a motion, pending receipt of a background check, to appoint Hugh MacDonald as Health Officer, seconded by Michael. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Chris updated the Selectmen concerning the request for a Dog Poop Receptacle by the sign on Heath Drive. The topic was discussed and decided not to be provided.

Minutes of the December 13th meeting were read. Michael made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Jamie. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Minutes of the December 20th meeting were read. Chris made a motion to accept the minutes as amended, seconded by Michael. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Minutes of the December 27th meeting were read. Chris made a motion to accept the minutes as amended, seconded by Jamie. All were in favor and the motion passed.

At 8:10pm, Michael made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Chris. The motion passed with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna C. Newman