

**TOWN OF NEWFIELDS BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 04, 2014**

Present: Selectmen: Michael Woodworth, Jamie Thompson and Dave Edgerly. Others include: Chief Reed, and Jeff Buxton.

Call to order at 7:02pm.

The Selectmen reviewed and signed:

- Checks Pd 02/21/14: Accts. Pay. Manifest - \$ 25,062.85
Payroll Manifest - \$ 8,894.04
- Checks Pd 02/28/14: Accts. Pay. Manifest - \$ 21,766.96
Payroll Manifest - \$ 8,480.91
- Checks Pd 03/07/14: Accts. Pay. Manifest - \$ 7,955.11
Payroll Manifest - \$ 11,031.26

Chief Reed met with the Selectmen to discuss the Retirement expense related to the Detail Account. A decision was tabled awaiting more information.

At 7:30 pm, the Board of Selectmen moved to the Town Hall to accommodate the Mosquito Meeting. Attendees were: Marla Podszus, Sarah MacGregor, Natalie Fream, Win Fream, Robin Gray, Kim Crisp, Margaret Conner, John Folland and Robert Conner. Michael asked for questions from the floor.

Natalie Fream, Main St, would like to know the effects of spraying since there are warnings to close your windows and her house is located very close to the road. She feels individuals should spray their own properties instead of the warrant article to be passed by the voters for spraying the whole town. There are also precautionary measures to be taken after spraying, like washing all outdoors furniture with soap & water, but yet it is not harmful.

Margaret Conner, Sanborn Drive, stated she lives near wetlands which is very different than living in town.

Robin Gray, Sanborn Drive, stated that this is a very emotional issue and she hopes the spraying will prevent EEE from ever happening to someone else. This is a four part process: Protection, Adulticiding, Larviciding and Education. Robin submitted copies of a Graph of Toxicity Levels and a Risk Zone Map.

Sarah MacGregor ,Dragon Mosquito, discussed and brought copies of the MSDS (Material Safety Data Sheets) of the chemicals used in spraying.

Kim Crisp, Partridge Hill Rd, stated that these pesticides build up in your body, depending on whether the chemicals are fat soluble (stay in the body) or water soluble (leave the body).

Margaret Conner, Sanborn Drive, and others questioned and discussed the MSDS sheets and the given toxicity levels of the chemicals being sprayed.

Win Fream says he fears what health issues may arise in the future by not knowing the effects of the chemicals being sprayed. With the money spent on spraying, do we know any of these facts and we would need more than only one opinion.

Robert Conner stated that the EEE pools are by his house and he would welcome any unwanted spraying to Sanborn Drive.

Michael stated his personal opinion is not to spray at all since all of the towns do not spray.

Sarah MacGregor gave a historical time line of spraying and the reasons why there were increases and decreases on the seacoast of NH, spraying has been done since the 1940's.

Michael asked for suggestions and discussion was tabled until the preparation of the 2015 Budget.

Robert and Margaret Conner met with the Board to discuss, at a future meeting, the speed limit ordinance for the Town of Newfields.

Jeff Buxton met with the Selectmen :

- Train Engine Fire – used Newfields water & chemicals, and Newmarket's Ladder Truck. No reimbursement from the railroad for the cost of fire.
- The 20 Scot Air Paks with 20 custom fit masks and 5 spare masks will be enough for the 31 members on the roster.
- Grant for paks filling station will be applied for. If received it would be a 4% expense to the Town.
- The Sea-3 in Newington was discussed.

Chief Reed continued the discussion with the Selectmen:

- Police Cruiser replacement will be every 3 years per vehicle (changing from vehicles to Explorers)
- SERT (Special Emergency Response Team)– annual cost is \$5,000.00, possible meeting between Head of SERT and the Selectmen and an officer will need to be trained.
- Fingerprinting Machine (digital portable) – Board will need current pricing.
- Camera –only on 1 car. Other option: Cameras designed to be worn by the officer on lapel or glasses.

- Keane Fire & Safety Invoice –fire extinguisher maintenance to be charged to his budget.
This was due to Budget reallocations being charged to the Depts.
- Costs for Part Time Police Officer Ads in the newspaper are not in the Budget.
- Burglary on Sanborn Drive.

Propane Permit Fees of \$25.00 will be paid in full to Ray Buxton.

Town Fee Schedules for 2015 Permits and Uses will be discussed at a future Selectmen's meeting.

Background Check Procedures were tabled for a future discussion.

Minutes of the March 4th meeting were read. Dave made a motion to accept the minutes as amended, seconded by Michael. All were in favor and the motion carried.

At 9:50pm , Michael made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Jamie. The motion passed with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna C. Newman