

**TOWN OF NEWFIELDS BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2014**

Present: Selectmen: Michael Woodworth and Jamie Thompson. Others include: Paul Hatch, Chief Reed, Clay Mitchell, Jon Hazell, and Sue McKinnon.

Call to order at 7:00 pm.

The Town of Newfields Board of Selectmen are holding a hearing in accordance with RSA 31:95b, on 5/20/14 at 7 pm at The Newfields Town Hall. The purpose of the hearing is to accept a grant from the State of NH, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management in the amount of \$6,000.00 for updating the Town's Hazard Mitigation Plan. The Grant also requires a \$2,000.00 soft match from the Town, which will be met through in-kind time and services of the planning committee for attending meetings and working on the plan.

The Public Hearing closed at 7:08 pm. Jamie made a motion to accept the grant from the State of NH, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management as written, seconded by Michael. All were in favor and the motion carried.

The Selectmen reviewed and signed:

- School Tax Pd 05/07/14: Accts. Pay. Manifest - \$350,156.00

- Checks Pd 05/16/14: Accts. Pay. Manifest - \$65,828.78
Payroll Manifest - \$10,185.98

- Checks Pd 05/23/14: Accts. Pay. Manifest - \$18,295.72
Payroll Manifest - \$8,563.20

Sue McKinnon met with the Selectmen to give them an update on the 2011 Property Tax Lien on Newfields SD LLC, owner, which is paid in full.

Due to the fire on 4/3/14, an abatement on the property located at 52 Main Street (Map101 Lot 4) was requested since it is assessed at 100% of the fair market value and they will be renting an apartment until the end of the year. Sue will get a re-assessment of the property and keep the Board updated.

Upon agreement by the Selectmen, Michael made a motion to allow Jack Steiner to file for the abatement on 52 Main St, seconded by Jamie. All in favor and the motion passed.

Michael updated the Board on the resignation of Ralph Gray from the Police Facilities Construction Committee and Jamie updated the Board on John Crisp being a new member. Michael made a motion to accept Ralph Gray's resignation and to appoint John Crisp a new member of the Police Facilities Construction Committee, seconded by Jamie. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Chief Reed updated the Selectmen on the following:

- Packet of material for Board's review on Fireworks was distributed.
- Memorial Service for P.O. Arkell : Chief and Officers will be attending the service; Town will be covered by a Strafford County Sheriff.
- Helpful Hands - Community Garden (501C3) located on Bald Hill Rd at the Parking Lot for the Greenway – vegetables are planted.
- Primex Free Class on Risk Management will be held on Tuesday, June 24th in the Town Hall from 10 am to 12 pm. Open to all – Chief Reed will draft a letter to the surrounding towns.
- Part Time Applicants – 2 are candidates for training which would cost \$7,050.00. Jamie made a motion to approve the 2 applicants for training at a cost of \$7,100.00, seconded by Michael. All were in favor and the motion passed.
- Memorial Day Parade is Sat, May 24th.
- Summer Solstice – Time change to be discussed.
- Road Race - Certificate of Insurance is needed from L. Arend.

Clay Mitchell met with the Selectmen to discuss the progress of the Master Plan.

Jon Hazell met with the Board to discuss the possible taking of his property for non payment of 2011 taxes. A payment agreement was reached in which 70% would be paid today and the remainder would be due in 30 days, 6/20/2014. Michael made a motion to issue a deed waiver to the Tax Collector, Sue McKinnon, on Map 103 Lot 12, owned by Jon Hazell, seconded by Jamie. The owner will pay \$5,896.00 on 5/20/2014 with the remainder of the 2011 Tax Lien to be paid by Friday, June 20, 2014. All were in favor and the motion passed.

The Selectmen reviewed the additional work estimate from Kevin Kukesh for the brick work repair to the Town Hall for the maximum cost of \$700.00. Michael made a motion to approve the maximum of \$700.00 for the additional brick work from Kevin Kukesh to the Town Hall, seconded by Jamie. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Alison Watts updated the Board on a grant opportunity for a stormwater project which would need: 1.) Public owned site, 2.) Equipment for digging & moving dirt, 3.) Roof run-off. When the site is determined, a Public Notice would need to go out for the next Selectmen's meeting. Alison will keep the Board updated on when a specific site is determined.

The next direction for the Town would be Stormwater Septic Mapping.

Minutes of the May 6th meeting were read. Jamie made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Michael. All were in favor and the motion carried.

At 8:45 pm , 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