

**TOWN OF NEWFIELDS BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2014**

***Present: Selectmen: Michael Woodworth, Jamie Thompson and Chris Hutchins.  
Others include: Dan Conner, Tom Conner, Kent Lawrence, Gerard Porteus, Scott Wachsmuth and Sue McKinnon.***

***Call to order at 7:02 pm.***

The Selectmen reviewed and signed:

- Checks Pd 12/31/14: Accts. Pay. Manifest - \$5,165.66  
Credit Card Manifest - \$7,076.83
- Checks Pd 01/02/15 Payroll Manifest - \$8,657.86  
Accts. Pay. Manifest - \$6,768.00

Dan and Tom Conner met with the Board to discuss a warrant article for a property tax exemption for a clean energy source - Solar. The provisions of RSA 72:61 through RSA 72:72 inclusively, would provide an optional property tax exemption from the property's assessed value, for property tax purposes, which is equipped with solar, wind-powered or wood heating energy systems. Such property tax exemption shall be in the amount equal to 100% of the assessed value of qualifying equipment under these statutes.

Chris made a motion to adopt the solar exemption and remove wind and wood, for a 2015 warrant article, seconded by Michael. All were in favor and the motion passed.

The Board reviewed the letter dated 12/15/14 from Jon Alberghini in reference to the 2008 Hazards Mitigation Plan Update. Jon has requested a public meeting on Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 7 PM in the Town Hall to give all stakeholders, public officials, committees and citizens an opportunity to be a part of the Hazards Mitigation process. Michael made a motion to move the Hazards Mitigation Plan towards completion with the input from the Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, seconded by Jamie. All were in favor and the motion passed.

The Selectmen were notified of trees being removed by a logger through the wetlands and a bulldozer on the property at 17 Deertrees Lane. There has been no Intent to Cut Form filed at the Town Office to date. Rockingham County has been notified and will be inspecting the property on Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>.

The Selectmen and Sue McKinnon reviewed the finalization of the 2015 Town Budget, which will have to be printed for the Town Budget Hearing on Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

At 8:42pm, the Board of Selectmen, by motion of Selectmen Woodworth, seconded by Selectmen Thompson and in accordance with RSA91-A:3(I), to enter into a non-public session for purpose of personnel matter [RSA91-A:3(II)(c)]. By roll call vote the Board passed the motion: Woodworth-Affirmative; Thompson – Affirmative; Hutchins – not in attendance

At 8:43pm, the Board entered into non-public session.

At 8:47pm, the Board left non-public session and entered into public session.

At 8:48pm, the Board of Selectmen, by motion of Selectmen Woodworth, in accordance with RSA91-A:3(III), that the minutes will not be disclosed because divulgence of the information would adversely affect the reputation of a person other than a member of the Board or render the proposed action ineffective. All were in favor and the 2/3 requirement for affirmative vote was met.

Minutes of the Dec23rd 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 8:55pm, Chris 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