

**TOWN OF NEWFIELDS BOARD OF SELECTMEN
BUDGET HEARING and MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2015**

***Present: Selectmen: Michael Woodworth, Jamie Thompson and Chris Hutchins.
Others include: John Hayden, Michael Price, Sue McKinnon, Don Doane, Natalie Fream, Kelley Corson, Sandra Maisey and Chief Reed.***

Call to order at 7:05 pm- Budget Hearing.

Michael welcomed everyone and stated that Article 1 (Renovation, code compliance upgrade and addition to the Town Hall) would not be read tonight. There will be a Bond Hearing for the discussion of Article 1 tomorrow night, Wednesday, January 14th here at the Town Hall, at 7 pm.

Article 2 (Operating and Default Budget) was read by Michael and recommended by the Selectmen. Jamie stated that this is a 1.7% increase over the 2014 Town Budget. Jamie also noted that the Highway Budget includes paving and there is no Road Maintenance Warrant Article for \$20,000.00 this year.

Article 3 (Mosquito Adulciding –Truck Spraying) was read by Michael and recommended by the Selectmen (2-1). This is \$300.00 less this year.

Article 4 (Mosquito Larviciding and Surveillance) was read by Michael and recommended by the Selectmen.

Article 5 (Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund) was read by Michael and recommended by the Selectmen. All future lease payments for the Scott Air Paks will be included in the Fire Department Budget.

Article 6 (Retirement Benefits Expendable Trust Fund) was read by Michael and recommended by the Selectmen. Chief Reed explained this is for unused sick and vacation time. Michael Price suggested the Board look into capping the number at a less amount to be carried forward for the future.

Article 7 (Optional Property Tax Exemption) was read by Michael and recommended by the Selectmen. This property tax exemption shall be in the amount equal to 100% of the assessed value of the qualifying equipment, under the statues RSA72:61 through RSA 72:72.

Article 8 (Stormwater Infrastructure Expendable Trust Fund) was read by Michael and recommended by the Selectmen. This will help the Town mitigate discharges into the Great Bay.

Article 9 (Sidewalk Construction: Meadow to Dixon on Piscassic Rd & Railroad Ave to Rte 108 on Main St) was read by Michael and recommended by the Selectmen. Of the \$248,000.00 cost, \$192,000.00 would be reimbursed from the N.H. Department of Transportation – Transportation Alternative Program Grant leaving a final cost of \$48,000.00.

Article 10 (Police Vest Revolving Fund) was read by Michael and recommended by the Selectmen. This will be funded by the grant money received from the Department of Justice.

Article 11 (Citizens Petition - Main Street Art Lease) was read by Michael. This is for the negotiation of a long term lease of 5 years for Main Street Art. If defeated, a 1 year renewal of the lease would be available from the Board. Don Doane stated that the \$200.00 per month for the garage would remain as income. Michael said the will of the people would be determined by the vote.

Don Doane said, “Congratulations should go out to the Board of Selectmen for having over \$90,000.00 left in the 2014 Budget!”

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00PM.

Call to order at 8:02 PM – Board of Selectmen Meeting

The Selectmen reviewed and signed:

- Sch. Tax Pd 01/14/15: Accts. Pay. Manifest - \$358,826.00
- Checks Pd 01/16/15: Accts. Pay. Manifest - \$ 20,894.71
Payroll Manifest - \$ 9,108.81
- Land Use Change Tax (104-1.1)

The Selectmen discussed the pending status of the non-contiguous lots of Evergreen Estates. A draft proposal from Aaron Brown has not been received to date for review by the Selectmen, therefore, the bill for \$86,000.00 should be forwarded to Mr. Brown.

At 8:40pm , Jamie 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