

TOWN OF NEWFIELDS BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 2015
(Tuesday, January 27, 2015 – CANCELLED –Due to Blizzard)

Present: Selectmen: Michael Woodworth and Jamie Thompson. Others include: Ray Buxton, Vern Glass, Cathy Nelson Smith and Scott Wachsmuth.

Call to order at 7:00 pm.

The Selectmen reviewed and signed:

- Checks Pd 01/23/15: Accts. Pay. Manifest - \$ 10,296.68
Payroll Manifest - \$ 8,940.62
- Checks Pd 01/30/15: Accts. Pay. Manifest - \$ 34,639.79
Payroll Manifest - \$ 8,987.05

The Newfields Village Water and Sewer Commissioners: Ray Buxton, Vern Glass and Cathy Nelson Smith, met with the Selectmen to discuss the purchase of land from John Chick (102-8), 80 Main St, for the new water tower.

The Board reviewed the increase in the 4th Quarter Water & Sewer bills for the Town.

John Hayden, Town Moderator, met with the Selectmen to discuss and ensure there are no questions on the Deliberative Session Procedure on Feb. 3rd.

- #1 Bond
 - motion for architect to speak
 - power point preview for 5-7 minute time frame
- #2 Budget
 - cannot change a single budget line but can change bottom line with a suggestion where to reduce cost.
- #7 Solar
 - for a tax increase in the property assessment due to solar, a tax exemption would be given for solar cost.
 - a number of towns in the state have already adopted this
- #9 Sidewalks –TAP: not funded
 - all approved projects may not go forward; still a possible opportunity

- #11 Citizens Petition – Main Street Art
 - cannot touch the language of a Citizens Petition but it can be changed as any other warrant article at the deliberative session, just not to a negative.
- #8 Stormwater (Expendable Trust Fund)
 - for example, the Selectmen can be taken out as “agents” at the deliberative session and changed to the Trustees of the Trust Funds.
- #10 Police Vests
 - Jamie will explain the revolving fund from grants
- Secret Ballot
 - 5 registered voters can petition the moderator for a secret ballot vote
- Voter Cards
 - will be received at the registered voter check in

The HealthTrust Certification to Protect Information form was reviewed by the Board. Jamie made a motion to sign this Certification which would ensure individuals’ personal and protected health information is safeguarded, seconded by Michael. All were in favor and the motion passed.

The Selectmen would like to thank Barbara Hallinan for her generous donation of a framed “1895 Print” to remain in the Newfields Town Hall.

The revised 2015 Police Budget of \$436,000.00 was reviewed by the Board.

At 8:07pm, 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 8:08pm, the Board entered into non-public session.

At 8:13pm, the Board left non-public session and entered into public session.

At 8:14pm, 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.

Scott Wachsmuth discussed the Vernon Farm, 301 Piscassic Rd, to date with the Board and questioned when the response to the Cease and Desist Order becomes a public record. Scott would like a copy of the response when it is made available.

The Selectmen reviewed the expenses for January.

Minutes of the Dec 30th meeting were read. Jamie made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Michael. All were in favor and the motion carried.

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

At 8:30pm , 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