

**TOWN OF NEWFIELDS BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2015**

Present: Selectmen: Michael Woodworth, Jamie Thompson and Chris Hutchins. Others include: Clay Mitchell, Scott Wachsmuth & Sue McKinnon.

Call to order at 7:05pm.

The Selectmen reviewed and signed:

- Checks Pd 07/31/15: Accts. Pay. Manifest - \$83,833.74
Payroll Manifest - \$12,478.15
(Casella-July) Accts. Pay. Manifest - \$6,538.32
- Checks Pd 08/07/15: Accts. Pay. Manifest - \$7,915.91
Payroll Manifest - \$8,457.63
- Sch. Tax Pd 08/10/15: Accts. Pay. Manifest - \$437,527.00
- Check Pd 08/11/15: Accts. Pay. Manifest - \$25.00
- Checks Pd 08/14/15: Accts. Pay. Manifest - \$19,412.01
Payroll Manifest - \$9,191.75
- Abatement (201-22)

Clay Mitchell met with the Board of Selectmen to discuss the proposed No Thru Trucking Ordinance with posted signs on Bassett Lane & Hayden Drive. The ordinance would allow trucks to be ticketed with a fine. This proposal would need to be reviewed by Chief Reed and the attorney.

The removal of signs in the right of way on Main St would be enforced by the State since it is a state road. Clay will send a letter to notify the resident.

Also, on the to-do list: Garvey Road Bond / Impact Fees

Planning Board Issue: In-Law Apartment and enforcement of Ordinance.

Sue McKinnon requested approval to have the gutters cleaned & ivy removed from the Town Hall, which was granted by the Selectmen.

The Board reviewed a letter dated 8/8/2015 from Jonathan Gray, representative of the Portsmouth Firefighters Charitable Assn., requesting permission to pass through Newfields on 9/12/2015 with our 6th annual "Sarah's Ride", including the Certificate of Liability Insurance. Jamie made a motion to allow the ride through Newfields on 9/12/15, seconded by Chris. The Motion passed with all in favor.

The Board of Selectmen discussed the proposed Main Street Art Lease. Chris will make the updates and forward to Michael and Jamie for review. Further discussion will be at a future meeting.

Discussion on Library tree tabled for a future meeting.

The Selectmen discussed Evergreen Estates, LLC and the LUCT Tax Abatement. Jamie made a motion to accept the recommendation of Attorney LaPointe's Letter dated 8/6/2015, to tax the properties at full value rather than a return to current use rates, seconded by Chris. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Jamie brought up the topic of purchasing the Crompton property, 3 Piscassic Rd., for Town use. Jamie made a motion to purchase the Crompton property for the Fire and Police Departments' utilization as a Warrant Article for 2016, seconded by Chris, pending further discussion and additional information. Topic was tabled for discussion at the next scheduled meeting with Chief Buxton and Chief Reed on Aug. 24th.

The Selectmen reviewed the Expenditures for July.

At 8:00pm, 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 – Affirmative

At 8:01pm, the Board entered into non-public session.

At 8:05pm, the Board left non-public session and entered into public session.

At 8:06pm, 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.

“Budget Committee Volunteers Needed” to be posted on the Marque.

Jamie mentioned that the 2016 Budget should include a Sidewalk Fund for additional sidewalks in Town.

Minutes of the July 21st meeting were read. Jamie made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Chris. All were in favor and the motion passed.

At 8:30pm, 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